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The Athens Area Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis Newsletter

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MARCH

March Gathering

Friday, March 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm
(child care will be provided)
Jefferson United Methodist Church
Jefferson, GA

Our next Community Gathering will be at the Jefferson United Methodist Church on Friday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. We will be having a covered dish meal and will start our program at approximately 7:00 p.m. We should be finished by approximately 8:45 p.m. Child Care will be provided.

We will have a brief Sponsorship training update as well as our regular monthly program of singing, Group Reunion time, Worship and Communion. Please plan to attend and bring a guest or a potential pilgrim with you. Guests are welcome and encouraged at all Community functions except Candlelight. Community Gatherings are an excellent time for potential pilgrims to see a little bit of what Emmaus is all about.

BRING YOUR WORSHIP BOOKS !

There will not be a regular Gathering for April as we will be meeting for Candlelight at the Camp on Saturday, April 10th for the Men's Walk and Saturday, April 17th for the Women's Walk. Please make plans to attend both of these special times if at all possible.

The Follow-up Gathering after the Spring Walks for Sponsors, Pilgrims AND the Community, will be a covered dish (with the meat provided) at Athens First United Methodist Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, April 22nd and should run until 8:30 p.m. or so. Child care WILL BE provided.



Servants are needed to help Al Fleming with Set Up/Takedown for the upcoming Walks. Set Up will begin on Thursday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. sharp. If you're working on the men's team, come early and help out. Please give Al a call if you can help so he can stay abreast as to how many he needs to get the Camp ready for these weekends (706-658-6364). DeColores!

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

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The Walk to
Emmaus



Upcoming Gatherings

Second Friday of Month

April 10&17-Walks – Candlelight
 April 22 Follow-up FUMC, 6 pm
 May – TBD
 June – NO GATHERING
 July – Chrysalis Candlelight
 August 13 – Commerce-family, 630 pm
 August 10 – Pastor's breakfast 8:30 am
 Sept. 10 – Central Pres.
 October 16&23 - Candlelight
 Oct 26or28 Follow-Up Gathering TUMC
 November 12 - TBD
 December -NO GATHERING

Upcoming Emmaus Walk and Chrysalis Flight Dates

Easter April 4, 2010

Spring 2010 - Emmaus

Men's #34 April 8-11
 Women's #35 April 15-18

Summer 2010 - Chrysalis

July 8-11 - Boys
 July 15-18 - Girls

Fall 2010 - Emmaus

Men's #35 October 14-17
 Women's #36 October 21-24

Easter April 24, 2011

Spring 2011 - Emmaus

Men's #36 March 17-20
 Women's #37 March 24-27

Summer 2011 - Chrysalis

TBD - Boys
 TBD - Girls

Fall 2011 - Emmaus

Men's #37 October 13-15
 Women's #38 October 20-23

ATTENTION YOUTH LEADERS & PASTORS!!

As you're making your ministry plans for summer, 2010, please be sure to mark your calendars for our Chrysalis weekends. We'd like your teenagers to participate and we need your teen & adult leaders to serve! Dates for 2010 are July 8-11 for the boys' flight and July 15-18 for the girls' flight.

For more information, please contact Evelyn Wages, Chrysalis board chair (ewages@bellsouth.net) or Rev. Deb Trimpe, Chrysalis spiritual director (debtrimpe@bellsouth.net)

Spring Walk Updates

God is good! (all the time). It has been a faith-filled experience working with the members of the Board and praying for God's leadership as the team has formed. So many members of the community have stepped out in faith to serve on the team this spring; God will surely use them to bless the pilgrims. These are uncertain times when many people need encouragement and support; I am praying that the Walk will be strengthening to both pilgrims and team. Please pray that the pilgrims will be open to God's leading and that the team may truly have servant hearts and minds.

Anita Turlington
 Lay Director
 AAWTE #35

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The spring Walks are fast approaching and preparations have been underway for weeks. We have already had one team training session and I am excited by the team God has assembled. I ask that the Community bathe this Walk in prayer. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the team and the Pilgrims he has chosen to attend this Walk.

It is not too late to sponsor a Pilgrim if the Lord has been leading you to do so.

Please be making plans to support the Walk not only with your prayers but with agape; attending send-off; attending Candlelight; and Closing. I pray that you will continue to be blessed by our Lord. And remember we are blessed to be a blessing to others! Christ is counting on us!

