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“And their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus.” Luke 24:31



From Our Community Lay Director:

We want to welcome the Pilgrims of Men's Walk 92 and Women's Walk 93 to the Ga-Lina Emmaus Community. Your testimonies of your Walk experience were blessings to us all and we hope and pray that you are receiving much joy, happiness, and spiritual renewal during your Fourth Days. The Holy Spirit was so evident throughout both Walks.

We hope to see you at our May Gathering at Lakeside Baptist in Greensboro, Georgia. If you wish to serve on an Emmaus Team for the Fall Walks, please get your team applications in as we will be having team selection during the last week in June. Please pray about sponsorship and those men and women that you feel might like to attend a Walk. Everyone knows what a loving , spiritually reviving , and wonderful experience this is. Sponsor's Hour , Candlelight , and Closing were very well attended. These events are a very important way in which the Community can show Christ's love to the Pilgrim's in a very special way. I attended a planning session at Epworth By The Sea at St. Simon's Island this past weekend for an event that will be held there over the Labor Day weekend from Saturday afternoon through Monday at lunch (continued)

May Gathering!

The May Gathering will be at
Lakeside Baptist in Greensboro
May 19, at 8:00 pm.

Chrysalis Flight #18

May 27-29

We Need Catepillars
Team Training has begun

(continued from Community Lay Director)

There are excellent accommodations at Epworth at a very reasonable price that includes three daily meals as part of your package. This (Continued) (Continued from Lay Director) event will be called "Emmaus By The Sea " and is planned to be an annual event that will bring all of the Georgia Emmaus communities together for a wonderful time of fellowship. Our community may actually have the opportunity to lead one of the worship services.

The Epworth complex is very beautiful and has many excellent facilities for this type of event. There are motel type accommodations with 235 rooms and dorm accommodations for 500+. We will need to go ahead and reserve our accommodations for this event as this will be done on a first come first serve basis . We will post more information about this event on the website. Some very special things are planned including awesome praise music and worship. May God Bless!

Testimony

My name is Ed McAfee, Georgia-lina Walk to Emmaus #92, I sit at the table of St. Andrews.

Thank you all for taking an awesome journey with me on walk # 92. Today is the fourth day and I feel great! AMEN!

I want to show my appreciation and gratitude to the staff of walk #92, each of you has touched me profoundly in the past three days and you have showed me what a real man is and how real men are supposed to act. The only way that I can think to really thank you is to work the next walk with you, which I intend on doing. To my fellow pilgrims, what an honor and privilege it was to walk with you. Your compassion and willingness to know the lord more deeply is inspirational and has left me thirsty for more. I have tasted the nectar and desire the entire vine. To my St. Andrew pilgrims, you will always have a special place in my heart & soul and I am counting on you for accountability from this point on. David Fisher (Fishers of Men)you have a special talent and god bless you for it. Tommy Callaway, just keep doing what you do brother. I have not ever felt this encouraged about where christianity is headed and the state of our world today. I have never known Agape until now and now that I know I am more ready to spread the gospel and lead my sheep to God's love. De Colores

Dates and Places for upcoming EVENTS

May 9 F/U gathering for the Spring Walks 92,93

at Marvin UMC

Chrysalis Flight #18.

Sendoff May 27th at 8:30 AM

Candlelight May 28th at 8:00 PM

Closing May 29th at 4:00 PM

Chrysalis Flight #18.

We have a wonderful team selected that is ready and willing to be God's servants for the caterpillars who will be coming to **participate** in Flight # 18!!!

We need community members who know of and are willing to sponsor a youth to go on Flight #18. A caterpillar must be 15 years of age or have completed the 9th grade. Please prayerfully consider who you might like to sponsor-**good sponsorship is extremely important to the success of the flight.!!!!!!**

**Please send your applications to:
Betty Lewis, 4483 Tea Olive Drive,**





Team Selection!!!

Walks 92 & 93 are over and it is that time again – time to select teams for Men’s Walk 94 (October 5-8, 2006) & Women’s Walk 95 (October 12-15, 2006).

We have had 69 new men and women to join our community. We are so proud to have you as members of the Georgia-Lina Walk to Emmaus. New community members, your Emmaus experience is not complete until you take the opportunity to work a walk and be a part of giving to others what you received during the weekend.

Team Selection will be held on Monday, June 26, 2006. This may seem early; but remember that Team Training will need to begin in August to be completed in time for the walks. The lay directors will need time to contact everyone before Team Training begins; and those giving talks need time to prepare them to be previewed. In other words, as those of us who have been around a while know, these teams don’t just happen; it takes a lot of prayer and preparation.

