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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Athens Area Gathering

Friday, January 11, 2002 @ 7:30
Commerce First Baptist Church
1345 S. Elm Street
Commerce, Georgia 30529

Please plan on attending the first gathering of the new year. Let's show our appreciation for a great and gracious God by showing up to worship Him and fellowship with others from our Emmaus and Chrysalis community.

DIRECTIONS: From Athens, take Highway 441 towards Commerce. Once in Commerce, turn left onto Business 441. This will run parallel with the railroad tracks. The church is on the left on the way into the downtown area immediately after passing the funeral home on the left.

See <http://www.fourthdays.org> for a Mapquest® map and directions.

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Athens Area Chrysalis HOOTS

Saturday, January 12, 2002
Young Harris Memorial United Methodist Church
973 Prince Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30606

The next Chrysalis HOOTS will be Saturday, January 12, 2002 at Young Harris United Methodist Church in Athens. A chili supper begins at 6:00 p.m. and the HOOT will begin at 7:00 p.m. YOUTH - bring drinks (guys) and desserts (girls). All Butterflies and potential Caterpillars are invited to attend.

DIRECTIONS: In Athens, take the Chase Street exit off of the by-pass and go towards the downtown area. Chase Street will pass a chicken and poultry processing facility on the left immediately after exiting the by-pass. You will go through a flashing light and then a traffic light at the intersection of Chase Street and Boulevard. Go to the next traffic light (Prince Avenue). There will be a gas station on the left, a Goergia Power building across the street to the right, and Young Harris Memorial United Methodist Church is across the street on the left. Turn left onto Prince Avenue and take the first right into the church.

See <http://www.fourthdays.org> for a Mapquest® map and directions.

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Visit us on-line at www.fourthdays.org for all of your team applications, Pilgrim and Caterpillar applications, and back-issues of De Colores

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

One of the most important, effective acts with the Emmaus movement is prayer. You've heard the first thing you do when you decide you want to sponsor someone is pray, the second thing you do is....pray and then you pray some more.

We have prayer vigils during the 72 hour weekends for Emmaus (both Men's and Women's) as well as Chrysalis. It is vital for undergirding the weekend success. Now we ask for a different type prayer vigil.....an on-going prayer vigil for the Athens Area Community.

As you have heard several times over the last few months, about one-half of those who have gone through the 72 hour weekend experience are now in the Georgia Foothills Community. The Athens Area Walk to Emmaus has begun to have "growing pains" just like it did in 1993 when it first began.

We ask you to covenant together, with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, in prayer for our AAWE Community.....for people to step forward and sponsor that person who God has put on your heart . . . to fill out that application to work the upcoming Spring Walks if you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to do so.

Remember.....PRAY! PRAY! AND THEN PRAY SOME MORE!

Your Servants,
AAWE Board of Directors

New Board Members

We welcome five new Board members to the AAWE Board of Directors. They are:

- Cay Quillian-Carr
- Jerry Kiser
- Susan Daniel
- Keith Wilson
- Rhonda Whitfield
and
- Earl Delmarter - clergy

Rhonda fills the remaining two years of Board Member Wayne Swanson, who has resigned to serve in the GA Foothills Community.

Please be in prayer for your Board as decisions are discussed and made on how to better our Lord Jesus Christ through serving you as a Community.

Working a Weekend

I was asked to speak at the last gathering on the topic of what it means to me to work an Emmaus Walk. I had my talk prepared and my thoughts in order, but then at the last minute there was an emergency in my office. I was unable to attend the gathering. What happened next embodies the very reason I keep returning to Emmaus. Because I was unable to be there, another member willingly stepped into my place and gave her thoughts about working. What she did couldn't have been easy, but because of God's Will and a servant's heart, she committed herself to stepping out of her comfort zone to help another. This, my brothers and sisters in Christ, is what Emmaus is all about.

Remember the talk that mentioned stepping out of your comfort zone? Well, twice I have not just stepped, but leaped out of mine. I have a rabid fear of public speaking, but God has asked me twice to stand up and give talks to two different groups of pilgrims, and because of the trust I have in God, and all of the love given to me by my Emmaus family, I was able to speak confidently both times. My walk was two years ago and since then, I have worked four walks, twice in the kitchen and twice in the conference room. I've worked both men's and women's walks and have found that no matter what I'm doing to serve, I loved it! I've made many new friends and many people's lives have touched mine all for the better. Even though we are always reminded that the walks are for the Pilgrims, there hasn't been a walk in which I didn't see spiritual growth in the workers as well. That is an added benefit to the greatest benefit of all - being a servant like Jesus asked his apostles to be. So, I challenge you, my Emmaus brothers and sisters, to prayerfully consider working a walk and send in your application to be part of the team. I would also like to extend an invitation to those of you who went on one of the early walks to send in an application and see what God has in store for you.