David Stephenson  
 AAWE #20  
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## **KAIROS Update**

Back in November, we asked our Emmaus brothers and sisters to take an active role in the Kairos Weekend #33 at Hancock State Prison by keeping these very special 72 hours in your prayers. We are deeply grateful for the prayers of this community and can testify to how our Lord answered them and continues to answer them by penetrating hearts and transforming lives in ways that only Christ can.

Planning for Kairos weekend #34 at Hancock - to be held May 13th through May 16th - is well underway and plans are also being made for Kairos #35 this November. We would like to invite our Emmaus brothers to take a different type of active role in this ministry by considering serving as a member of the Kairos team during an upcoming weekend. The mission of Kairos is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist them in the transition of becoming productive citizens. The Kairos weekend is very similar to an Emmaus weekend, with a series of talks, discussions, chapel meditations, and music led by the Kairos team all designed to encourage the formation of "prayer and share" groups that function in the same way as Emmaus reunion groups.

While each of us has taken a different path to join Christ in this most powerful ministry, we have all been privileged to witness how powerfully the Holy Spirit works in the lives of those at Hancock - the prisoners, the corrections staff, and those of us on the team - and are united in our desire to see this ministry continue to grow. If you or someone you know is feeling the call to work a Kairos weekend, please contact one of us so that we can answer any questions you may have and provide you with additional details. You can also find more information about Kairos at Hancock by visiting <http://www.kairoshsp.com/index.htm>. Whether you are feeling called to work a Kairos weekend or not, please continue to keep this extraordinary ministry in your prayers.

In Christ,

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## **Reunion Groups**

Have you ever received a call from one of your brothers or sisters in your reunion group checking on you? Maybe you have been out of town on business and have not been able to attend. Some groups meet at a time that conflict with a family activity. In any event, it is always a blessing to receive a call from someone who truly cares for your well being. Take the time to call someone you have been thinking about. You just might make their day.

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to sponsor several people. As a part of sponsorship, it is always nice to have a general idea of potential reunion groups that your pilgrim might be led to join after their walk. It troubles me to think that some of my very close Emmaus friends have yet to find the right group. Next week I plan to take two of these friends to lunch to and go through our service cards. I am excited. This could be the start of a new reunion group.

The Spring of 2010 Walk to Emmaus will be here soon. Think of the love you felt on your walk as you received various items of agape from individuals you didn't even know. Many belonged to mysterious organi-

zations called "reunion groups". Join together with your reunion group and take the time to bless the pilgrims with agape. There are few things more heartwarming than to receive a token of love from a complete stranger.

## **Agape for Walks**

The walks are six and seven weeks away. Thanks to all of you who are working on agape and have signed the agape board. I will have it at the gathering on the 12th if you want to sign up then, or you can e mail me at [crisler5@windstream.net](mailto:crisler5@windstream.net) and let me know what you are working on. Thanks also to you ladies working on the shawls for the womens walk. Remember we need 65 pieces of agape for the conference room, as well as 65 pieces each for the dining room, and that special pillow agape. I hope you are planning to bring food agape also, cakes, pies, cookies, sancks, drinks and water. Group agape letters from reunion groups will be appreciated also by the pilgrims. Please be in prayer for the pilgrims and team. God bless you for all for what you are doing to make these walks special for the pilgrims.

DeColores, Martha Crisler, Agape Chairperson.

## Understanding the Process

I want to thank all of the Spring walk sponsors for sending in your pilgrim applications early. We have received enough pilgrim applications to move forward with the April walks. The registrar has to receive 20 commitments for each walk, 60 days prior to the start of the men's walk. The board will abide by the Emmaus guidelines, which is not to host a walk with less than 20 pilgrims. The Athens Area loses half of the cost of the walk if we cancel less than 60 days prior to the walk. This is the reason that we count on our community members to send in your applications early when sponsoring a pilgrim. Don't put off this task if God leads you to sponsor someone. We are already taking applications for the fall walks so it is never too early to start praying for sponsorship.

The AAWTE Board is the body that governs the local Emmaus movement and oversees the quality of the program. The board is the link between the community and the Upper Room Ministries.