Please be in prayer about how God is calling you to serve. Also, be in prayer for the pilgrims of Walks 94 & 95 as God is preparing them to attend. Remember, they will need you to make their experience as wonderful as yours. Please, PLEASE, PLEASE get your applications in so that your name will be on the list to work the Fall Walks.

**Both team and pilgrim applications can be downloaded from our website:
www.gbqm-umc.org/galinaemmaus.**

DeColores!

**Judy Gill
Team Selection Chair**



Brothers in Christ:

My name is Roger Ervin. God has given me the desire and the opportunity to serve Him as lay director for Kairos #39 at ASMP.

The dates for the weekend are August 17-20, 2006.

The dates for training are Saturday July 1, July 15, July 29, and Aug. 5, 2006.

The training will be Marvin United Methodist Church.

I am beginning now to recruit the team that God wants to take His message of love and forgiveness into the prison. The Kairos weekend takes a lot of people, prayer, work and commitment.

Commitment consist of attending all of the training days, the actual weekend, the following teaching Saturday after the weekend, and the follow up reunions held the third Saturday of each month.

Will you please seek God's direction concerning your commitment to the Kairos 39 weekend? We need you.

If you cannot participate, as a team member will you consider committing to some of the following?

- 1. Pray for forming and training of the team. Pray for the participants that God is choosing. Pray for the weekend.**
- 2. Contact your church for financial support. The cost for the Kairos #39 program will be around \$5000.**
- 3. Contact your church to get them involved in the pray vigil, and making cookies.**

Please prayerfully consider the above and e-mail me what your involvement can be.

**All the best and may God bless
Roger Ervin
Lay Leader Kairos #39 ASMP**

Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos of Georgia supports weekends in many different prisons throughout the state of Georgia. Unlike Emmaus where Pilgrim Fees and Team Fees are collected, Kairos participants are supported entirely by donations from outside the walls. Teams who put on weekends behind the walls are responsible for funding the weekend through donations or out of their own pockets. Donations can be designated to the specific institution as you make them or dispersed for all of the teams to utilize.

Pushpa Danes has answered the call to be the "rector" (Lay Director) for the women's prison in Atlanta, Metro State Prison. Pushpa lives in Augusta and went on her Walk to Emmaus early on at Camp Daniel Marshall. She has worked many weekends in the early days of Georgia-Lina serving the community with love, peace and joy.

As stated above, the team – especially the Rector and Coordinator are responsible for donations to cover the cost of the weekend. A new program has been put into place where \$100.00 will sponsor one participant (inmate) for a weekend. The person donating the money will receive a "thank-you" from the participant (they will not receive your home address). If you feel led to help us with a donation, please make your check payable to: Kairos of Georgia – Attention Judith Fearneyhough; P O Box 95, Gracewood, GA 30812. Please mark your check for "Metro Women's Prison. If you can't help independently, possibly you can take this information to your church, Sunday School and/or reunion group. Any amount of donation is appreciated.

There are several men from the area working prison ministry through the Kairos program. There are 15 men's prisons that have the Kairos program and as of this date, only 3 women's prisons. During the past Kairos at Metro, several women were saved and several shared they received the Holy Spirit. Lives were changed and if we can help keep 1 person stay out of prison the Lord is victorious – for sure!

If you feel led to help other prisons, please do so. A list is available of the prisons Kairos is serving. You can contact Harold or Dianne Gibson for the names of men's prisons at dgibson13@alltel.net for a list of other prisons. Donations to Kairos of Georgia are always welcome even without denoting on your check an individual prison.

Thanks and God Bless



People have asked, what is after involvement in Emmaus, and the appropriate answer is the church and God's mission in the world. The purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church and thus the proper place to serve is the church and active participation in Christ's mission to the least, the lost and the lonely.

The church at large has the admonition from Christ to minister to those who are sick and in prison (Matthew 25:36-40). Ministry in prison is a daunting task and many will say they just can't do that. In reality, in and of ourselves, none of us can do that. Christ's admonition is not to be taken lightly. Christians in general have a tendency to follow their own agenda and seek God's blessings for the work. Frequently the true call from Christ goes unheeded because it is buried under a mountain of our agenda. When Christ calls, Christians frequently respond by saying, "I can't do that because I don't have the ability."

How well we Christians have learned our Bible and the examples of the great leaders who have said I can't do that. To cite a few such examples, Moses gave ten excuses, Isaiah lamented, "Woe is me for I have seen the face of God and will die," Gideon said he was the least in his family and his family was the least of the Israelites. God did not accept those excuses for not serving. Christ is not so much interested in our ability as He is in our availability. Whom Christ calls, He equips.

