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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Athens Area Gathering

Friday, September 12, 2003 at 7:30 pm
St. James United Methodist Church
1331 New High Shoals Road
Athens, Georgia 30677

BRING YOUR WORSHIP BOOKS!

DIRECTIONS: From downtown Athens, drive south on Lumpkin Street, past the University of Georgia and through the Five Points area. The church will be on the right immediately after the next stoplight. If you are on the Athens Perimeter, get off at the South Milledge exit and follow Highway 441 South towards Watkinsville. Go approximately 1 mile and take a right at the light directly across from Showtime Bowl (Lumpkin Street). Drive about 1 mile; the church will be on your left at the first stoplight.

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CHURCH PHONE NUMBER: 706-548-1680

Georgia Foothills Gathering

Friday, August 8, 2003 at 7:30 pm
Gainesville First United Methodist Church
2780 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, Georgia

BRING YOUR WORSHIP BOOKS!

For those who are in the new Georgia Foothills community and for those who want to support this community, all of the gatherings will be on the second Friday night of the month and will always be at the 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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Pilgrim and Caterpillar applications, and back-issues of De Colores

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Greetings brothers and sisters. The summer has flown by again, September is upon us, and the Fall Walks are in full swing. We are already into team training under the able and inspired leadership of dedicated and obedient Spiritual Directors and Lay Directors. These servants and their respective teams are working daily to cover the incredible amount of detail and planning required to produce a Walk. Whether you are directly involved as part of the team or indirectly involved through agape support, set up or take down, child care ministry, or providing your presence at send off, candlelight, or closing we all should begin our sincere and fervent prayer ministry for the pilgrims and the teams. Your prayers are needed, they are felt, and they are effective. Simply put - PRAYER WORKS!

While all the business and activity around the walks is underway, your Board is also hard at work preparing for our support role in the upcoming Walks. Also a nominating committee has submitted an outstanding slate of potential candidates to begin the process of electing a new class of lay and clergy board members to replace those of us who will be rotating off at the end of this year. We will have the finalized ballot printed and available in the October De Colores. Please pray for this process and the men and women who will be called and lifted up to serve in this very important function of our community. WE NEED YOUR VOTE AND WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!

With the advent of the Walks, comes also the need and opportunity for your participation in Childcare Ministry. This community has always had the goal that the pilgrim's walk would be the very best and most meaningful it could possibly be. In that spirit, we felt we should provide a place and program for the "little ones" during candlelight and closing ceremonies. This service would allow parents to drop their children off at the Hartwell First United Methodist Church and attend these functions so that a pilgrim might especially see their faces and be blessed by their presence. We have a great facility at the Hartwell FUMC where the kids are fed both God's word and a great snack. They also have a fun time of fellowship and games. If you have used this ministry in the past and are not involved in a walk, this might be the time you could give back to your community by helping us to take care of these "little ones" during candlelight or closing. If you would help, please call me at 706/356-5582 or email at tomcoley@alltel.net. YOU WILL BE A BLESSING AND YOU WILL BE BLESSED!

In closing, there will be many opportunities and callings to serve and encourage one another in God's Kingdom through your church, your family, in relationships, and through the Emmaus Community. The apostle Paul writes to a tiny fledgling church in Colosse these words; "Epapharas, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." Colossians 4:12. MAY WE ALL HAVE THE SPIRIT OF EPAPHARAS BY THE GRACE AND POWER OF JESUS CHRIST!

De Colores!
Tom Coley, Board Chairman, 2003

Chrysalis News

The Boys Chrysalis Flight is rapidly approaching. We need people to work the Flight this December.

The Flight is between Christmas and New Years and is a fantastic way to show the Caterpillars the true meaning of the season. If you are able to work, please prayerfully consider filling out an application to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the young men who will be attending. God may be calling you to be a witness to a single person who will be there this December. Team applications are available online at <http://www.fourth-days.org>.