Our board meets monthly to discuss the status of each board member's area of responsibility and considers the need for community training to help everyone grow in their understanding of Emmaus leadership. In an effort to help the community members better understand the efforts involved in preparing, hosting, participating and closing each walk we have provided a brief outline of each board member, their position on the board and their responsibilities."

Charlie Maddox oversees the Prayer Chair position. Charlie receives all prayer requests from all communities and lifts each one in prayer. He is in charge of making sure the prayer vigil is completely full prior to each walk.

The Secretary, chaired by Therese Wilson, has three primary responsibilities:

1. Therese takes meeting minutes and keeps them in a notebook as the official record of discussions and decisions made by the board.
2. The board secretary is responsible for compiling and maintaining a list of current board members, their mailing address, and phone numbers and

board position.

3. During elections the board secretary is responsible for obtaining the names of those nominated as potential board members from the board chair. A ballot must be created and offered to the community for the election of lay and clergy members of the board. The secretary is responsible for distributing the ballots. Upon receiving all ballots by the due date, the secretary will count the votes and report to the board, at the November meeting, the results. The board chair will contact those elected to secure their final commitment to serve on the board.

Chris Caldwell is our Treasurer. Chris makes payments and deposits for all walk and board related revenues and expenses, maintains an accounting of all income and expenses for the Community, reports regularly to the board the financial status of Community, files annual tax return for the community and other duties as assigned by the Board.

The Registration position is chaired by Kathy Whitaker and Henry Norman and is one of the most time consuming jobs on the board. The registrar has the responsibility to contact the Emmaus community pilgrims who submit applications to attend the weekend walks. Kathy corresponds with these potential pilgrims and their sponsors prior to the walk. The registrar administers board policies which include the equal commitment rule, cut-off dates for receipt of applications, receipt of applications and fees and transfer of monies received to the treasurer. Kathy also releases the list of pilgrims via email/newsletter approximately two weeks prior to the walk.

The Team Selection position is chaired by Dale Shedd. He has completed this task for the April walks by filling in all the team positions. (The board selects the Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors, for both the men and women's walks.) Dale and community member, Peggy Bailey, are already focusing on the fall walks. Dale works with a committee to select teams in compliance with standards set forth by the Upper Room Emmaus model. The teams are then presented to the Board for approval.

Agape, chaired by Martha Crisler, is a first year board member. Martha is responsible for collecting agape letters from other Emmaus communities,

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handling agape sign-ups for each walk, collecting table and snack agape along with personal agape in the form of personal letters to the pilgrims. Martha also trains the agape servants prior to each walk.

Sponsorship, chaired by Henry Norman, is a new position on the board that focuses on assisting sponsors with sponsorship issues and providing training as needed for those who may be considering sponsoring pilgrims in the future. The aim of sponsorship is to build up the body of Christ.

In addition, Henry serves as the Website Liaison and works with Dennis Smock, our webmaster, to make sure everything is updated on [www.fourthdays.org](http://www.fourthdays.org).

I hope everyone is in a Reunion Group. If you are not you can speak to our Reunion Group chair, Jim Timberlake. Jim's job is to encourage the growth and participation in reunion groups in the Athens Area Emmaus Community. He reminds sponsors that they have the responsibility of encouraging and assisting their pilgrim in the effort of finding a place in a reunion group.

Alan Cannon chairs the Gatherings position on the board. Alan schedules monthly gatherings for the community and coordinates with the host church to make sure everything we need is covered including childcare, music, fourth day speaker, and helps guide/oversee the gathering if needed. He also provides brief topics to discuss for community growth and development of leadership abilities within the community and local churches.

Hoke Howard now chairs the Communications/Literature position. Hoke was last years board chair and did an amazing job working with our board members to focus on adhering to the Emmaus model. Hoke now orders material for Walks such as Pilgrim and Speaker's crosses, worship books, reunion cards, and other literature that is put in the team and pilgrims packets. He is also responsible for ordering flowers that Pilgrims

receive. He reminds the Lay Directors to schedule group photos and select the cover and scripture verses for the walk booklet. He assembles the walk booklet, organizes the other material that goes in packets for the team and pilgrims and gets all literature to the Camp. During the year Hoke orders the necessary material for the Emmaus Board.

Kim Bost is in her first year on the board and chairs the Kitchen board position.

