

SINGS THE ROOSTER!

Valley Emmaus Community Newsletter

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"Christ is Counting on Me . . .
And I Am Counting on Christ!"

Remember those words we all spoke prayerfully near the end of our Walks to Emmaus? Reflect today on how well you are carrying out this promise.

Growth in Piety: Being led by Christ's spirit requires regular times of prayer, meditation, and fellowship with God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Growth through Study: Are you spending time in the Word? "Study to show thyself approved."

Growth in Action: The purpose of the WTE is to strengthen each of our churches through service. There are many opportunities in our churches, our homes, our work and our community.

Reunion Group: Being a regular member of a reunion group will keep the fire of the WTE alive and will keep each of us accountable.

Good Sponsorship: The strength of our Emmaus community is based on prayerfully encouraging church members to participate in the Walk To Emmaus. Someone that you know and love deserves to have the experience of spiritual renewal that you experienced. And now we have a new opportunity for growth and love!

Chrysalis Participation: God has given us an opportunity to provide Chrysalis Walks for our teenagers. We have agreed to join the the Atlanta South Chrysalis Community to form a larger geographic area so we can work together to offer well-supported and staffed Walks for our young people. Debi and Arthur Johnson are our community representatives. More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned! On April 24th, at the Columbus Gathering, some of the Chrysalis members from Atlanta South will present our program instead of having a Fourth Day speaker. Plan to be there!

As the Men's and Women's Walks #17 begin this month, please stay in prayer for each Pilgrim and Worker. Support them by attending Send-off, Candlelight and Closing in the spirit of Agape love. You don't need to know Pilgrims personally to touch their hearts with God's love shown by your presence and prayers.

Remember: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

De Colores!

Wallace Twiggs

Remaining gathering dates for 2009

April – PC gathering – Tuesday, the 14th - Auburn Heights; Columbus gathering – Friday, the 24th - Wynnbrook

May – PC gathering – Tuesday, the 12th – 1st United Methodist; Columbus gathering - TBA

June - PC gathering – Tuesday, the 9th - 1st United Methodist Church; Columbus gathering – Friday, the 26th - TBA

July -PC gathering –Tuesday, the 7th; Columbus gathering – Friday, the 31st - Wynnton UMC

August – PC gathering – Tuesday, the 11th – Epworth UMC; Columbus gathering – Friday, the 28th – St. Luke UMC

September – PC gathering – Tuesday, the 8th – Auburn Heights; Columbus gathering – Friday, the 24th – Pierce Chapel UMC

October – PC gathering – Tuesday, the 13th – Auburn Heights; Columbus gathering – Friday, the 30th – St. Mark UMC

November – Phenix City gathering – Tuesday, the 10th – 1st United Methodist

End of Year – Columbus gathering – In search of a date and location!

Hello Valley Emmaus Community!!

We invite you to attend both the Phenix City and Columbus cluster gatherings. Phenix City meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and Columbus meets the 4th Friday of the month.

We have wonderful sharing of food, fellowship, prayer, 4th day speakers, and Holy Communion. What a great way to spend an evening with your Emmaus family.

We also encourage you to be committed and involved in a group reunion - the Emmaus tool of accountability to the questions we all answered at our closing - "What has this Walk to Emmaus meant to me? and What am I going to do about it?" . . . Remember receiving our cross and hearing that "Christ is counting on me" and our response "I am counting on Christ"? Group reunion and cluster gatherings are ways to continue the Emmaus renewal in our lives so that we are better servants in our families, churches and communities.

We also encourage you to attend the 4th day activities during the Walk weekends even if you are not sponsoring a pilgrim. Send-off, candlelight and closing are for the entire Emmaus community - great opportunities to show agape love and support to our pilgrims and to energize your 4th days.

VWTE Prayer Chain and Email Communication

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, please consider converting to email if you can. Not only will you receive important community information and notices of events, but this is where we inform the community of prayer needs and praises. To sign up, simply send an email to: vwteprayerlist@bellsouth.net.

Address, contact phones, or email changes?

Help keep your information updated. Send any changes or updated information (with your original walk # and location) to: jlnews@bellsouth.net. If you don't have email or computer access, call 706-561-9350 with any update needed to your current address, phone, or other information.

Walk #17 Weekend Events

Times for Weekend Events

Send-Off Thursday - Arrive at 6:30 PM / 7:00 PM for Send-Off

Candlelight Saturday - Arrive at 9:00 PM for Candlelight Walk
Closing Sunday - Arrive at 3:30 PM / 4:00 PM to welcome pilgrims
Follow-up Meeting - July 28th

Tuesday 7:00 PM St. Mark United Methodist Church
For babysitting at follow-up meeting, call 706-327-3376

Childcare during Walk Events – To enable parents to fully experience the joys of the week-end events, childcare will be available during Send-Off, Candlelight and Closing at Hamilton United Methodist Church. Times are as follows:

Send Off: 6:00 – 7:45

Candlelight: 8:00 – 11:00 PM

Closing: 3:00 – 5:30 PM

Hamilton United Methodist Church is located at 142 South Old College Street on the right side of Highway 27 just as you enter Hamilton, coming from Columbus. Childcare will be provided by Hamilton's Youth under the supervision of a Valley Walk to Emmaus adult. Please contact Clayton or Kristi Moore for reservations: moorekl_cm@yahoo.com or 706-527-3325 or 706-718-2317.

