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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JUNE

Athens Area Gathering

Friday, June 13, 2003 at 7:30 pm
Bethesda United Methodist Church
352 Bethesda Church Rd
Hartwell, GA 30643

BRING YOUR WORSHIP BOOKS!

DIRECTIONS: From Athens-Take US 29 to GA Hwy 72 (turn right by Athens Tech) towards Hull. Continue on Hwy 72 through Colbert. Outside Colbert, turn left onto GA Hwy 172. Go all the way past Bowman about 5 miles. Turn right onto Bio Church Rd. Go past the Bio Fire Department and the Bio Baptist Church. Just past the Baptist church, turn right onto Bethesda Church Road. The church is on the left.

CONTACT PERSON: Angie McGee 706.376-6012

CHURCH PHONE NUMBER: 706.376-7422



Georgia Foothills Gathering

Friday, June 13, 2003 at 7:30 pm
Gainesville First United Methodist Church
2780 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, Georgia

DIRECTIONS: From Athens: Go to Gainesville by Highway 29 North. In town, follow 129/60 until it splits immediately after the First Baptist Church. Take the left-hand turn (this will be Highway 60 North heading towards Dahlonega). Drive approximately 2 1/2 miles. When you cross over Lake Lanier, there will be a sign for the church. The church will be your next right.

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Pilgrim and Caterpillar applications, and back-issues of De Colores

A Message from the Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board

Greetings brothers and sisters. If you think we are in an Emmaus "quiet time" and there is not much going on right now, you have not taken a look at all of the hard work and preparation that is going on as the Chrysalis Board and the team members prepare for the upcoming Chrysalis flight, June 19 - 22. As you may know, Chrysalis is the stage that a caterpillar goes through before it becomes a beautiful butterfly. If you have ever worked as a team member or participated in support of a Chrysalis flight weekend you know what a wonderful blessing it is to see these precious young people emerge from the weekend experience as awesome young "butterflies" changed by the power of God's Love and Grace.

As I remember my life experiences and mistakes, and as other fellow Christians have shared their "life scars" within our fellowship, I have often wondered; what if we had experience a Chrysalis flight as a young teenager? What would have been different in our lives and in the lives of those around us if there had been a nurturing, loving, praying Emmaus/Chrysalis community to support and hold us accountable?

I believe with all my heart that what happens during and after a Chrysalis weekend can make a huge difference in the lives of these young people and in God's Kingdom. Therefore, I would encourage you to support this flight with your prayers, your agape gifts, and your participation. If you remember your own walk, you know how important it is to have a good crowd at send off, candlelight, and closing. Let's show these young people and the team that the AAWTE loves them and supports them. Paul writes in Hebrews 10:23-25 "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

In closing, if you would like to know more about Chrysalis within the Emmaus movement, please go to our website, www.upperroom.org and click on the Chrysalis link. While you are there, check out the 25th Year Celebration in Nashville (its not to late to sign up). I hope to see you at the camp in June!

De Colores!
Tom Coley, Chairperson 2003



Sponsorship

There are three reasons why you are a member of the Emmaus Community: God chose you to take the Walk to Emmaus; you accepted the call; and someone prayerfully sponsored you. What a privilege to share that with someone else-to sponsor a Pilgrim for a Walk to Emmaus weekend!

So what is the key aim of the sponsor? Clearly, it is to bring this spiritually-revitalizing experience to other Christians who will pass it along to their church, home, workplace and community, and to build up the Body of Christ. Sponsorship is the key that unlocks the door. It is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrims, for the Emmaus Community and the church.

It has been said there are three keys to sponsorship-prayer, prayer and prayer.

The next step is the completion of the application. You should review the application with the prospective Pilgrim, and make sure he or she understands the importance of providing all the information required in a clear and legible way. "Special needs," the pastor's name and contact person's name are very important.

Be sure to explain the Equal Commitment Rule, which requires husbands and wives to make an equal commitment to participate in the Walk to Emmaus. This does not mean that the Walk to Emmaus is for couples exclusively; single persons are, of course, welcome to participate. However, the rule does reflect a concern and hope for the effect Emmaus will have on marriages and families.

Once completed, return the application, with the non-refundable deposit, to Registration. Timeliness is important. Men's Walk #22 will be October 16-19. Women's Walk #23 will be October 23-26.

