



NWGWTE Newsletter

December 2022

GRACE

Romans 4:16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham.

Paul speaks to the congregation in Rome about having faith in Jesus Christ. Knowing his audience, Paul brings up Abraham. Since he was talking to mostly Jews, using their adored ancestor would insure their attention. Are there keys to our attention today? Would Paul have to mention celebrities or professional athletes? I have to believe in my heart that we listen to God's word because it offers unconditional love. Christ promises redemption from our sins. The only price is our acceptance and admittance of our sinful nature. Our God is amazing.

With all of the celebrities and professional athletes trying to influence fans to follow a specific political ideology, maybe we need to rethink. Are there other things that vie for your time? We should be focused on God and His word, not all of this other mess that clouds our perceptions. I'm not saying stop watching sports, but do you spend enough time in Bible study? When my children were small, I made a personal decision to avoid certain radio stations. What was being said didn't mesh with my Christian beliefs, and I think my children are better for it. There are television shows that I have chosen not to watch, as well as movies that go against my faith. Make the decisions, focus on God, my friend.

Helping those in our care steer clear of upsetting and negative stuff can be challenging. My mom loved watching CNN, which I have a problem with. But our discussions of what was said and what was really happening gave me a chance to allay some of her anxiety. Christ's promise is available to everyone, no matter their parentage. Don't let your attention be diverted from the truly important message of God's salvation.

Prayer: Lord, help me to see Your truth amidst the noise of the world. Give me the words and actions needed to show Your abundant grace to everyone around me. Amen.

Used from the Facebook page *Caregiving Day by Day*



Message from your Community Lay Leader.....

Hello Emmaus Community!

Your Emmaus Board wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We are looking forward to 2023 and praying for good things for our community! We have our first quarter of gathering places set for 2023 and new board members joining us in January to bring us new faces and fresh ideas. We ask you to keep your board in prayer as we endeavor to serve you and God in this very special way through the Walk to Emmaus Ministry.

As much as we love working and serving, we do have some business to make you aware of and will need your help. We have found that we need to increase our Pilgrim and Team Fees from \$100 to \$125 starting with our spring walks. We've not had an increase in several years and with the recent increase in rent from King's Retreat (went up 10%), walk supplies and food cost rising, we felt it was necessary to increase the fee to be sure we can financially support the walks and continue doing God's work. Donations are always welcome and we are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Also, if you wish to donate to help others who may not be able to afford the fees, we graciously accept donations and can designate them for the purpose you ask them to cover. Donations can be made through our website www.nwgwte.com by clicking on the

GIVE/PAY tab on the front page or checks can be mailed to our Treasurer, Ginny Ellis at 4680 Fowler Street, Acworth, GA 30101.

Your Emmaus Board is always available to you should you have questions or special needs that the community can support. We hope the Advent Season and your Christmas is filled with the spirit of the Christ Child, wonderful family time and your New Year the best ever! Thank you and God Bless!

*Susan Davis
NWGWTE - Community Lay Leader*



Gatherings

January 21 - Powder Springs First UMC, 4329 Marietta St, Powder Springs

February 18 - Midway UMC, 1930 Midway Rd, Douglasville

March 18 - Elevate Christian Church, 156 Poplar Springs Rd, Hiram

Help Needed!



If you have ever considered hosting a gathering at your church, now is the time! We are lining up churches for the next year **right now**. Help is always available if you feel your church needs something to make a gathering happen. Think how convenient it will be to travel to your own church

for a gathering! We need you!

Contact Daphne Lyle, Daffydo19@aol.com 678-492-7396

UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk #62 - March 2-5, Rob Stewart, Lay Director

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Women's Walk #66 - March 9-12, Fran Davis, Lay Director

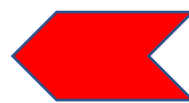
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If you would like to work either of these exciting walks, please get in touch with the designated Lay Director! **You don't have to wait for them to call you!**





News Flash!



Meeting dates/places for Spring Walks

January 7	Heads Mtg – Hope Church, Carrollton
14	1st Team Mtg – Hope Church, Carrollton
28	2nd Team Mtg - Acworth Presbyterian, Acworth
February 11	3rd Team Mtg – Hope Church, Carrollton
25	4th Team Mtg – Acworth Presbyterian, Acworth

Pilgrim applications have been updated for 2023 and will be available on the NWGWTE webpage, at the team meetings and at each gathering in 2023. We will send it out separately via email as well. Please be praying about someone you want to sponsor! It's never too early to start!

Congratulations!

Welcome to our new board members who will join us in January!

Rich Arcaro from Elevate Church and Greg Cochran from Hope Church will share the role as our Community Spirituals!

New Board Members: Toni Cox, Scott Cupp, Karen Edwards, Jennifer Featherstone, Jennifer Huffman, Shannon Jackson, Lisa Gable Musto, Adrienne Palmer, and Jim Rutherford

We look forward to seeing them in action, beginning with the meeting at Powder Springs First UMC at 3 pm on January 21, 2023.



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Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus