



OCONEE RIVER BASIN WALK TO EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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**Gathering @
Walker UMC 6 PM
There will be
Sponsorship
Training @5:30 .
This training is
recommended
for anyone who*

March 2015						
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*plans to sponsor,
and will take
place 30 minutes
prior to each
Gathering.*

** Walk Training
Carey Station 9AM*



Announcements



Walk Procedure Reminders

**Team Members are to wait to wear their Name Tags until Pilgrims are given their Name Tags at Registration. * Team Members should not wear their Walk to Emmaus Crosses until Closing when the Pilgrims are wearing theirs....DeColores*

Prospective Pilgrims Count

Men___17

Women___21

Next Training Dates: 3/21 & 4/11

Upcoming Walks

Men's_____April 23-26, 2015

Women's_April 30-May 3, 2015

PRAYER VIGIL FOR WALKS #11 AND #12

*Our Prayer Vigil link is on line and ready for YOU to sign.
Go to orbec.org, click on Link, (top right hand corner) and you will have the link for each walk. With everyone praying, we will indeed cover these walks in prayer.*

See page 9-12 of this Newsletter for suggestions of what, who and how to pray during the vigil.

Jeanene Vinson, Community Prayer Vigil Servant

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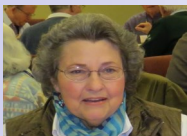
KNOW YOUR ORBEC BOARD MEMBERS

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ORBEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES? EXACTLY!! EACH MONTH WE WILL BECOME BETTER INFORMED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT THEM TOO.



Clif Smith, Sponsorship Board Servant

Sponsorship is the most important work in Emmaus. The success of an Emmaus Community relies on it. Clif Smith is the Sponsorship Board Servant for our community, and he is exuberant in the execution of his duties. Clif is always willing to help explain the process of Sponsorship and the responsibilities of the Sponsor to their Pilgrim. Anyone who is unclear about Sponsorship responsibilities can contact Clif at clifsmith39@gmail.com. Clif attended the Oconee River Basin Walk to Emmaus # 3 and sat at the Table of Peter. He and his lovely wife, Priscilla have lived part time in the Lake Oconee area for 14 years. They are High School sweethearts from Corning, NY. Clif graduated from The U S Merchant Marine Academy with an engineering degree and from Columbia University with an MBA. After sailing for a short time he went to work for Corning Inc. where he worked in the television and ceramics areas with substantial international exposure. He and Priscilla have been married for 53 years and have 4 children and 13 grandchildren.



The Kitchen Board Servant
Position is currently
Vacant



The Kitchen Board Servant is responsible for training and oversight for and of the Kitchen Operations during the Walk to Emmaus. Training of the Walk Head Kitchen Servants is vital to assure that the Kitchen Team follows Emmaus policies as well as the policies of the Rock Eagle Dining Hall and Health Department Regulations. Kenneth Pressley will be the Head Kitchen Servant for Walk #11 this Spring. Sheryl Causey will be the Head Kitchen Servant for Walk #12. Both have served in this capacity before and are well-versed in Kitchen Operations. They have recruited outstanding member servants to insure gastronomic success with the snacks and refreshments which will be served, as well as the ever anticipated and lively entertainment. Anyone interested in the Kitchen Board Servant position can contact any Board Servant for further information. If you would like to serve on one of the Kitchen Teams on one of the upcoming Walks, please submit a completed application to Dianne Gibson or Alan Whitehouse or any Board Servant.

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Are you a member of an Emmaus Reunion Group?

If you are, "Congratulations!" If you are not a member of a Reunion group you can be a member. Contact Tom Collier, Board Servant for Reunion Groups @ 706-296-9530, who will assist you with the process of starting a Reunion Group. You can also contact the following people for information:

Linda Ervin @ 770-229-5729

Hank Raehn @ 678-333-6948

Flo Douglas @ 478-451-7866



Spotlight on Reunion Groups

Marys and Marthas



This group was named for the sisters who both loved Jesus, but who had quite different relationships with Him. The group formed in September of 2013 with only 3 members, but it quickly expanded to a membership of 7. Early on, the group decided to meet once per month in order to accommodate 2 members who didn't live in the Greensboro area. They meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 2 PM at Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church. The Prayer to the Holy Spirit opens every meeting and The Prayer of Thanksgiving always closes the meeting. The group allows the Holy Spirit to guide the discussion, which includes the sharing of prayer requests, plans for the upcoming weeks, and work on Agape gifts for the upcoming Women's Walk. All the members of the Marys and Marthas have served on at least 1 ORBEC Walk to Emmaus and are active in a variety of community and church ministries in and out of the Lake Oconee area. Many Reunion Groups in other communities make wall hangings representing their group, and they are hung in the Conference Room when the Pilgrims are introduced to the Reunion Group concept in Emmaus. The ladies of the Marys and Marthas created a wall hanging with the image of Jesus and the 2 pilgrims walking on the road to Emmaus, highlighted with beads, to represent their Reunion Group. This is the first of the Reunion Groups to have this type of group representation in the Conference Room.



