

FOOTHILLS FLAME

What have you "BIN" up to?

I get a lot of emails. People think that anything that has to do with the church or God or anything remotely resembling faith, ought to be sent to the Preacher. Occasionally one comes along that I haven't seen, and I share it with others. This one is about Terrorist Groups within the Church, and I think that it also has some applicability to the Emmaus Community. See what you think.

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin', Bin Arguin', Bin Fightin', Bin Complainin' and Bin Missin'. Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin', trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church to discourage, disrupt and destroy. There have been reports of a

sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin' is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other cells, the Bin Prayin' team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along. Bin Prayin' does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. It has been noticed that the Bin Prayin' group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin', Bin Waitin', and Bin Longin' for a return to Christian principles and right livin'. It is rumored that **NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT!** However, you can spot them if you bin lookin' and bin goin'.

The Emmaus Community depends upon those who are its members to keep things going. How are you doing? Have you been to Candlelight lately? Remember how you felt when you saw **ALL** those people? Have you been to a Gathering in the last few

months? When was the last time you prayed about sponsoring someone? We've just finished our Spring Walks, but Fall Walks will be here before you know it. Have you sent in an application to work? There's absolutely nothing like it!!!

Your local church also depends upon its members to accomplish what God has called her to do. Are you attending regularly? Are you participating in the life of the church? Are you praying for the leaders and your Pastor? God has big plans for you. Are you doing your part to live out those plans? There's a Gathering the second Friday of each month at Gainesville 1st UMC at 7:30 PM.

Yours & God's,



Charlie Green,
Interim Community Spiritual

Fall Picnic on the Horizon

Georgia Foothills is planning a Fall picnic and needs your help. If you are willing to serve on a committee to plan this event, please contact Brenda Waters, 706-947-3793 or

e-mail brwaters@windstream.net

Also needed are hosts for the gatherings. This is a great way to serve your community. All you have to do is

provide the paper products and set up and serve. Please contact me at the above e mail or phone number.


Brenda Waters

Important Dates:

May Gathering

Friday, May 14

Gainesville First UMC

7:30 pm

June Gathering

Friday, June 11th

Gainesville First UMC

7:30 pm

Team Selection is coming up in June. Send your team applications to the PO Box on the back of this newsletter or bring them to the May Gathering. Let's pray for Walk #18, for the team, the pilgrims who don't even know they are pilgrims, yet, and for the Holy Spirit to guide it all!

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Welcome New GFWTE Community Members!

Men

Brett	Allen
David	Clark
Jack	Damron
David	Day
Carroll	Eddleman
Tom	Frier
Richard	Green
Rob	Hand
Eddie	Hopkins
Will	Hubbard
Neil	Johnson
Lee	Looney
Jeff	Maynard
Allen	Nivens
Andrew	Oxley
Derek	Ruffner
Michael	Smith
Dave	Steigerwalt
Jay	Wallingford
Phil	Wilson
Ryan	Wood
Gary	Wood

Women

Kay	Adams
Janine	Bethel
Toni	Childress
Michelle	Damron
Lori	Durnell
Kay	Eddleman
Leigh	Elliott
Carol Ann	Epperson
Lisa	Frier
Betsy	Green
Phyllis	Hammatt
Joan	Hand
Trish	Hastings
Donna	Hubbard
Maria	Hull
Carrie	Kuehne
Meg	Nivens
Melanie	Ortiz
Tracy	Ray
Vanessa	Schaeffer
Kim	Snider
Carol	Steigerwalt
Patsy	Tillman
Mary	Wallingford
Donna	Walters
Liz	Wood

Men's Walk #17: Perfect at the hands of God

GFWTE Men's Walk #17 was, of course, perfect! Only God can make it so. Had it been up to me, as it started out, it would in all likelihood have been a disaster. I thought I had had everything in order for our first Saturday training, i.e. sent out all reminders to the team, arranged to have all talks (as much as possible) to occur in the order they are presented during the walk, etc. "I" had it all ready! Then God let it snow on us, enough to have to cancel the entire session. Still thinking I had it all under control for the 2nd Saturday training, guess what? It snowed

again! Enough this time to have to excuse the Support Team and have only those necessary from the Conference room show up for their talks. As many of you already know, I'm a slow-learner; I know this because my Dad told me so many times and God has confirmed it. Once I realized that these training interruptions was God's way of asking if He was included as part of this "Team", I finally let it go and let Him take over. Only then did things go well --- in fact, it "hummed" along; only then did His event go perfectly! The lesson of

Men's Walk #17 was ALL MINE. If you will recall, it also snowed lightly on Monday after Men's Walk #17! That was God telling me, "I told you so, I told you so." Not only is God good, but He has a tremendous sense of humor? May He richly bless all the pilgrims of Walk #17 in spite of this slow-learner.

In Christ's Love,

De Colores

Tom Jackson, Lay Director

GFWTE Men's Walk #17

Change We Can Believe In!

