

## FROM THE 2009 LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings,

As summer begins to wind down many of us are contemplating getting into a routine for fall. For some that means going back to the classroom as a student, teacher, administrator, or support staff. Take some time in the next few weeks to lift up all of these people in your prayers. It's safe to say that today's students face more pressure and distractions than ever before. Teachers, administrators, and support staff are ultimately impacted by what is impacting their students. Pray for all of these folks in hope that as they step into the schools and classrooms that they take time out to seek The Lord's wisdom, guidance, and help as they get back into their school year routine.

Just as the school year is beginning to start back up so is our community schedule for Walk weekends. September 10<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> will bring us another Crossroads weekend which will be the first of 4 Walk weekends that will take place before the end of 2009. Please be in prayer for all of these weekends by lifting the teams and potential participants on a regular basis. As of this writing there are still plenty of slots available for college age women and men on the Crossroads weekend, so get those applications in now! Let's strive as a community to completely fill these upcoming weekends with a full complement of pilgrims and caterpillars

In closing I'd like to share something I came across while putting together the newsletter for this month. It was written by William Arthur

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### FUTURE GATHERINGS:

#### August Gathering

August 10<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm

St John United Methodist Church  
3921 Murray Hills Drive

Dinner: Bring a covered dish. Join the  
Community for food, fellowship & worship.

#### September Gathering

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Apison UMC

## 2009 EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS/CROSSROADS WALKS

*Please be in prayer for these Walks and plan to participate!*

Crossroads: September 10-13 2009	LD's, Connie Bowman and Tony Parker
Men's Walk: September 24-27 2009	Lay Director, Damon Riggs
Women's Walk: October 22-25 2009	Lay Director, Penny Hynes
Girls' Chrysalis: November 5-7 2009	Lay Director, Lori Bailey

### AGAPE NEEDS FOR EACH OF THE WALKS:

24 (minimum) bed agape      36 (minimum) conference room agape  
60 (minimum) Meal agape

**WE DON'T WANT TO RUN OUT!! PLEASE BRING AGAPE TO GATHERINGS**

### MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS TO EMMAUS

GIFTS TO EMMAUS: Your gifts are tax deductible *within the law*.

Send to: Mary Anne Bailey, 123 Pebblestone Dr., Lafayette GA 30728  
Gifts in memory of member Sherri Noble have been received from:  
Marcia and Jim Swearingen and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown

### INFORMATION ABOUT DYING MOMENTS

The Upper Room Handbook shows a change made in the way "Dying Moments" is to be handled in the "Means of Grace" talk. The bread broken and surrendered at the foot of the cross by each Pilgrim will be placed in a basket or bowl and left at the foot of the cross. It will not be used during the Communion following. Then the clergy will take a second loaf of bread to break and serve as the Lord's Supper following the "Means of Grace" talk.

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Ward, (1921 – 1994), American scholar, author, editor, Christian leader and teacher. It's pretty good advice for young and old alike:

"Before you speak, listen.  
Before you write, think.  
Before you spend, earn.  
Before you invest, investigate.  
Before you criticize, wait.  
Before you pray, forgive.  
Before you quit, try.  
Before you retire, save.  
Before you die, give."

DeColores,  
Steve

**Please consider making a monthly donation of a mere \$5.00 (more, if you can) so that others can experience the spiritual blessing and growth from an Emmaus weekend! If we all give, the Community will be in great financial shape!**

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HOW CAN YOU HELP THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY?

ANSWER: BY RECEIVING THE WALKTALK BY EMAIL!!

SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO BRETT BAXENDELL AT [bbaxendell@hotmail.com](mailto:bbaxendell@hotmail.com)

Quick Calendar & Update – All Gatherings at - 6:15pm – Potluck!

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