Our Clergy Corner

"The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to be a "servant of all." This is a quote from the article titled "Walk to Emmaus" in the Upper Room publication about the Emmaus Weekend.

Reverend James Smith of Wesley Chapel UMC recently preached a sermon which addressed our "place" in the church. Here is an excerpt from that sermon.

"Places are extremely important in the church. Like a family which sits in the same place every meal. So also each person sits in the same place Sunday after Sunday. When they are absent, everyone notices their place is empty and they are missed..."Place" is more than just a worn seat on a pew; it is a symbol of their belonging to their church family....."Place is" not only a seating arrangement, but a place in the ministry of the church. People are never excluded, but are readily accepted into the church. If jobs are not available, jobs will be created. This is not just because there are too many people for the work, but because the church operates under the firm belief that part of belonging is serving and "place" is both a spot on the pew as well as a position in the ministry. Have you found your "place" in ministry for 2015? What is the passion of your heart? "If there isn't currently a ministry "place" for you, it can be created. "God is good!" S.C.

From the Desk of Susie Pressley, ORBEC Lay Director

My name is Susie Pressley. I went on North Georgia Walk #26 and sat at the Table of Esther. I worship with my husband, Kenneth, at Greensboro First Presbyterian Church. I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the ORBEC Community Lay Director for the last two years along with Assistant CLD, Dianne Gibson.

Dianne and I owe so much to the CLDs who served in the first years of our community. Doug McAfee was the first, leading a faithful group of men and women as they did the hard work necessary to establish a community here. Fred Ferguson was the second, navigating the choppy waters of some of the early Walks. God was faithful to call each of them at a time when their particular talents and passions were needed.

As I wished Fred and Rosemary a Happy Birthday a week or so ago, I recalled a piece he wrote for one of our early Newsletters. We're reprinting it here on the following page as a tribute to our ORBEC "founding fathers". De Colores



An Emmaus Walk



My name is Fred Ferguson, and I attended the Houston West Emmaus Community Walk #20 and sat at the Table of The Truth. My wife, Rosemary, and I attend Lakeside Church and have two children and two grandchildren. I have the honor and privilege of serving as the Community Lay Director for our community.

It recently occurred to me how important it is for us to be thankful for what God has given us and for the privilege of serving Him.

This led me to consider the men that Jesus appeared to on the road to Emmaus. Here they were, on the way home from a huge event in Jerusalem, and ran into a stranger (Jesus) who asked them why they were so confused and upset. We only know one of their names, and I think this is because God wants us to recognize that we, in our own lives today, are just like these guys, confused, upset and anxious about our families and the future of our nation. The other man is us!

Cleopas reports the happenings in Jerusalem. "They have crucified a true prophet of God, and now His grave is empty."

Then Jesus replies with great words for them and us. "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" This raises the question of why don't we believe and trust all that the prophets have told us. Why do we hesitate to fully commit our lives to Him as He asks? Why do we make excuses for our faith, our beliefs and our principles? Why are we not more involved?

The Bible says, "Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight."

So I ask you today, "Are your eyes open?"

*I pray your eyes see as He sees, and you respond as He would respond! Get involved! Be a disciple! Be a leader! Be a sponsor! ***

