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## COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MARCH

### EMMAUS GATHERING

*Friday, March 11, 2005 at 7:30 pm*  
**Winterville United Methodist Church**  
**101 Parkview Road**  
**Winterville, Ga.**

**Bring your Worship Books!**

**Fellowship time will precede  
the gathering service.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From Athens or Athens Ga Loop 10: Go east on Lexington Rd.(US 78) approximately 3 miles to intersection of Lexington Rd. (US 78) and Gaines School Rd./Cherokee Rd. Turn left onto Cherokee Rd. There is a Krystal and Bi-Lo grocery on the corner. Go through the first traffic light. Continue to Winterville, Ga. Turn at the traffic light in Winterville. There will be a Golden Pantry on the left. Immediately after turning right turn right again, on to Main Street. Stay on Main St. all the way to the Winterville Depot. Turn Left on Parkview Rd. Winterville Methodist is the red brick church on the right across from the depot.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Bill Reeves 706-742-2442

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**There will be no April gathering.  
Please work or attend the walks and their  
events.**

**Men's Walk needs kitchen and cabin servants.**

Visit us on-line at [www.fourthdays.org](http://www.fourthdays.org) for all of your team applications,  
Pilgrim and Caterpillar applications, and back-issues of De Colores

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## A Message from the Board

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The following is a selected paragraph from "Sustaining the Spirit" by William F. Gusey:

**"Ministry calls all of God's people to be active in carrying forward the ministry of Jesus Christ. Most often, this process involves our willingness to be the person God calls us to be. As a result of the witness of our lives, others discover for themselves what God is calling them to be and do. In other words, when God's spirit is active in our lives, God's spirit is also active through our lives. Sequentially, ministry flows from God, by the Holy Spirit, to the deep within us. Then, by that same Spirit, ministry moves from the deep within us to the deep within another."**

Yesterday I witnessed just that, the transference of the deep within us to the deep within another by the Holy Spirit using Emmaus people.

I went to the Sparrow's Nest "Food for Friends", a ministry conducted by an Emmaus pastor supported by an Emmaus wife. The speaker for the day was an Emmaus brother who called his audience, mostly comprised of the poor, downtrodden, homeless, addicts and prostitutes, his friends. Another Emmaus brother brought his pastor from a rural church in Greene County to see this wonderful ministry. The pastor told me that his church was going to plug in.

That afternoon an Emmaus brother called to tell me another Emmaus brother may have found a location for the Sparrow's Nest's new home. I, along with another Emmaus brother on the Sparrow's Nest board, which is all Emmaus brothers and sisters, went to look at the property.

Later that evening, I attended a prayer meeting at Tuckston UMC with three other Emmaus brothers just before I attended a Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations committee meeting that was chaired by an Emmaus sister and attended by another Emmaus sister and two brothers.

Finally that evening I went to St. James UMC where their men's organization was celebrating the life of yet another Emmaus brother, Jim Kilgo.

Everywhere I go, I see God putting Emmaus people where they belong, on the front lines, answering the call.

Your brother in Christ,  
Steve Ebbert

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## Walk to Emmaus registration update

As of February 16th, applications for the Men's Walk total eleven(11) and for the Women's Walk seventeen (17). For anyone contemplating sponsorship, now appears a good time to submit Pilgrim applications. Pilgrim acceptance letters will be mailed out by March 15th in order that both Sponsors and Pilgrims can make the necessary arrangements to participate in the Walks. Pray and respond to God's direction and guidance about sponsorship for the upcoming Walks.

For further information, contact Registration Chair Kent Lawrence at 549.6411.

## Walk to Emmaus - A Laity Testimony

My story actually begins with a Chrysalis testimony, where a Spirit-filled Chrysalis teenager invited his parents to attend an Emmaus Walk. As they were blessed in the experience, they attempted to share the wealth with Laura and me. They along with other brothers and sisters recognized that my passion for Christ had diminished to an ash covered, occasionally flickering chunk of coal. I was slipping into the abyss and didn't even recognize it.

My friend had invited me to attend a men's group that met once a week at church where everybody sort of spilled their guts. Every time we met we read this prayer from a card; they would loan me one of theirs. After about two years, I began to feel comfortable with the idea of going on the "Walk" as my buddies continuously prayed for Laura and me. Finally, I felt that the least I could do was honor their gentle persistence, and after much deliberation with Laura, we agreed to go.

As I write this it chokes me up because I don't think I could thank my friends enough. I was cleansed and restored. The ashes were blown away and the flicker was transformed to a legitimate fire and the great "I Am" became real again. What a blessing!