The word availability is a compound word: avail + ability and avail comes first. If we avail ourselves to the call of Christ, He will equip us (give us the ability) for the task.

Prison ministry is a special privilege that few have the opportunity to experience. Kairos Prison Ministry International is a sister organization to The Walk to Emmaus, one we fully endorse and support. People with the Emmaus experience (and similar 4th Day program experience) are the building blocks of the Kairos ministry. Involvement with Kairos will be a humbling experience of Christian action. It will provide you spiritual blessings that are indescribable.

A journey to consider is the following. After Emmaus, get actively and deeply involved in your local church as you keep the fires burning with your involvement in Emmaus. Expand your experience by working with Kairos for a year or two. Following that, return to Emmaus involvement for a year or two and move into another year or two of exciting adventures such as Chrysalis. Back to Emmaus and then return to Kairos.

Through such a process, you may find your spiritual ears have been retuned to allow you to better hear that deeper call from Christ to spend more time in a particular ministry. The response to the words in Micah 6:8 is still needed today.

Are you up to the challenge?

Submitted by
Harold Gibson
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Reunion Groups

- Monday Morning, 8:30 a.m....."Bagelettes for God" Malley's, Helen Symms, 706-733-0076
- Monday Morning, 10:00 a.m..... 4558 Juniper Place-Sue Karnowski, 868-9424
- Monday Night, 7 p.m.....Men's Group, Aldersgate UMC-Mike Meehan, 863-8166
- 1st &3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.....Hyatt Family Reunion Group, 798-6856
- Tuesday Morning, 6:30 a.m.....Popeye's, Daniel Field-John Caldwell, 733-3962
- Tuesday Morning, 6:30 a.m.....Daughters of the King, McDonalds, Washington Rd at I-20-Carol Sayers, 733-3113
- Tuesday Morning, 7:00 a.m.....Malley's at Street-Claire Drew, 650-3077
- Tuesday Morning, 7:20 a.m.....Popeye's, Greenwood, SC-Glenn Williams, 864-993-2402
- Tuesday Noon.....McDonalds Washington Rd & Davis Rd-Nancy Nixon, 790-4185
- Tuesday Night, 7 p.m.....Zax's Chicks, Zaxbys in Greensboro- Dianne Gibson, 706-486-2412
- Tuesday Night, 7 p.m.....St. Andrews UMC-Pushpa Danes, 798-2523
- Tuesday Night, 8 p.m.....Erycsons Construction Co.-Ben Thompson, 860-3236
- Wednesday Morning (every other Wednesday) 7 a.m.....St. James UMC Prayer Group - Milledge Murray, 706-821-2253
- Wednesday AM Prayer Breakfast , 6 a.m. **.....Cracker Barrel, Marvin UMC Men's Prayer Breakfast – Bob Eash, 706-364-7010
- Wednesday Morning, 8:00 a.m.....Broad Street Group, SunTrust Bank-Milledge Murray, 821-2253
- Wednesday Morning, 8:30 a.m.....Babe Chicks, Cracker Barrel-Elaine Mathews, 736-0167
- Wednesday Night, 8:30 p.m.....Sardis Baptist Church-Bill King, 478-569-9718
- Thursday Morning, 5:30 a.m.....Bill's Restaurant on Highway 25-Bob Wilson, 793-1063
- Thursday Morning, 6:00 a.m.....Bojangles on Peach Orchard-Bob Peel, 592-4957
- Thursday Morning, 8:00 a.m.....Home Café, Washington GA-Freddy Brown, 706-678-1167
- Thursday Night, 7 p.m.....Sardis Baptist Church-Debbie Elliott, 478-569-4471
- Thursday Night, 7 p.m.....Philadelphia UMC, Eatonton-Diane Pinholster, 706-485-8398
- Thursday Night, 7:30 p.m.....3717 Concord Drive-Neel Davis, 793-6220
- Thursday Night, 7:30 p.m.....Augusta Rescue Mission, 526 Walker Street-Judd, 722-2058
- Saturday Morning, 7:30 a.m.....Sons of the Light, 476 Columbia Industrial Blvd.-Duane Shiver, 650-1053
- Saturday Morning, 9:30 a.m.....Caretakers Corral, mixed group, Golden Corral, Highway 25- Darlene Watkins, 738-0950

** denotes not an Emmaus reunion group but a men's prayer breakfast – all men are welcome to come**

**If your group is not listed, or you would like to start a new group, contact Glenn Williams at
864-993-2402 with the information and we will put it in the Fourth Day Newsletter.**