Blessing Before Meals

Gathered at this table, Holy Spirit come!
Fill us with your presence; bind our hearts as one.
Bless this time together; Jesus, give us peace.
Come, Lord, be with us; join us as we meet.
Come, Lord, be with us; join us as we meet.

Blessing After Meals

As we leave this table, fed by your own hand,
Holy Spirit, fill us, 'til we meet again.
Jesus, as we leave here, let us walk your way,
Sharing God's blessings, as we do and say,
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Visit our website at <http://www.vwte.com> .

COLUMBUS CLUSTER MEMBERS:

Since there will be no gathering in March, please consider participating in Send-off, Candlelight, and Closing as a way to stay connected to the community.

*“Then their eyes were opened
and they recognized Jesus . . .”*
Luke 24:31, NAS



MEN'S WALK #17– March 19-22, 2009

As of March 12, 2009

PILGRIMS

Jim Abraham
Willie Alexander
Bert Arnold
Roy Bonifas
Patrick Braman
Chance Carlisle
Allan Deal
Bennie Dubberly
Lance Hartman
Scott Harwood
Dan Higdon
Jay Hofstetter
Parks Jordan
Lowell Layman
Victor Maxwell
Kenny McCutchen
Dee Miles
Matt Miller
Brad Nelms
Kenny Owens
Larry Pitts
Wayne Thacker
Albert Williams

HOME CHURCHES

Bethesda Baptist
1st Institutional Baptist
The Harvest
Auburn Heights Baptist
St. Mark UMC
Bethesda Baptist
Wesley Heights UMC
His Gathering House
1st UMC, Phenix City
1st UMC, Phenix City
Wynnbrook Baptist
New Apostolic Church
St. Mark UMC
Lumpkin UMC
Christ Community
St. Mark UMC
Cascade Hills
St. Mark UMC
St. Mark UMC
Glenn Anthony Baptist
Grace Nazarene
Glenn Anthony Baptist
Shiloh Baptist

SPONSOR

Mike Brooks
Andy Alexander
Victor Feliciano
Elizabeth Thornton
Janice Braman
Bert Toney
John Boulineau
Peggie Dubberly
Steve Trammell
James Meadows
Higdon
Steve Tincher
Ward Jordan
Hall Grimmett
Derrick Shields
Gene Wells
Ward Jordan
Ward Jordan
Clark Webster
Jamie Holloway
Bill McCluskey
Wade Jordan
Joseph Watson

Jesus, Jesus ... Can I Tell You How I Feel?
You Have Given Me Your Spirit
I Love You So



WOMEN'S WALK #17 – March 26-29, 2009

As of March 12, 2009

PILGRIMS

Karen Abraham
Dianne Alexander
Karen Arnold
Shirley Baker
Bobbie Brannon
Ashley Brummett
Emily Carlisle
June Chadwick
Tammy Chapman
Dianne Childs

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The Harvest
His Gathering House
Christ Community
1st Baptist
Bethesda Baptist
Rocky Mt. Baptist
Cascade Hills
St. Phillips UMC

SPONSOR

Kerry Jo Brooks
Jennifer Alexander
Crystal Feliciano
Pearl Mitchell
Joann Montgomery
Kim Jenkins
Connie Toney
Jackie Sands
Steve Wynn
Gary Maxwell

Ruth Griffith	Grace Nazarene	Barbara McCluskey
Patricia Hartzog	Smith Station Baptist	Scott Hartzog
Angela Hollingsworth	Smiths Station Baptist	Crystal Hatcher
Jan Horne	1st UMC, Phenix City	Sandra Reeves
Joni Jennings	Evans Chapel	Gary Maxwell
Betty Jowers	Grace Nazarene	Barbara McCluskey
Marsha Kyser	Epworth UMC	Frankie Lake
Slitra Layman	Lumpkin UMC	Rose Grimmett
Phyllis Leggett	Wynnton Hill Baptist	Willie Brown
Terri Luna	Auburn Heights	Daniel McCabe
Monika Maxwell	Christ Community	Andrea Shields
Connie McCutchen	St. Mark UMC	Christy Wells
Jennifer Miller	1st UMC, Phenix City	Lisa Trammell
Tamera Moseley	1st UMC, Phenix City	Bob Reeves
Laurie O'Brien	Wynnton UMC	Linda Twiggs
Sanquita Phelps	Concord Missionary Baptist	Joann Montgomery
Lillian Pitts	Sherwood UMC	Donna McKay
Diane Thacker	Glenn Anthony Baptist	Wade Jordan
Hallie Turner	Wynnton UMC	Wallace Twiggs
Ann Wallace	St. Maurice Catholic	Marsha Fisher

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12: 3-5