

# New Covenant Emmaus

An Emmaus Community



## NEW COVENANT NOTES

### Spring 2022

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#### Monthly Gatherings

##### **LOCATION:**

Friendship Church  
16479 Lucas Ferry Rd  
Athens, AL 35611

##### **WHEN:**

3rd Friday of Every Month

##### **TIME:**

6:30pm—Food/Fellowship

7:29pm—Worship

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## NCEC Board of Directors

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Sharon Keffer, Community Spiritual Director

Daryl Randolph

Jesus Lopez

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Scott Kowerduck

Lloyd Hayes

Tina Cook

Lorie Vital

Jim Bennett

Jennifer Watts

### A Message from Our Community Lay Director

I hope this message finds you all happy and healthy as we embark on what seems like our very first walk. We are now rebounding from the COVID-19 pandemic and a two-year break in our walks, so I would like to remind you of the chorus of the song "God on the Mountain" by Lynda Randle:



*[Chorus] And the God on the mountain is still God in the valley.*

*When things go wrong, He'll make them right.*

*And the God of the good times is still God in the bad times.*

*The God of the day is still God in the night.*

We have been on the mountain over the last 101 walks, but our faith has been tested over the past two years as we have traveled through the valley. But remember that God is with us always and will never leave us nor forsake us. Please be in prayer for the upcoming Emmaus Walks, Chrysalis Flights, and Face to Face Encounters as we relaunch this Spring.

The election for the Board of Directors was completed last fall. Some board members rolled off and a few resigned due to other commitments. Going forward, I would like to welcome Lloyd Hayes, Lorie Vital, and Daryl Randolph (clergy) to the class of 2024. Welcome Aboard! As I welcome the new members to the board, I want to thank those outgoing board members. Thank you to Connie Lovell, Conrad Bonner, Robby Hunt, West Chiles, and Bridget Fox. Thank you for all you have done!

A community wide training event was held February 19, 2022, at Good Shepherd UMC. A large number in our community attended to brush up on their skill sets since it has been almost three years

since our last training event. Thanks to all the trainers that gave of their time and for all that attended to further their knowledge of why we do Emmaus.

And last but not least, if you have not updated and checked your information in Ministry Manager, I encourage you to do so by visiting <https://newcovenantemmaus.com/> and clicking the NCEC Database link at the bottom of the New Covenant Emmaus website. Please verify your information and update it if it is out-of-date or incorrect.

De Colores!

**Jeff Reynolds**

*Community Lay Director*



## **Spiritual Director's Corner**

"How can we picture God's kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It's like an acorn. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge oak tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it." Mark 4: 30-32 MSG

At a recent NCEC training event, I shared some thoughts on seeds and offer a few of them now. In this parable about the kingdom, Jesus shockingly compares the kingdom of God, His righteous reign and rule of the cosmos, to a tiny seed! We consider kingdoms in terms of powers, realms, and rulers, and not in terms of seeds that can be crushed, chewed up, or dried out. At least from our earthly perspective of power, bombs hitting the ground have a much greater impact than seeds.

In another familiar parable, Jesus taught about the effects of rocky soil, thorns, and birds on the fruitfulness of a seed. Yet, despite the perils, each tiny seed has incredible potency--the enormous potential of propagation. A small acorn has the blueprint for an entire massive oak tree that can, in turn, produce more acorns and trees for generations upon generations. Scripture reminds us, "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin." (Zechariah 4:10, NLT)

In this planting season in our community, we each hold kingdom seeds that have the potential to expand God's righteous rule everywhere we go. Pastor Lee Eclov writes, "The Holy Spirit is eager to show us the particular lives and situations in our congregation or community where we are to plant God's righteous reign. We ask where or how, and the Spirit whispers, '*Here, plant one of those wee little seeds here.*' Then we water with our prayers: Thy kingdom come; thy will be done."

De Colores,

**Sharon Keffer**

*Community Spiritual Director*



# Lots of good things are happening!



Scan. Pay. Go.