CHRYSALIS FLIGHT NEWS

WHEN: June 19 - June 22, 2003

WHERE: Hartwell Mennonite Camp

CATERPILLARS - we need more! The flight is NOT full, and if anyone is still prayerfully considering sponsoring a caterpillar, please get their completed application in to David Monaghan ASAP. (You might want to call David 706-754-8527 or email him at dmonaghan@alltel.net and let him know that you are mailing an application.) Reminder - the June flight is for gals only, 15 - 21 years of age. The guys flight will be in December.

AGAPE - we will need 60 pieces of conference room/pillow agape, and 75 pieces for the dining room. Food agape, snack food, deserts, etc. would also be greatly appreciated. And, of course, don't forget the prayer agape - please keep the team, caterpillars and their families lifted up in your prayers!

SETUP/TAKEDOWN - if you are available to help setup the camp (and we DO need you!), please be at the camp at 8:00 AM on Thursday, June 19th to help. For those willing servants, that might be available to stay and help on Sunday, June 22nd, takedown will be during and right after closing.

NOTE ON AGAPE: If you will be unable to attend sendoff, and need for someone to carry your agape up to the campground, please give one of the following team members a call and we will be glad to work something out with you to get it to the camp.

Barbara Wyatt - Lay Director - 706-769-6475

Aurelia Wood - Kitchen Head - 706-549-5234

Betty Edwards - Agape - 770-725-1494

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED FOR:

Sendoff will be Thursday, June 19, at 7:00 pm

Candlelight will be Saturday June 21 at 8:30 pm

Closing will be Sunday, June 22, 2003 at 4:00 pm

FLY WITH CHRIST!

KAIROS UPDATE

A Kairos Prison Ministry weekend (an outreach of the Walk to Emmaus) is scheduled for Washington State Prison (women's facility) in Davisboro, Ga. this coming November.

I believe in my heart that there are AT LEAST 12 women from the Athens Area Emmaus Community that are interested in working this team. Many of you have already expressed an interest. I'm just looking for those 12 who are ready to commit to working a Kairos weekend. Team selection will begin soon. I will need to hear from you soon if you are interested or have any questions. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact me if God is prompting you to join us.

Kathy Tasker (email: ktasker@charter.net, or phone 706-548-2594)

Points to Ponder

With all that is going on in the world, isn't it nice to know that we have someone who sticks closer to us than a brother? Someone who will stand up for us and defend us even when we are guilty of the things that our accuser presents as evidence against us?

You and I know that we have a savior in Jesus, but when was the last time you shared this good news with someone? Not everyone knows of this legal defender who never loses once His "clients" have wholly placed their faith in Him?

Let's face it, we are probably not evangelists like Billy Graham, yet, we all have the same assignment that was given to us. Some are called to share this with millions, while others are called to share it with a few, who, in turn, will take the good news of the Gospel and share it with, perhaps, millions. It took someone sharing the good news with Billy Graham before he knew to share it with others.

God may not call you to witness to the masses. He may call you to witness to the one who will impact the masses. He may call you to witness to your co-workers and this act may be what turns lives around. God may call you to write words of encouragement to those who are stumbling. He may call you to write and sing songs of how great His grace and mercy are. No two people are called in the same way to spread the word of what God has done, for no two people are created the same.

Do not worry about what God has called you to. Simply listen, discern and obey. Do not rely on your own strengths, but rely on He who can move mountains with a word.

Remember ...

Christ is counting on you!
Are you counting on Christ?



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He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:35)

Team Selection

Team Selection for the Fall Walks is scheduled for July 19. Working a walk is such a blessing, as many of you know. Please begin to prayerfully consider God's call to you. Is He calling you to be a servant on one of these teams? Applications are available online. The Men's Walk is October 16-19. The Women's Walk is October 23-26.

Remember "Christ is counting on you!"

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 Rhonda Whitfield
 Team Selection

Church Hosts Needed for 2003 Gatherings

Following is the remaining schedule for gatherings for 2003. Prayerfully consider having your church host a gathering.



July 11: Joint gathering with Foothills Community @ Grove Level

- August 8: OPEN
- September 12: St. James United Methodist Church - Athens
- October: NO GATHERING — Work or participate in the Walks
- November 14: Follow-up and regular gathering - Athens First United Methodist Church
- December 12: OPEN

Be the first to call or e-mail and get the month you want!!! Please give Jerry Kiser a call at 706-769-1231 (leave message) or e-mail him at ***kiserhome@charter.net*** as soon as possible.