***This was written in December of 2012*





About Sandra Gilley

Manager of the Rock Eagle Dining Hall



My name is Linda Ervin and I attended the GA-Lina Walk to Emmaus #67 and sat at the table of Ruth. I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Sandra Gilley, the Manager of the Dining Hall at Rock Eagle. Sandra is our main contact at Rock Eagle and a good friend to our Emmaus Community. She has been in the Food Service Industry for 30 years, the last 9 of which she has spent at Rock Eagle.. She has seen a lot of change in those 9 years. For example, when she started work at Rock Eagle the average number of people at the Public Dinner was 100-115. Now that average is 325. Nine years ago there might be 2 weddings per year, and 15 weddings are already scheduled for this year. Sandra was highly involved in the design and completion of the new Dining Hall. The Kitchen of the Dining Hall is larger than the kitchen at the Georgia Dome. Sandra manages 14 permanent and 15-20 part-time employees. One of them, Mrs. Lynn, who is in charge of casseroles, has been there for 26 years. Health Department Inspections and resulting scores are of utmost importance in the Food Service Industry. The Rock Eagle Dining Hall receives scores of 95-100 three to four times per year. As with most dining establishments, the Rock Eagle Dining Hall has its signature dishes. The Fried Chicken and Pretzel Salad are standouts at Rock Eagle. Sandra says that she loves her job at Rock Eagle. She is happiest when she sees successful events planned from beginning to end. Her favorite type of customers are those who are adventurous and open-minded. Sandra is always thinking of new projects. Currently, a Rock Eagle Cookbook is at the printers and will be ready for sale soon. We are very thankful for Sandra and the consideration she gives our Community for our Walks every year.

A Little Rock Eagle History

Though Rock Eagle is a lovely spot for our Walk To Emmaus Weekends, it was originally established for 4-H students, and Middle GA is better for it. The Rock Eagle Camp was the 3rd 4H Camp built in GA, and is the largest of the 5 Camps now in GA. They are all operated by the University Of GA as support for the extensive state 4H program. Mr. Bill Sutton, state 4H Leader in the 1940's proposed the new Camp be built, and the location came to be near the Rock Eagle Indian Effigy Mound in Putnam County. Gov. Herman Talmadge agreed to match funds raised for the construction of the Camp dollar for dollar. The Camp was built by prison inmates who lived on the property during construction, and the new Rock Eagle 4H Camp opened in 1955. Rock Eagle is comprised of 1500 acres within the Piedmont area of GA. Coincidentally, it lies in the Oconee River Basin for which our Emmaus Community was named. The area was populated by Creek and Cherokee Indian communities as early as 1650, and was gradually re-populated by Euro-Americans beginning in the 1790's. The Rock Eagle area was by-passed by the Civil War, as Sherman's troops passed about 6 miles west of it on their "March to the Sea". There are burial sights of local residents who fought in the war on the property, however. Rock Eagle is hallowed ground and is appropriate for our Emmaus Community activities.

*Excerpted from the History of Rock Eagle @ Rockeagle4h.org S. C.

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Fourth Day Thoughts

In this month's Fourth Day feature we get Fourth Day perspectives in the lives of members Ann and TJ Maddox from a spouse's point of view.

My name is Ann Maddox, and I attended the Oconee River Basin Walk to Emmaus #6 and sat at the Table of Martha. I'd like to share my husband, TJ's, 4th Day as only a spouse can see it.

A little background is in order. TJ and I were blessed to be raised in Christian families and attended church all our lives. We met at a church camp, Camp Rutledge, just down the road, when we were 14 and 16 years old. We both made professions of faith as teens and were baptized in our local Baptist Churches. For most of our 45 years of marriage we have been active, working members of the churches where we belonged.

I attended my Walk 6 months before TJ attended his. He was reluctant to go on the Walk due to his hearing impairment. I thought by my going first I could help him decide if the Walk was right for him. I have to admit I wasn't sure he would benefit from the great amount of time spent in the conference room, because he could miss so many of the important points made throughout the weekend. I am happy to say I was wrong... God was in control of the weekend. Our Emmaus Board Servants went out of the way to accommodate TJ's handicap by placing him near the speaker's lectern and providing a full-time companion to assure he didn't miss anything. Ron Lang was assigned as his "interpreter"; funny thing is TJ has trouble understanding Ron's charming English accent sometimes.

When TJ came home from his weekend, I found him to be more reflective about things than I remembered after my weekend. He didn't seem to have the same mountaintop experience I had on my Walk. Frankly, I was concerned that maybe I had pushed him into the experience, and it wasn't the right time. Once more, I was wrong... God was in control. Over the next few weeks I noticed subtle changes in TJ. He began showing a renewed spirit in his service at our church. He became very active on the mission committee and found his calling to help others in need with repairs around their homes. He volunteered to go on a mission trip to Adairsville, GA. He began actively seeking tools that the church needed to supply its repair trailer. He also began teaching Sunday School from time to time, volunteered to serve on the next Emmaus Men's Walk, and agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees at our church.

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One of TJ's favorite verses in the Bible is James 2:17-18: "Someone might claim, you have faith, and I have action. But how can I see your faith apart from your action? Instead, I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action."