Now there is a safe and secure way to make donations and pay Pilgrim fees to the New Covenant Emmaus Community. The link is available on the NCEC website, by scanning our QR code on your mobile PayPal app, or simply go to PayPal and send money to [ncectreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ncectreasurer@gmail.com)

Our community wants to stay in contact with our members. If you are a new member of our community or if you are a member who has NOT been receiving emails regarding gatherings and other NCEC news, please send your name and email address to: [webservant@newcovenantemmaus.com](mailto:webservant@newcovenantemmaus.com)



## COVID-19 Precautions

**Reminder:** both pilgrims and team members will share a weekend in close proximity with others. Each person will need to take responsibility for his/her health issues and matters of vulnerability in this type of setting. If experiencing symptoms of illness, please do not come to the camp. Sponsors, please make sure your pilgrims know they will be sharing lots of space and meals with others. This isn't spoiling the special moments; it's being responsible in looking after your pilgrim's needs.

# Upcoming Events Schedule



## Men's Walk #102

April 21 – 24, 2022

Jim Bennett, Lay Director

Weekend Support Coordinator: Tony Kirk

Agape Lead: Pat Littrell

## Women's Walk #103

April 28 – May 1, 2022

Vicki McCurry, Lay Director

Weekend Support Coordinator: David Crouch

Agape Lead: Megan Montgomery Boles

## *Walk Gathering Follow-up Date*

*May 06, 2022*

*Food/Fellowship: 6:30pm*

*Worship: 7:29pm*

*Friendship Church Athens, AL*

## Girl's Chrysalis Flight # 54

May 28–30, 2022

Beth White, Lay Leader

Leigh Ann Morgan, Peer Leader

## Face-to-Face Encounter #6

June 13, 14, 16, & 17, 2022

Beverly Patalas, Lay Director

**ENCOUNTER LOCATION:**

***Randall's Chapel (Scottsboro)***



## Men's Walk #102 - Lay Director

***Greetings from Jim Bennett Lay Director Men's Walk #102***



At this writing we have completed our first two training meetings and are feeling inspired. We have challenges facing us as we get the first Walk started in two years. But the Team is coming together and has a DWIT “*Do Whatever It Takes*” attitude. There are still opportunities to serve through prayer on the 72-Hr. Prayer Vigil. Please send your timeslots to Kay Dotson at [kdkdotson@gmail.com](mailto:kdkdotson@gmail.com). Our final training is on April 9th at Good Shepherd UMC in Madison, Alabama. Please join us for our first Emmaus send off in two years as we restart our NCEC Walks on Thursday evening April 21st at 6:30 pm at Crystal Springs Camp. Candlelight will be on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 pm and closing is on Sunday afternoon April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

***De Colores!***

**Jim Bennett**

## Women's Walk #103 - Lay Director



***Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ! Finally!*** There are no words to express the joy and excitement the team for Walk 103 feels that we are a GO for April 28 – May 1! We currently have twenty-nine confirmed pilgrims and no waiting list. The deadline for application is April 20 so you still have time!

Thank you to all who have said YES to serve! As it says in 1st Timothy 1:12, “I thank Jesus Christ our Lord, who has given you strength, that he considered you faithful, appointing you to his service”. Some of you have been on the Walk 103 journey for over two years and despite the starts and stops, you are still pushing forward so that we may bring the pilgrims of Walk 103 closer to Jesus. What a blessing it will be to stand together at send off and say that with the help of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we made it!

Please be in prayer for the teams and pilgrims of Walk 102 and 103!

**De Colores and Much Love,**

***Vicki McCurry***

Lay Director Walk 103



## An Experience in the Emmaus Tradition For 60 and Older

**Face-to-Face** is designed and developed by the Upper Room. It is designed to challenge and equip Pilgrims for Christian Action. This short course in Christianity will help Pilgrims to become more effective disciples of Jesus Christ and actively engage in God's mission in the world.

This program is for persons 60 and older who have never been on a Walk to Emmaus. It was developed for this age group because their health risks and energy levels require a longer schedule with shorter sessions. It is tailored to meet senior men and women on their terms. Men and women will be together in the conference room.

The eight sessions will offer 15 talks about God's love and grace. The sessions will offer exciting and hospitable opportunities for Christian learning. There will be tasty refreshments, lots of laughs, surprising personal encounters, and spiritual experiences. There will be worship, communion, singing, joking with one another, and simply experiencing an avalanche of God's grace and love.