Caterpillar applications are needed as well. If you know of a young man who is ready to attend, please prayerfully consider sponsoring him to be a part of this upcoming Flight. Caterpillar applications are also available online.

For those who cannot work the Flight, please support the Flight with your prayers, attendance and Agape.

De Colores,
Ken Daniel



Jamaica Agape

The Upper Room is expanding Walk to Emmaus to fifteen new countries in the coming years. One of the first of these is Jamaica. The Jamaica Walk to Emmaus Community will hold its Men's Walk #2, October 23-26, 2003 and its Women's Walk #2, October 30 - November 2, 2003. In addition to the Jamaican team, American team members are coming from NW Ga., Ga. Pathways East, North Ga., and Ga. Foothills Communities as well as some as far away as Texas. Table agape is needed for the Jamaican walks as well as general agape letters. When you or your reunion group make agape for the fall walks here, please consider making extra for the Jamaica walks. The agape (65 pieces for each walk) needs to be small because it will have to be taken in suitcases of the American team members. If you have any questions and to arrange getting the agape to Jamaica, please contact Larry or Fran Green (770-983-3621, LnFgreen@mindspring.com).

Thank you & De Colores.

The Walks are Full!!!

As of August 27, the Walks were filled-36 men & 36 women. But just because we're at capacity doesn't mean there isn't room for prospective pilgrims. Unfortunately, prior to the Walk there are folks who decline for one reason or another. Therefore, we have a waiting list. If you send in applications & end up having pilgrims who are on that list, encourage them that an opening may happen. Be prepared spiritually for all the things you'll need to do as a sponsor.

If you are a sponsor, please let me know if your pilgrim needs a bottom bunk. Age is an important factor in where a pilgrim sleeps (&, I guess, how!), but height & weight-& women who are pregnant-also play a part on who sleeps where. Everyone can't, however, sleep on a bottom bunk, so if your pilgrim is in good shape & relatively young, he or she will probably have to sleep up top.

Remember the most important thing we can do before, during, & after the Walks is pray. The devil will be in attack-mode as we get closer to the weekends, so pray for his binding. Next month's De Colores will have a complete listing of the pilgrims, but for now pray for them by number-1 through 36 for each Walk.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a question or request. Remember your balance for the pilgrim fees-know who is going to pay prior to arriving at camp. Please don't put your pilgrim on the spot!

In Christ,
Keith Wilson
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Points to Ponder

Current events in our country's courts have many people taking a stand either for or against the display of The Ten Commandments in the name of separation of church and state. We have come to a point in our country's history where the fundamental principles that this country was founded on are being tested and thrown away by those who wish to force their beliefs upon others by forcing them to abandon their beliefs.

I do not know what the outcome will be, but I do know that there are reports stating that as many as 4 out of 5 people are for the public display of The Ten Commandments and other symbols of our religious heritage. This country was founded upon the principle of freedom of religion. This does not mean freedom from religion. We have become a country of people who are concerned about the rights of those who are in the minority, which is a good thing. It is this concern that has made countless millions of people long to come here. However, when we allow the minority to rule over the majority because something offends them, then our principles have become polluted.

Irregardless of what the outcome of the court rulings may be, we must take a stand for Jesus, after all, He took a stand for us when He voluntarily died on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. We simply cannot allow someone to stop us from proclaiming Jesus simply because they are offended. Jesus said that He would cause division. This is something that we can expect to encounter, for He encountered it as well.

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)

Church Hosts Needed for Gatherings

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

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

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!



AGAPE NEWS

We have done well, as a community, in providing a quantity, quality, and variety of gift agape. Now, we need to plan our FOOD AGAPE (desserts/snacks) in a similar manner. I would like to try a new method this fall, and that is asking each church, including individuals as well as reunion groups, to provide a specific type of food agape for both weekends in October. I will be contacting the churches during September regarding the different food items to bring. This will also be helpful to the Kitchen Team in their planning. Meanwhile, please start working on your gift agape items now. Thank you in advance for your willingness and generosity to each and every walk.

DeColores,
 Mary Brubaker