The Board Kitchen Chair, with assistance from the Board Kitchen Committee, appoints the Weekend Kitchen Coordinator. The Board Committee's other responsibilities for the Walk include:

- Maintaining an established community kitchen manual to be used for each Walk
- Arranging a food source for the community
- Appointing a Snack Agape assistant

Kim also meets with each kitchen crew, prior to the walk, to go over the "model" as it pertains to kitchen work.

Tricia Burgess chairs the Send-off/Candlelight/Closing position. Tricia coordinates the weekend candlelight service, arranges for candlelight music servants, and prepares everything for the community gathering, prayer, and communion service. She is also responsible for the candlelight service details.

Set up/Take down/Luggage is chaired by Al Fleming. A work team of servants is needed to help with Set Up/Takedown for each walk. In addition, Al is also responsible for making sure that his committee carries the pilgrim's luggage to their cabin.

The Music chair is Michael Leahey. Pastor Leahey makes sure that all of our music is documented and meets the music guidelines. There are rules and regulations that our music chair must comply with to satisfy copyrighted music played during the weekend.

Our Chrysalis Liaison is Anne Hansen. Anne is full of energy and makes sure that all information is communicated to both the Emmaus and the Chrysalis communities. Mary Redmon is the Emmaus liaison on the Chrysalis Board and the two of them work together to ensure that the two com-

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munities coordinate their activities.

Pastor Carey Gibson is the Team Training Coordinator. If you were at team training last month, you had the opportunity to observe what a great job Carey did teaching all teams members on their duties as Emmaus servants. Each time you work a walk it is a requirement that you go through the team training. This keeps us all focused on service and the Emmaus model.

Alan Smith has been re-elected as Community Spiritual Director for the community. Alan's job is to be a spiritual resource for the Board and for the Community as needed. He is to help with team selection and especially with clergy selection.

My job, Karlene Lawrence, as Community Lay Director (board chair), with the help and support of the Community Spiritual Director, is to oversee and orchestrate the activities of the Emmaus community. I conduct board meetings and make sure board members follow through on their assignments. In addition, the community lay director participates in Closing of Emmaus weekends by welcoming the new pilgrims to the community. As Board Chair it is my duty to oversee the training and to keep the community informed of board decisions.

Your board has a huge responsibility. When unusual problems arise in team formation, or during weekends, that seriously threaten the occurrence or integrity of the Walk according to the community and Upper Room ministries standards, the board has the sole responsibility for making decisions about the situation. If that is not possible, the Community Lay Director, Spiritual Director and the Board Representative on the team consult with the team leaders in Christian love and evaluate their leadership in relation to their commission from the board.

It takes people who possess an "Emmaus passion" to serve on the board. We are in the process of reaching out to our community to find members

who are willing to serve on committees in some of these areas. The community's long-term vitality depends on utilizing as many at-large community members as possible.

If you feel like God is calling you to be a leader for our community, please email me. We have a place for you to serve and to bless others.

Thank you for the opportunity to pray and serve our community.

Karlene Lawrence  
AAWTE Board Chair

Mark 30: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."



# HOOT TIME

## When?

Saturday, March 20, 2010

## Where?

Toccoa First United Methodist Church  
Cheek Fellowship Hall  
333 East Tugalo Street, Toccoa, GA 30577

## What?

Chrysalis HOOT:

- A time to fellowship and get to know future caterpillars and/or fellow butterflies.
- GAMES, WORSHIP, and SNACKS will be included!

## Time?

2 o'clock p.m.

## REMINDERS

- Team Applications were due on March 1, If you have not sent your application in send it ASAP, go to [fourthdays.org](http://fourthdays.org) to download applications-
  - Caterpillar Applications are due April 30-

Summer Flight Dates  
Boys: July 8-11, 2010  
Girls: July 15-18, 2010

**CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!**



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

***Be Still . . .  
Devotionals for Daily Living***

Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you.  
(Exodus 34:12 (NIV))

How true this is!

The land where we are going is the world in which we live. Every day we face things that we either have to turn away from, or we allow them to have an influence in our lives. What are some of the things that you have allowed to have an influence in your life? Were they as harmless as they appeared to be when they first materialized in your line of sight?

The same warning that God gave to the nation of Israel during the exodus from Egypt still holds true today. We may not face the same issues, but the results can be just as catastrophic in our lives if we give in when we know that we shouldn't. What seems like a harmless compromise often will lead to issues that we will only live to regret at a later date.

What have you compromised on lately?

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