### Thoughts from the Face-to-Face Lay Director

I want to express my heart felt “thank you” to our community for the privilege of serving as your Lay Director for NCEC Face to Face Encounter #6 which will be held June 13, 14, 16, and 17, 2022 at Randall’s Chapel in Scottsboro. This is only 2 years after it was first scheduled for the summer of 2020!

Wow! How the world has changed! I think about this often and start to get a little anxious, but before I’m able to get too deep in my worry, my Heavenly Father gives me a quick check in my spirit and I hear Him say, “Be still Bev., and know that I am God.” He lets me know that it is His plan and that I should just relax in Him and enjoy the ride. I’ve come to realize that this Encounter will happen in His time and **that** is never a second too soon, or a second too late, but always perfect!

Thank you to those of you who have said “yes” to serving on Encounter #6. You all have richly blessed me through this wonderful instrument called Emmaus, and I know you will bless the pilgrims. It has been a powerful experience for me to see God’s hand at work during this journey. Where I have been weak, He has been strong. I know He continues to work, even as I write this.

I am asking you to continue praying for the pilgrims of Encounter #6, the servants of Encounter #6, those preparing talks, and for me as I seek to serve Him. Please don’t forget to sponsor and please come to Candlelight (Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a.m.) and Closing (Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at

2pm)! I'm ready to see how our Lord works on this Encounter because we all know He ALWAYS does amazing things.

**Love In Christ,**

*Beverly Patalas*

*Lay Director Encounter #6*

***“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” Psalm 27:13-14***



## **News from the Butterfly Front**

Hello NCEC Community,

New Covenant Chrysalis is so excited for the things to come this Spring. We are kicking off a new version of Chrysalis. Our Lay Director is now called a Lay Leader. We have also added a Peer Leader who is a youth that works alongside the Lay Leader to lead the flight. Our fun will all begin with our Girl's Flight #54 May 28-30, 2022, led by the Holy Spirit, Beth White- Lay Leader, Leigh Ann Morgan- Peer Leader, and Richard Morgan- Spiritual Leader. The ages for Chrysalis have been changed to Grades which are 8th-12th. Please help us have a full flight by sponsoring girls who are in these grades.

Chrysalis is such a great opportunity for the youth of our time. Imagine having Young People who are willing to step up in leadership and serve within our churches, missions, as well as inside our schools. This is exactly what Chrysalis does...it grows Christian leadership.

The fun will continue in the Fall with a Boy's Flight #55 September 3-5, 2022. The Boy's Flight will be Led by the Holy Spirit, Pete Lawrence- Lay Leader, and Calan Smith- Peer Leader.

**DeColores and Fly with Christ,**

*Beth White, Flight 54 Lay Leader*

*& The New Covenant Chrysalis Board*





## Kairos Update

North Alabama Prisons have been locked down since March 2020. In February of 2021, Decatur Work Release now called North Alabama Community Work Center (NACWC) was the only facility to open. It was open for 11 months before it had to shut down again because of a Tuberculosis outbreak. NACWC was locked down for 12 weeks and is now open again for Kairos and Church Volunteers.

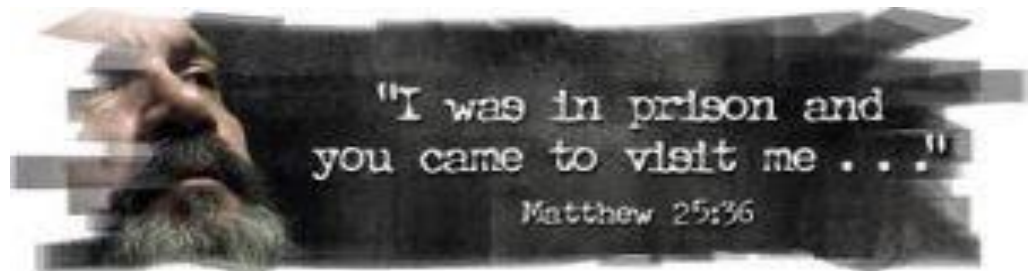
Kairos is in the process of planning a *Kairos Outside* in October 2022. If anyone is interested in being a part of this weekend, please contact me by text at 603-714-9664 or email at [jesusmlopez22@yahoo.com](mailto:jesusmlopez22@yahoo.com)

No other prison facilities are open for Kairos at this time.