When I look back, I see that the changes were gradual but none the less amazing for me to witness. Most recently TJ had a more personal encounter that touched us both. We have an elderly church member who recently lost his wife. TJ and I and others have spent time helping him around the house, taking him food and just checking in on him. Recently, TJ felt compelled to call this gentleman to see if he needed anything. He told TJ that if it wasn't too much trouble, he needed help in changing a bandage on his hand where a skin cancer had been removed. TJ went right over and helped with the bandage and spent some time visiting. When TJ got ready to leave the gentleman said, "you're probably not going to believe this, but just before you called I had prayed to God to send someone to help me today." We all sometimes think, "I wish God would speak to me from a burning bush" God is speaking to us all today, and I'm so happy and blessed to say that I had the opportunity to witness God speaking to and working in TJ's life. God loves TJ and I do too! De Colores

TJ's Turn

My name is TJ Maddox and I attended the Oconee River Basin Walk to Emmaus #7 and sat at the Table of John. When Ann first told me she would be attending the Walk to Emmaus my first thought was "What in the world is that?" I didn't know anything about the Walk, and decided to read about the original Emmaus experience in Luke Chapter 24. After reading this passage, I still didn't know how Ann would benefit from a Walk weekend. Ann sat me down and gave me a broad overview of what she had learned about the Walk to Emmaus. I will admit I was still not on fire about attending. My action plan for the next couple of weeks was to ask her questions, thinking that she might "rethink" her decision. "What do you want to accomplish? What do you hope to learn?" I hoped she would search her soul and determine she really didn't need to attend this Walk.

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Deep down, my main concern was, "how would it change her?" You see, Ann and I were raised in Christian homes (devout dunking Baptists). As kids growing up, we had a drug problem; we were "drug" to church on Sunday, "drug" back on Sunday night and "drug" back on Wednesday nights. Baptist church folks get upset with things, split, the go 100 yards down the road to build another church. They don't like changes. You see, I love Ann just the way she is.....I don't want her to change. I met her at a Baptist summer camp. Holding hands with a beautiful girl around a campfire, singing, "Kum By Yah" will get you every time.

Ann was determined to go on her Walk. When I found out there would be no shopping, and she wouldn't be taking the credit card I said, "Oh well, a couple of days wouldn't be so bad." I still remember Ann's Closing Ceremony, I watched her as she walked down the aisle and sang and listened as she talked. Yes, She seemed different, more at peace. A heavy corporate yoke she had carried around for 25 years seemed to have been lifted. Her last 2 years of working had been very difficult as she knew the business was declining and the technology of CD/DVD's was becoming obsolete. As CFO of her company she did everything possible to keep the doors open and protect the jobs of over 200 people, but to no avail. This left Ann with a heavy heart.

Now it seemed that her Emmaus experience had replaced her corporate mission statement: "To serve Jesus and be His hands and feet". She became more focused, content and energized. She continued with her dog therapy ministry, teaching Children's Sunday School and serving on the Chandler Circle and Church Finance Committee. She began leading an Emmaus Reunion Group in our church. Her "change" was for the better! Ann.....God loves you and I do too. DeColores



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These Weekends*



PRAYER VIGIL FOR WALKS #11 AND #12

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With everyone praying, we will indeed cover these walks in prayer.

Jeanene Vinson,

Community Prayer Vigil Servant

"Help! I've signed up for the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil!"

Many people say that they have trouble knowing how to pray during an Emmaus Weekend, especially if they have committed to the Prayer Vigil for an extended time. It may be helpful to you to have specifics in front of you to help you focus. After all, Paul tells us to pray with understanding.

"I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding."

1 Corinthians 14:15

First of all, remember that in this prayer time as well as all of our Christian life we are not alone. As you pray, others will be praying with you – even though they've never heard your name or the name of Emmaus. When we pray we join in the "never ending chorus" Praising our God. Therefore we can pray Joyfully.

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."

Philippians 1:4

Here are some prayers, which others have prayed for many Walks:

Thank you God for the love we have for one another.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 "we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another are increasing."



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Dear Lord, I ask you to give these pilgrims and our team the knowledge of your will through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 1:9 "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives."

I ask that you would open a door for your Gospel.

Colossians 4:3 "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains."

I ask that our speakers will proclaim God's message clearly.

Colossians 4:4 "Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should."

I ask that God's name will be glorified in everything that is done this weekend.

2 Thessalonians 1:12 "We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

I pray that each pilgrim and team member may know the glory of Your salvation.

Ephesians 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people."