Bet I got your attention with that lead line! Regardless of where you are politically that line seems to polarize people today. But I'm not talking about some trite, and in my opinion, empty, ambiguous and meaningless, campaign slogan. What I'm talking about and what I want us to focus on is the real change we can believe in! **God** is in the business of transformation. Saul, struck by the light goes from persecutor of Christians to great Evangelist; Jesus meets a promiscuous woman at a well and she becomes a great Evangelist; Jesus meets a man possessed with a legion of demons, hurls them out and the man become peaceful, He gives sight to the blind, frees the captives, He feeds the hungry. God enters people's lives

and forever changes them from addicts to disciples, from abusive fathers to loving ones, from inattentive mothers to caring believers. At the closing ceremony on walk after walk we hear testimonies of change; then we hear further evidence of continued change as our newest members tell us their stories at follow up gatherings. As we hear witness and testimony in Fourth Day talks and in all our stories in the talks given walks and in our churches it is evident God is at work in our lives. Do You need further evidence that God is in the business of transformation? The mere fact that I am trusted by the board to write this devotion and that you are reading it with trust is evidence

enough. God took a spiritually lost, crass, foul mouthed, self centered, Army centric, workaholic, golfaholic, lazy father and husband and turned him into a Methodist preacher. God is in the business of change we can believe in! Pray for it to happen in your life. Read the Bible, look for all the ways God changes peoples lives, believe the same is available for you and or your family and friends and for our Community! Bottom Line is: **Jesus has defeated sin that is Change we can believe in!**

De Colores

Ed Dickens,

Communications Board
Member & Clergy

Women's Walk #17: God, the perfecter of our faith

When I hear the word "Emmaus", I immediately envision the Luke 24 story of a dusty road with two travelers running back to tell their friends they have seen the risen Christ...I can feel their excitement and amazement, their desperation to reach their friends. Next in my mind I see the table set with the bread and the wine... and a feeling of peace comes over me...quickly followed by an overwhelming emotion that wells up inside and usually spills out through tears. "Emmaus" tends to bring a whirl of sight, sound and emotions.

This past Women's Walk #17 is no different. The journey began many months ago when, through ice and snow, God revealed His omnipotence and omniscience by taking control of the training sessions we had so humanly tried

to regulate; by prompting sponsors to invite pilgrims no matter the deadline and prayer warriors to stand in the gap – on their knees. From the very beginning God reminded us that HE is the author of the Emmaus story, not us. We are the travelers - team and pilgrims alike. Through the team's faithful obedience to God's calling and through the pilgrims' faithful surrender of their hearts, God continues His work *in all of us* to bring us closer to Him. For some, the journey is an immediate one – we met the Lord on the road and within hours saw Him with our own eyes. For many, the journey is still in progress – maybe we're still on the road listening to Christ, experiencing the opening of a closed heart, hearing the reassurance of "soon", the call of "trust Me". Maybe we're running, desperate, back to Jerusalem to share the Good News. Again, God is the author and

perfecter of our faith...He is the creator of the Emmaus story and He has and will continue to use it to do His good work. *Hallelujah!* All praise, honor and glory go to Him.

The excitement and desperation has passed. With peace, let me again share my sincere thanks for and appreciation of all the sacrifices of time, energy and economics made by the team for GFWTE Women's Walk #17. And I also want to share a hearty welcome to all our new Community Sisters and to wish you Fourth Days blessed with peace and comfort from the One who loves us all beyond measure and who has promised to accompany us on our journeys of faith!

With a full heart.....DeColores!

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Joslyn Hilliard, Lay Director
GFWTE Women's Walk #17

Database Training

GFWTE Membership Database Training – At the May Gathering

7:30 PM – May 14, 2010

Have you ever wanted to contact a member of the GFWTE community and did not have their address or phone number? Has your e-mail address changed or have you moved and you want to update your information so you stay connected

with GFWTE? Would you like to find out when the upcoming walks are and who the lay directors are? Would you like to see what walks you have worked and what position you had or talk you gave? Are you getting two copies of every e-mail because you and your spouse use the same e-mail address and you would like to have us only send you one copy? We will be showing how to

do these things and many more at the next gathering at 7:30 PM on May 14, 2010 at Gainesville First UMC. Please plan to attend – and bring a pad and pen to take notes!!

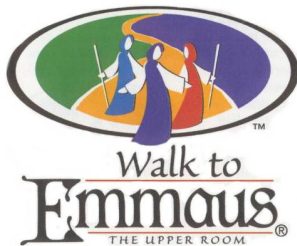
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Gregg Frank,
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Gatherings

Kathy and I have planted our garden and are looking forward to the harvest – great lead in line for our expectations as Christians, right? I missed the Follow-up Gathering last month due to a bit of a bug and so I'm really looking forward to this month's gathering (which falls on my birthday by the way).

This month Gregg Frank and I will do a bit of training on the GFWTE Database and how to use it. The Gathering is Friday, May 14 at First UMC in Gainesville. It will begin at 7:30 PM. Childcare will be available. Remember to bring food to share

In June, Alan Herrin will do the Fourth Day presentation on Kairos, which is an Emmaus-style weekend held in prisons.

Just as my new garden needs refreshing rain and nutrients to grow and produce fruit, we all need refreshing and new insights to help us grow and produce fruit as Christians. The Gatherings are one way that we can all come together, be refreshed and encourage one another in our Fourth Days. Come be a part of the May gathering (and all the others)!

I'll be handing over the responsibility of Gathering Coordinator to Chuck Miller after this gathering. Chuck just came on the board due to some changes and as you know the board is a working board – Chuck needed something to do. I'll be focusing my efforts on the database and getting all of it working well .



Remember if you would like to be a part of the Gatherings, especially as a Fourth Day speaker, let me (or Chuck) know. We all have a story to tell and others can be encouraged by your story.

De Colores

Steve Pierce,
Gatherings and Database
Board Member