Your brother in Christ,  
Steve Ebbert

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## Child Care Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of the childcare ministry for the upcoming walks, please contact Amy Smock at [Amys228@aol.com](mailto:Amys228@aol.com) or call 706/546-4871 and leave a message.

## Chrysalis News

### Chrysalis Board Meeting

The Chrysalis Board Meeting will be Sunday, March 12, 2005 at 2:00pm at Athens First Methodist in Hancock Hall (the Fellowship Hall).



### Now is the time to get your applications in for the Summer Boy's Chrysalis Flight



It is not too early to get your application in for the Boy's Chrysalis flight scheduled for June 9-12. Applications can be downloaded from the community website at [www.fourthdays.org](http://www.fourthdays.org) or you can contact Laura Ebbert at (706) 543-5399 and she will mail you an application. Laura will have applications at the HOOT.

It is also the time to prayerfully consider working the upcoming Flight. Please go to [www.fourthdays.org](http://www.fourthdays.org) and download the Chrysalis Team Application.

### Chrysalis Reunion Groups

If you need help finding a Chrysalis reunion group, please contact Claire Prince at [Clairebear1081@hotmail.com](mailto:Clairebear1081@hotmail.com). Claire will be happy to assist you in finding a group that will help you stay accountable to God, each other, and yourself.

### HOOT and Fundraiser Followup

Thank you to everyone who attended the last Gathering/HOOT at Toccoa First UMC. Not only was it a great time of praise and fellowship, it was also a wonderful time of sharing. Thanks to those who came, the Chrysalis chili fundraiser was able to add almost \$2500 to the Chrysalis efforts to put on Flights. It is not too late to assist with this valuable effort.

**Remember: Donations ARE tax deductible.** You can also mail your donations to:

Athens Area Chrysalis  
Attn: Claire Prince  
2020 Tee Drive  
Braselton, GA 30517



### Walk to Emmaus - a Pastor's Testimony

Ten years ago one of my church members asked me if I would like to go on a Walk to Emmaus weekend. I had heard of it but did not know much about it. And one of the people who had mentioned the Walk to Emmaus to me before went on and on about it like it was the greatest spiritual event ever, which made me suspicious of the whole thing. Besides, I was a busy pastor with more to do than I could ever get done, so how would I have time to go away for three days? And what in the world could I, with my seminary education and years of experience in preaching and leading Bible studies, learn from the lay leaders on this Emmaus weekend?

But the person asking me to go carefully and calmly answered my questions about the weekend, and explained that he just wanted to offer me a renewing experience with Jesus Christ. And I agreed to go. I must admit that I did not learn new Biblical or theological information; I already knew about prevenient grace and sanctifying grace. But what I did experience through the talks, the times of communion, and the expressions of agape love from the Emmaus community was a reminder that God loves me apart from my performance as a pastor. I was reminded that my primary identity is not as pastor but as child of God. I was reminded that my primary call is not to be an effective pastor but to truly love God and God's people. Ten years later I am still enjoying the freedom and joy of being a pastor who knows I am loved by God no matter what.

I encourage you to invite your pastor to a weekend where he or she will be loved as a child of God. Don't be pushy, but prayerfully invite him or her to go on a Walk to Emmaus. We all need to be loved by God and we all need to be renewed in our love for God. Offer that gift to your pastor; ask if you can sponsor him/her on a Walk to Emmaus.



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

**Would your church like to host a gathering in 2005?**

If you're interested, please contact Jim Wood at 706-549-5234 (leave message) or email: **Woody\_1946@hotmail.com**.

Gatherings are held monthly except April and October when the Walks are held. Following is the schedule to date. Please mark these on your calendar and prayerfully consider having your home church host one of the open slots.

- April: no gathering, work walks!
- May: follow-up gathering at Athens FUMC
- June: open
- July: open
- August: open
- September: open
- October: no gathering, work walks!
- November: follow-up gathering at Athens FUMC
- December: open

**Upcoming Emmaus Walk and Chrysalis Flight Dates**

Following are the dates for the Walks and Flights for the next two years. Plan now to work one of these weekends or to attend Send-off, Candlelight and Closing!

- Spring 2005 - Emmaus**  
 Men's #25 Apr 14-17  
 Women's #26 Apr 21-24
- Summer 2005 - Chrysalis**  
 Boys - June 9-12
- Fall 2005 - Emmaus**  
 Men's #26 Oct 13-16  
 Women's #27 Oct 20-23
- Winter 2005 - Chrysalis**  
 Girls - November 25-27