I pray that each pilgrim and team member may be strengthened through this walk.

Ephesians 3:16 "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His spirit in your inner being."



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I pray that each pilgrim and team member may understand how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.

Ephesians 3:17 And I pray that you being rooted and established in love,

Ephesians 3:18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Ephesians 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

As you pray remember,

James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

1 Peter 3:12 "And the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayers."

More Specifics as you pray for

Any who do not know Jesus Christ as personal savior, that they will ask Him into their hearts this weekend.

Those pilgrims who Each pilgrim by name.

don't want to be there.

That each pilgrim will feel the love of Christ in a special way.

That God will be with those pilgrims who may be resisting the Spirit's call.

That each pilgrim will enter the table discussions and freely share their needs and their wisdom.

That God would give good health and restful sleep for each pilgrim and team member this weekend.

That each pilgrim will find and join a loving supportive Reunion Group.

That God would use this weekend experience to bless each pilgrim and to bring them into fellowship with the ORB Emmaus Community through Reunion Groups, Gatherings and future Weekends.

For peace of mind for pilgrims and team so that they may hear the message God has for them



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That each letter and each piece of Agape will warm the heart of each pilgrim.

That God would bless those who prepared Agape.

That the letters of Agape from other communities will show how far and wide God's love reaches.

For the families of all pilgrims and team members that God will protect and keep them this weekend.

Pray for each member of the team individually.

For the Spiritual Directors this weekend that God would strengthen them, guide them, guard them and bless them as they minister to pilgrims and team members and that they might be able to accept love and ministry from the team and the community as well as to offer them.

For the Lay Director, that the Lord will continue to bless her/him and that the Gospel will be clarified and His name glorified through her this weekend.

For every team member specifically.

The ALDs, Table Leaders, Assistant TLs. Music Servants, Technical Servant, Kitchen Head, Kitchen Team, Agape Team, Chapel Teams

Pray for the special moments of a Weekend.

Send off, Dying Moments, Candlelight, Closing

Pray for the community, 4th Days, Reunion Groups, Gatherings, The ORBEC Board of Directors

You might want to have a hymn book with you. Many of our favorite songs are simply prayers we can pray as we read the words.

Prayer books and morning devotionals can remind us of specific needs.

And finally we can rest in the knowledge that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." Romans 8:26 DeColores

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Weekend Schedule for ORBEC Walks

Send Off Dinner:

We will be serving Pilgrims, sponsors and team at the send-Off Dinner at 5:30 at Union Chapel Methodist Church near the back entrance to Rock Eagle. The cost is \$10.

For directions to Union Chapel <http://www.ngumc.org/churches/detail/1829>

Address: 225 Union Chapel Rd.

Eatonton, GA 31024

Registration: 6:00-6:45 for Pilgrims

- *- Send Off: 7:00 Pool Pavilion on the hill right across from the Gas Building*
- *Sponsor's Hour After the pilgrims leave the pavilion at 7:00*
- *Saturday 7:30 Candlelight: Come to the gate, tell the guard that you are with the Emmaus group and ask directions to the Rock Chapel. Park on the opposite side of the street from the chapel and down a little to be out of the way.*

The community will visit as we gather outside Rock Chapel, but when you come into the church you will find a subdued and reverent spirit. Please speak quietly or take this time to meditate and pray for your pilgrim either in your seat or at the altar.

- *Sunday 3:00 Pool Pavilion across from the Gas Building*

Always - at send Off, Candlelight and Closing, the community is prepared to wait for the pilgrims.

*They are never rushed through an experience to meet a specific time schedule. This is part of the agape we give them for the weekend. All of the weekend events are only for those who have been on a **Walk in any Emmaus or other 4th Day Community.** They are not for visitors, even family. Each of these events is part of the experience shared by only the 4th Day Community and the pilgrims.*





EMMAUS GATHERING

ORBEC Gatherings are on the second Friday of each month except those in which there are Walks.

Please put these dates on your calendar.

