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*The Athens Area Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis Newsletter*

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

### Athens Area Follow-up Gathering

*Friday, November 14, 2003 at 6:00 pm*

*Athens First United Methodist Church  
(New Fellowship Hall)*

*Corner of Lumpkin and Washington (downtown)  
Athens, Georgia 30601*

*For Pilgrims, Sponsors & Team - Bring a Covered Dish and at  
7:30 we will join the AAWTE Community for the regular monthly  
Gathering.*

**CHURCH PHONE NUMBER: 706.543.1442**

### Athens Area Gathering

*Friday, November 8, 2002 at 7:30 pm*

*Athens First United Methodist Church*

*Corner of Lumpkin and Washington (downtown)  
Athens, Georgia 30601*

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### Georgia Foothills Gathering

*Friday, November 14, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.*

*Gainesville First United Methodist Church*

*2780 Thompson Bridge Road  
Gainesville, Georgia*

*For those who are in the new Georgia Foothills community and  
for those who want to support this community, all of the gather-  
ings will be on the second Friday night of the month and will  
always be at Gainesville First United Methodist Church.*

**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 toward Dahlonega). Drive approximately 2 1/2 miles. When you cross over Lake Lanier, there will be a sign for the church. The church entrance will be your next right.

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*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

Greetings brothers and sisters. The Fall Walks are over and at this writing our newest members of the AAWTE Community are experiencing their fourth days. I'm sure anyone that served or participated in these walks will agree that again God worked in our lives in a mighty way. I would like to once again welcome the pilgrims of walk #22 and walk # 23 to our community. We are better and stronger because you are now a part of the Emmaus Community.

I suspect that there are few members of the "Bulldog Nation" within our community and perhaps you are familiar with Coach Mark Richt's slogan for all of his practices and games; "FINISH THE DRILL". I would encourage sponsors to faithfully follow up with your responsibilities to your pilgrim by doing the following: (1) If possible, take them to the follow up gathering. (2) Help them get into a reunion group. (3) Encourage their attendance at Emmaus functions and help them to get involved in working on a team for future Walks. (5) Encourage the pilgrim to go back to their church with a servant's heart and an attitude of discipleship. (6) Be sure that they have a solid understanding of Emmaus before attempting to sponsor. (7) And finally, continue to pray for and stay in touch with your pilgrim. Let us all nurture and guide their newfound enthusiasm as they begin their fourth days. "FINISH THE DRILL".

I was pleased and proud of our community as we had good crowds at Send Off and Closing and the Candlelight services were absolutely awesome. The teams, the Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors were incredible. As Board Representative for the Men's Walk and as a sponsor for the Women's Walk, I observed team members working together in a spirit of love and charity. They were covering for each other when necessary, going the extra mile, making sure the weekend went smoothly and that the Pilgrim's experience was the best it could possibly be. Once again the Holy Spirit showed up at the camp and blessed us! PRAISE GOD!

In closing, may we prayerfully continue to develop our spirit of servanthood as we set before us the scripture of 1 Peter 4:10-11; "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength that God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen". DE COLORES!!

Tom Coley  
Board Chairperson, 2003

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## CHILD CARE MINISTRY

Again, a big thank you to those community members who gave of themselves during candlelight and closing for the child care at Hartwell First United Methodist Church. Although we never know how many we will have at any given time, God always provides an ample number of teens and adults to cover the need. For the Men's Walk we had 18 children for candlelight and 6 children for closing. For the Women's walk we had 14 children for candlelight and 9 children for closing. It is our goal to provide a safe, fun, loving environment for these "little ones" so that a parent may drop their children off and allow a pilgrim to see that special parent at candlelight or closing.

God can and is working through this ministry. Jesus told us that we must be like little children. Perhaps the biggest blessing is to those who have worked at the childcare ministry for they have experienced these precious little children that Jesus spoke of.

For more information please contact:  
Tom Coley at 706/ 356-5582 or email to [tomcoley@alltel.net](mailto:tomcoley@alltel.net)

## Let Us Give Thanks

For many weeks now, we have been lifting up prayers to our Father for His guidance, love, and presents during the fall walks. During the weekends, many more prayers went up for pilgrims, speakers, and team members. No doubt, each pilgrim at the camp prayed in the chapel, in the rooms, or maybe just walking on the grounds. Each prayer was lifted up in faith because God has always poured out His blessing during the walks.

Rejoice and give thanks, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for our prayers were answered and our faith strengthened by the mighty hand of God. We were witnesses to one of the greatest miracles God performs - the outpouring of His unconditional love without measure.

To each person who participated as the hands and feet of God during the walks, I cannot express my appreciation and thanks enough. It is so comforting to know that great wonders can be accomplished when God's children seek to do His will.

To each pilgrim, thank you for allowing us to be your servants during your walk. We rejoice with you as you take the love of God to the world after your personal experience with our Father on these weekends. We prayed for you before the walks and we will continue to pray with you as you too seek to find your God given mission.