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Cay Quillian-Carr (AAWE #14)

Kairos #11 at Washington State Prison

Three ladies from the Athens Community worked the team for Kairos #11 at Washington State Prison in Davisboro, Georgia on the weekend of November 3rd. The focus for the weekend seemed to be God's unconditional love.

Many of the residents reported to the team that they came into the weekend feeling unloved, unaccepted and carrying a lot of baggage. One of the main comments at the closing ceremony was that they experienced God's unconditional love in a way that they never knew existed. We, the team, felt privileged to be a part of God's unconditional love in such a profound way.

Athens Area Community was very well represented. The serenade at the prison on Saturday night was limited to 30 from the outside. Out of those thirty, eleven were from the Athens Emmaus Community. The ladies at Washington State Prison were extremely blessed. However, those of us on the team were even more blessed to see such support from our own community.

Another expression of agape was the 72 hour prayer vigil. There were 1,100 people signed up for an hour to pray for this weekend. Wow! A construction paper chain was made with each prayer's name on a link of the chain. The chain wrapped half way around the gymnasium and across the middle to let the residents know that that were totally surrounded by people that loved them and cared enough to pray for them. The impact of God's love through this act of agape was overwhelming to the prisoners.

We, the Kairos team, take this opportunity to thank those of you who supported this ministry through your prayers and/or attending the serenade. Your expression of love that was shown made our job easier through the power of prayer. Thank you and may God bless you for being obedient to the prompting of His Spirit.

New look for Newsletter

I am sure that you have noticed by now that this edition of the De Colores newsletter has a slightly different look to it. This does not imply that the old look was bad, I just felt that it was time to step out and do some things a little differently. Our friendly rooster will still be around, but he has been re-assigned to other duties within these pages. With the recent re-design of the official Walk to Emmaus logo, and in an effort to standardize on a look for the Athens Area community, I have created a logo for use within the newsletter and the updated web site, which is in the planning stages. This site will have lots of new features. Stay tuned!



Points to Ponder

Comfort Zones!

We all have them. We all are afraid to venture outside of them. We all need to take a step of faith and do what God is calling us to do!

How small is your comfort zone? Does it allow you to talk to strangers? Can you share Jesus with your co-workers? Can you hug someone without having to apologize to them later?

If your comfort zone will let you do these things, fantastic. You can ignore the rest of this. Now, for those of you who are like me and have a comfort zone that seems to be shrinking instead of growing, it is a daily struggle to step out in faith and do what God calls us to do. I don't know how many times that I have reluctantly said "yes" outwardly to something that I knew was from God while inwardly I was trying to find a reason to say "no." Usually, during these times of evasion on my part is the time that God has used me most. I am sure that I am not alone in saying this.

Prayerfully consider your life and what God has called you to do. Is He calling you to witness to those who work with you? Is He calling you to step out in faith on a mission trip? Is He calling you to show His love and mercy to others by working an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight?

Remember . . .

Christ is counting on you!

Are you counting on Christ?

Music Training

For those of you who are musically inclined and wish to work either an Emmaus Walk or a Chrysalis Flight as part of the music team, training is now required. This is to ensure that everyone understands the impact that music has on a weekend.

The training will be at Gordon's Chapel UMC on Saturday, January 19, 2002. Emmaus training is from 10 AM to Noon, and Chrysalis from 1 PM until 3 PM. Please consider this vital area of ministry if you are at all interested and remember, as always, to pray for this training.

Any questions may be directed to Jim Giesler at 706-754-1771 or jmgiesler@hotmail.com

Welcome New Chrysalis Butterflies

The Athens Area Chrysalis Flight #10 took place December 27-30. The following outstanding youth are now a welcomed addition to the Athens Area community.

Anna Bearden
Amy Beck
Elizabeth Broman
Rachel Dillard
Chrissy Grainger
Lindsey Harrison
Hillary Joiner
Allison Kiser
Nadine Loeffler
Laura Lorenzetti
Hannah Marshall
Ruth Parr
Michele Peteet
Misty Summerall
Jenni Thorpe
Natalie Winn

Nathan Ballinger
Brody Bearden
Knox Belk
Stephen Benson
Richard Bloodworth
Ben Brubaker
John Bryan
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He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:35)