For more information about Gatherings, contact:

John or Jeanie Wilson at jjwil@plantationcable.net



Faith, Family, Fellowship, Food, Fun

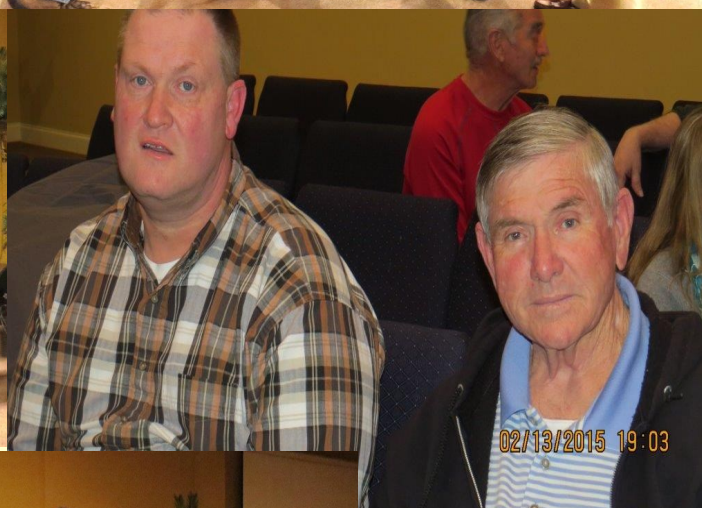
**Enjoy all of these aspects of the Oconee River Basin Walk to
Emmaus Community at The Monthly Gatherings.**

There's music too.

**If you have an item for the Newsletter or if you
would like to help with the Newsletter or Publicity
please email: Susie Pressley at
jimmiepressley@yahoo.com or Sheryl Causey at
sacbanker@att.net.**



Our Gathering, February 13, 2015 River of Life Church



Thanks again to Roger Ervin for the photos



SPONSOR'S FORM

PILGRIM'S NAME _____ Male ___ Female ___ E-mail _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____ Your Walk No: ___ Type: _____

Where: _____ Church: _____ City: _____
State _____

Are you a Clergy: Yes ☐ No ☐

Reunion/Accountability Group: _____ Have you sponsored a Pilgrim before? Yes ☐ No ☐

Communities you are active in: _____

Will you bring your applicant to the Send-Off Dinner on Thursday of the Walk Weekend? Yes ☐ No ☐

Will you bring the applicant to the follow-up meeting and the next gathering? Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you like more information about Sponsor Responsibilities? Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you like a phone call from someone to help explain what a Sponsor does? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you discussed the **\$200.00** fee for the weekend with Pilgrim? Yes ☐ No ☐

What portion of the fee will be paid by your Pilgrim? \$ _____ you \$ _____, other \$ _____

Scholarship Required? Yes ☐ No ☐ Amount: \$ _____ (all or part may be available.)



Sponsor's Form Page 2

When you sign an application as someone's sponsor for a weekend, you accept certain responsibilities for that Pilgrim. You agree to:

- 1-Pray for them!** Before you ever approach them about attending an Emmaus Weekend; after they have applied to attend the Walk; while they are on the Walk and when they return from the weekend.
- 2-Tell them what the Weekend is all about.** Don't be secretive-don't even use the word "secret". Tell them everything. Be open about the talks, table discussions, singing, prayer services, etc. Give them the book What Is Emmaus? by Stephen Bryant to read.
- 3-Before mailing in the application:** Discuss the Walk to Emmaus with their spouse (if married). Obtain their pastor's signature on the Pilgrim Application.
- 4-Tell them what they will need for the weekend.** Give them the "What to bring to Rock Eagle" page following page 2 of the Walk Application at the end of this Newsletter. Tell them they won't need watches or clocks, phones, books, pagers, computers or food.
- 5-Help them with special problems that may affect them while they are on the Walk:** child care, house sitting, car pools, meals, etc. (if you can't do these things yourself find someone who can.)
- 6-Bring your Pilgrim to the Send-off meal site between 5:30 and 6:00 PM on Thursday.** It's customary for the Sponsor to buy the meal for the Pilgrim. After Send-off ceremony. **Stay for the Sponsor's Prayer Hour 7:00 to 8:00 PM.**
- 7-Write Agape Letters.** (Sample on next page of Newsletter) **Write a personal Agape Letter to your Pilgrim.** Take your Agape Letter with the other Agape Letters you have collected to the Walk site Thursday night and put in the receptacle designed for them.
- 8-Prayer Agape.** Prayer is the most important thing you will do for your Pilgrim. **Sign up for the Prayer Vigil.**
- 9-Attend Candlelight on Saturday at 8:30 PM. This is a MUST.**
- 10-Attend Closing on Sunday at 4:00 PM.** You must attend Closing unless an emergency arises. If an emergency arises make sure someone is there to represent you for your Pilgrim and write them a note explaining your absence. Drive them home from the weekend. **This is no time for them to be alone.**
- 11-Follow-up:** Be sure to make contact-especially the next day. **Escort the new Pilgrim to any weekend follow-up meeting and the next Gathering. Persevere in helping your Pilgrim join a Reunion Group.**
- 12-Concerning the Agape Dinner on Saturday night:** The spouse's and sponsor's contact with the Pilgrim should be limited to Candlelight. Please do not serve your Pilgrim at this dinner. It's important that each Pilgrim receive the same treatment. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.
- 13-Please Note:** If your Pilgrim cancels, it is your responsibility to give cancellation notice to the Registrar.
- 14-To All the 4th Day: The Use of Cameras is prohibited during an Emmaus Walk!**