*De Colores,*

**Jesus Lopez**

*Kairos Liaison*



# NCEC Database

**???DOES NEW COVENANT HAVE YOUR INFORMATION CORRECT???**

MINISTRY MANAGER IS THE DATABASE FOR NCEC!

Below are simple steps to use Ministry Manager. ·

- Go to: <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org/>
- Sign Up by: creating your account using your email and a password.
- Log In

· Your options are on your home page. Below is information on these options.



**HOME MEMBERS COMMUNITIES CHURCHES EVENTS**

## HOME PAGE:

- Welcome your name
- Calendar of NCEC events
- Scroll down to find a place to sign up for prayer vigils

## MEMBERS:

- Type in **your name** in the “existing member” and hit search. (You may have to scroll down a little to see the search results)
- Click on your name to go to your profile. Scroll down this page to check if your personal information is correct. Add a profile picture.
- Your profile page has a slide bar with the following items to check on: Profile, Background Check, Communities, Church, Events, Sponsor, Emergency Contact, Notes, My prayer times, Email preference and Activities.
- Existing members is where you search for all Community members.
- **NOTE:** The phone number of 555-555-5555 has been placed in all vacant phone number by UR. **ALL blanks** must be filled for the database to work. If wrong correct your personal phone number, please. This is the number that you want to be contacted to work on walks. It can be your cell phone for all three blanks.
- **NOTE:** If the database administrator did not have your birthdate, one was entered for you. You may correct it if you desire.

## COMMUNITY:

1. Scroll down, click on New Covenant Emmaus
2. Scroll down to find a slide bar for information.
3. Click on walks, here you will find the team list for NCEC walks.
4. There is also a **prayer vigil** button on this page as well. Feel free to sign up for each walk.

## TIPS:

1. Always scroll down on the pages of this database. Most of the time the information that you need will be in the middle of the page.
2. Use the slide bars for more information.
3. Your experience is listed on the slide bar on your profile page under activities and events.
4. If you cannot correct your information yourself, please email Kay Hannah at [grannyk721@gmail.com](mailto:grannyk721@gmail.com). She can help you or input your data for you. If you are from another community and are working a NCEC walk, we will need your information to be entered into this database.
5. Print this page and place by your computer.



## **SPONSORSHIP...**

### *The Most Important Job of All*

***Sponsorship is the foundation of a healthy, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose - the development of Christian leaders to strengthen our local churches.***

A “sponsor” is one who takes responsibility for another. The suffix “ship” refers to the skill involved in the activity. Sponsorship is the skill of taking responsibility for another. First and foremost, it requires prayer. Sponsorship is a dynamic partnership between you and God. It will also require your time, energy and dedication.

The sponsorship process begins with prayer. Commit the process to God and rely upon Him to direct you to the individual or couple. You must be open and available to allow God to work through you.

It is important to remember that not everyone is an appropriate sponsor choice. A person with beliefs about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit that differ from the traditional Christian belief of the Holy Trinity would not be a good sponsor choice. The walk is designed to bring together the body of Christ and controversy over doctrine can lead to divisiveness during the walk. Persons in the middle of an emotional crisis, such as a family breakup or severe grief, or that are psychologically unstable, also should not be considered. Pray for guidance when these circumstances appear to be present.

Those to consider for sponsorship include individuals and couples that are willing to grow and move forward in their journey of faith. They know that God can and has made a difference in their lives and they exhibit an excitement about being a Christian. Another example of those to consider for sponsorship are those that are already leaders in their church, including clergy - those that receive joy from serving God in the little ways and willingly do whatever is asked of them.

This is not a quick and easy process and should not be taken lightly. It may take a long time before you have a response from God about who you should sponsor. Don't be discouraged. God's timing is always perfect.

The aim of sponsorship is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who will bring new life and vision to the church, congregation, home, workplace, and community - to build up the body of Christ.

To sponsor someone for a walk, flight, or encounter, look under the

**SPONSORSHIP** tab on our community website.

[www.newcovenantemmaus.com](http://www.newcovenantemmaus.com)



## WILLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

If it has been a while since you've been invited to serve on a Walk, or if you have yet to be invited to serve, please be sure you have filled out and submitted a volunteer form.