Beloved, may your witness to the mighty grace of God, our Father, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bring you to point where you, like Paul, live to glorify Him assured of this wonderful truth. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39, NASB)

In His Love,  
Len Bernat

## What Next?

The goal of Emmaus is not to recreate the Walk in the local church or to recruit people for the weekend retreat. The goal is to return the spirit of agape-which is also the spirit of Emmaus-to the local church. As pilgrims return from Emmaus, they need to ask themselves questions such as these: How can I help my congregation be intensely loving? How can I help my congregation think of ministry as an act of agape?

Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35). Returning to the congregation is, above all, a matter of returning with greater awareness of-and reliance on-God's love.

In the excitement of the Walk to Emmaus, we sometimes forget that the purpose of the event is to develop Christian disciples who will renew local churches. How do pilgrims bring agape to their congregations? To be agents of renewal, they must make God's love tangible.

[The following] is a list of twenty ways to renew local churches. What would you add to the list? What is God calling you to do?

### Twenty Ways to Renew the Church

1. Ask your pastor how you can be in ministry. (Bring the smelling salts!)
2. Be the friendliest person at a church event.
3. Teach a Sunday school class.
4. Start a prayer group.
5. Sponsor a congregational leader for the next Walk to Emmaus.
6. Begin a Bible study group.
7. Help with the youth group; introduce them to Chrysalis.
8. Sponsor the pastor and his or her spouse on a Walk.
9. Help the church secretary with the newsletter or other duties.
10. Write about the Walk to Emmaus for the church newsletter.
11. Visit the homebound for prayer and fellowship.
12. Visit people in the hospital.
13. Join the women's or men's group in the church. (If your church doesn't have a group, could you start one?)
14. Be a friendly usher at church.
15. Volunteer to serve on the worship, mission or evangelism committee or in another area of ministry that interests you.
16. Help with the church library.
17. Serve on the board of trustees; open the church building to the community.
18. Tithe.
19. Send agape to church members in crisis.
20. Start a program to feed the hungry or to shelter the homeless.

Remember: the real fourth day of the Walk to Emmaus involves the renewal of your church.

From *Coming Down from the Mountain: Returning to Your Congregation* by Lawrence Martin

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God's surprises always catch us, well, by surprise! The Men's Walk to Emmaus #22, just completed, was wonderful (but then have you ever experienced a bad one)? On Sunday morning of the Walk, God visited on us one of his surprises. Remember from your walk and from the times you have worked how Sunday morning is a time of celebration and joy, marked by the break out of color? Remember how most team members break out in colored outfits and the kitchen decorates with a variety of bright colors? The picnic and other activities of the day are very colorful, and as a team member, knowing what to expect, we look forward to a colorful day as the Walk draws to conclusion.

Sunday morning we had just completed our morning meditation in the chapel. We exited and turned east out of the Chapel toward the dining hall. Facing us head on as we looked across the lawn was a bright red fireball of morning sun, suspended just above the horizon. A light mist, rapidly burning away, still lingered, giving the brilliant sunrise a misty hue and spiritual quality that had us all standing about with mouths open. It was as if God, in his impeccable timing, seemed to be saying to all of us on this Sunday, this day of color and worship and majesty, De Colores guys, De Colores.

Perkins Williams  
Lay Director  
Men's Walk #22





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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 2004?***

If you're interested, please contact Jerry or Phyllis Kiser at 706.769.1231 (leave message) or email: **kiserhome@charter.net**. Gatherings are held monthly except April and October when the Walks are held. Get your church signed up right away to get the month you want!

***Upcoming Walk Dates***

Mark your calendars!

**Spring 2004**

- Men's #23 Apr. 15-18
- Women's #24 Apr. 22-25

**Fall 2004**

- Men's #24 Oct 14-17
- Women's #25 Oct 21-24

**Spring 2005**

- Men's #25 Apr 14-17
- Women's #26 Apr 21-24

**Fall 2005**

- Men's #26 Oct 13-16
- Women's #27 Oct 20-23



Don't forget the upcoming Chrysalis Flight December 26-28, 2003. Please be in prayer for the team, the Caterpillars, and for your participation in Candlelight and closing. We need agape! We need prayer! We need Caterpillars!

Flight details will be published in the December 2003 De Colores newsletter.

***Calling All Clergy***

As the Community Spiritual Director, I need your help. I am trying to update the Community's Clergy List. If you are a member of the clergy, have attended the Walk to Emmaus or similar experience, and would like to become active in the Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Community, please send me your Name, Address, Phone Number, Walk Number and Community, Denomination, and when you would be interested in working (i.e. spring walks, fall walks, all walks). Please do not assume that because you worked with our Community in the past that I have your information. Please send to:

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Thank you in advance for your love and support.