These responsibilities are the BARE MINIMUM for sponsoring a Pilgrim. If you are not willing to do these things, DON'T SIGN AS A SPONSOR. Remember, "Christ is counting on you."

Initial this page if you understand and will adhere to these requirements.

_____ Date _____.

(Initials)



SAMPLE AGAPE LETTER

Dear _____,

My name is _____. I am a friend of _____.

The "Walk to Emmaus" is a weekend of spiritual renewal with many beautiful gifts and surprises. One of the surprises is the mail that people attending the Walk receive from their loved ones. As you may know, _____ is going to attend a "Walk to Emmaus" on _____.

As _____'s sponsor, I am responsible for contacting family and close friends and asking them to send a note or letter to _____ so that he/she will receive it during this special weekend.

Since it will be a total surprise, we sometimes have to do a little detective work in order to get names and address of persons from whom we need help. Perhaps you'd like to pass this along to someone that you know _____ would like to hear from.

This letter is an opportunity for you to express your appreciation and what she has meant and means to you.. This is a letter of love and **WILL BE READ ONLY BY** _____.

Would you help make this "Walk to Emmaus" special by doing the following?

Write a letter to her and sign it.

1. Put it into an envelope and seal it.
2. Write her full name (but not yours) on the envelope.
3. Put "Spouse", "Friend", "Sister", "Pastor", etc. in the top right hand corner of the envelope.
4. Put the envelope in a larger envelope and mail it to me or give me a call and I'll meet you someplace to get it prior to so we can get it to the proper place on time.

This should be a complete surprise to _____, so please help make it special by keeping "mum" until it is all over. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You!



Walk Application Form

(PLEASE PRINT)



Please apply only if you can be present for the entire three days, 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday closing and attend the follow-up meeting. All information on this form is required for placement on a Walk. Each applicant must be sponsored by someone who has attended a Walk to Emmaus or Cursillo type three-day weekend. Please enclose a registration deposit of \$75. This deposit will be applied toward your fee of \$200. This deposit is non-refundable. However, if you are not able to attend this walk, it will be applied to the next walk. After you have completed this application, please give it to your sponsor. The information you provide will be kept confidential. THE WALK APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SPONSOR FORM.

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

NAME DESIRED ON NAME TAG _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DOB _____ HOME PHONE (____) _____ CELL (____) _____

E-EMAIL ADDRESS _____ OCCUPATION _____

[] CLERGY [] MARRIED [] SINGLE [] DIVORCED [] WIDOWED [] SEPARATED

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT _____ PHONE NO. _____

CHURCH _____ DENOMINATION _____

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND? _____

HAS YOUR SPOUSE BEEN TO EMMAUS/CURSILLO/TRES DIAS? [] YES [] NO IF YES, WHEN? _____
WHERE? _____ If NO, Has your spouse applied to go on the Walk to Emmaus? [] YES [] NO

DIETARY CONCERNS: [] Y [] N ROCK EAGLE CAN PREPARE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEALS:

PLEASE CIRCLE THE TYPE YOU NEED:

DIABETIC GLUTEN FREE NO BEEF OR PORK TOSSED SALAD VEGETARIAN

TIME SENSITIVE MEDICATIONS [] Yes [] No PHYSICAL NEEDS _____

NAME OF SPONSOR _____ HAS YOUR SPONSOR SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINED "THE WALK TO EMMAUS" TO YOU, I.E., FOLLOW-UP MEETING, REUNION GROUPS, AND THE MONTHLY COMMUNITY GATHERINGS? [] YES [] NO

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

APPLICANT'S PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

All signatures are required or the application will be returned to the sponsor and your registration will be delayed) MAIL TO: OCONEE RIVER BASIN EMMAUS, 6350 Lake Oconee Parkway, Suite 102-29, Greensboro, GA 30642



WALK APPLICATION

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Guidelines for the Application to Attend the Walk to Emmaus

In accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors, we ask that you take special note of the following items on this Application to Attend the Walk to Emmaus. The Board has directed the Registrar to return incomplete applications and request additional information before accepting the application. It will help register you more quickly if you take note of the items below. Ask your sponsor for clarification and help if needed. Thanks!

INFORMATION REGARDING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Because Emmaus is not intended to make disciples, but rather to strengthen those who are already disciples, persons accepted for a Walk are expected to be active members of a Christian congregation.

Please indicate the NAME and DENOMINATION of the congregation in which you are an active member. Students may indicate the church they presently attend if they have not formally moved their membership. Non-students who are members of one congregation but are actively attending another congregation should confront the issue of where God is calling them to service. Make a commitment to a worshipping community before applying for a Walk to Emmaus, so that you are ready to participate fully in that community on your return from the Walk to Emmaus

INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIAL NEEDS

If you do not understand the question, "**Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you,**" please talk to your sponsor before you complete this form. Your sponsor should not sign this form until they have explained Emmaus and its follow-up to you.

It's especially important that we know if you need a special diet, take medication, have any special needs or challenges. It is rare that these need cannot be met so that you can participate fully in the Walk to Emmaus; however we need to know as far ahead as possible, so that we can make your Walk a fulfilling experience for you. **NONE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED** except to those responsible for meeting your needs.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON FORMS

There are **two** signatures required on this form. Both signatures must be included, or we will return the form to your sponsor for completion, delaying your reservation. It is the responsibility of your sponsor to see that these **signatures** are complete.

Your signature. This is your free commitment to accept God's invitation to attend the Walk. Therefore, you must sign the form personally. A sponsor's, friend's or spouse's signature is not acceptable since no one else can make this free commitment for you.

Your Pastor's Signature. This signature signifies the commitment of the Pastor of the congregation in which you serve to work with you in developing your service to God after the Walk. It is not mandatory that your pastor has completed the Walk. Emmaus is not intended to bypass the authority of the pastor of your congregation in any way. If your pastor is opposed to you attending a Walk to Emmaus, you will be unable to serve effectively after the Walk and you will be frustrated and discouraged. Your sponsor should contact the pastor on your behalf, or with you, to help explain Emmaus and assure those who are uncertain or hesitant. Your sponsor may call on the Community Spiritual Director for any assistance in explaining Emmaus.

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KEEP THIS PAGE DO NOT MAIL IN



WHAT TO BRING TO ROCK EAGLE FOR YOUR WALK WEEKEND



RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY CHECKLIST

TOILETRIES

Bath Towels/Washcloths/Soap/Shampoo/Conditioner

Comb/Brush/Razor/Shave Cream

Feminine Products/Shower Shoes

Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss/Mouthwash

Hair Spray/Make-up/Jewelry



CLOTHES

Blouses



Jacket/Sweater



Pants/J Jeans

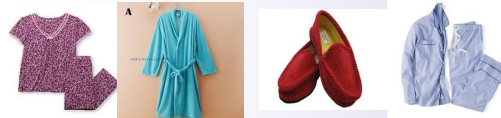
Rain gear



Shoes/Socks



Sleep clothes/Duster/Housecoat/House Shoes



T-Shirts



Underwear

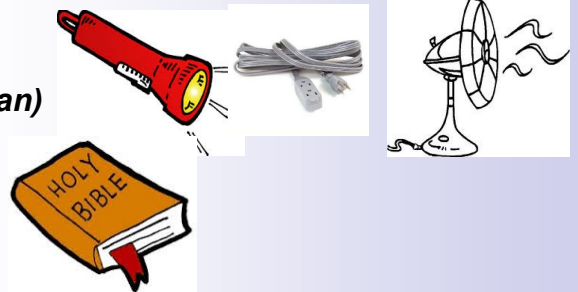
OTHER--PERSONAL

C-PAP Breathing Machine/Small fan (if used to ceiling fan)

Cord for C-PAP/Extension Cord

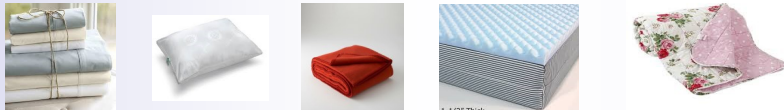
Bible

Flashlight/Ziplock Bags for loose articles



SLEEPING

Ear Plugs



Sheets/Pillow/Blanket/Bedspread/Eggcrate Topper or board for under mattress

PRESCRIPTIONS

MEDICAL NEEDS IN EMERGENCY

MEDICAL EMERGENCY NAMES/NUMBERS