Visit our website to fill out a form.

[www.newcovenantemmaus.com](http://www.newcovenantemmaus.com)

*(Forms are located under the VOLUNTEER tab.)*

If you have already done so, and still have not been invited to serve, please let the Registrar or any Board member know of your interest. We would love to have you join us in serving on an upcoming Walk.

## Fortifying Fourth Days

***Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them.  
Matthew 18:20***

We would love to help you get connected to an existing group or help you form a new reunion group. The Emmaus group reunion is a small accountability group of two to six persons who have usually participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus and who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action.

Group reunions meet at regular times, usually weekly for an hour. The meeting consists of persons' sharing the stories of their walk with Christ during the past week. Members listen to one another, celebrate the grace of God in each person's life, and reinforce each one's core commitment to living in union with Christ in all facets of daily life. Members express that reinforcement through gentle accountability, encouragement, and support of one's stated discipline and plans.

To get connected, email [NCECReunionGroup@gmail.com](mailto:NCECReunionGroup@gmail.com) or the POC in the following list.



## NCEC Reunion Groups

Name	Point of Contact	Location
AHA SISTERHOOD (Women)	Robbie Walls, 256-656-4949 Robbielynn153@yahoo.com	South Huntsville
CandleGlow (Women)	Sheri Richardson 256-777-5872 sheridr10@gmail.com	Harvest
D By J	Sharon Keffer, 256-656-4522 pastorsharonkeffer@gmail.com	Virtual
Espresso Yourself (Women)	Debra Snyder	Scottsboro
Fourth Day Way (Mixed)	Mary Patterson 256-558-7278 patt4us@yahoo.com Doug Kirk 256-541-7470 dougkirk10@mail.com	Grant
Full Circle (Men)	Bruce Parris (256) 325-6082, bruce.gameon@yahoo.com	Virtual
G Girls (Women)	Connie Watkins, 256-679-6727 connieraewatkins@gmail.com	Cullman
Gilligan's Island (Men)		Madison
Journey with Jesus (Women)	Beverly Heddens or Kim Lankford	Harvest/Madison
JOY (Women)	Annette Strickland 256-233-3601	Athens
Lunch In the Park (Mixed)	Jack Lawrence (256) 830-6830, jkplawrence@bellsouth.net	Huntsville
Morning Glories (Women)	Tina Cook, 256-998-2043 transformed2011@outlook.com	Athens
Ragamuffins (Mixed)	Kay Dotson (931) 242-1957, kdkdotson@gmail.com	Loretto TN
Redeemed (Women)	Robbi Montgomery 256-682-1478 rmontgomery331@gmail.com	Hazel Green
Redstone (Men)		Redstone Arsenal
Renaissance (Mixed)	Keith Lewis (256) 762-9050 keithdlewis2384@yahoo.com	Florence
Resurrection Rejoicing (Women)	Teresa Martin (256) 498-3162	Somerville
Running The Show	Steve Williams, 256-206-5416	Athens
Sassy Sisters (Women)	Debbie Reese, 256-599-8887 rareese2000@yahoo.com	Langston AL
See You at the Crossroads (Men)	Cody Gilliam revcbgilliam85@gmail.com	Owens Crossroads



Soaring Sisters (Women)	Kimberly Henderson (256) 710-9736, timberlandranch@gmail.com	Athens
Son Shine	JoAnn Clem, 256-682-2446 joannfclem@att.net	Huntsville
SOS: SIsTers of Serenity (Women)	Vicki McCurry, 256-603-4001 vickimccurry@gmail.com	Huntsville
Southern Girls 4 Him (Women)	Beverly Patalas 256-609-5401	Scottsboro
Thursday Morning Men's Group	Harry Richardson?	Harvest/Madison
Tuesday Morning Men's Group	John Beatty (256) 729-1311, johnbeatty55@gmail.com	Athens
Unnamed	West Chiles, 931-607-7514	Pulaski TN
We Are Family (Women)	Cindy Glover (931) 363-3233 cindyglover@gmail.com	Pulaski TN
Women of Grace	Jeana Kowderuck	Huntsville
You Get a Line, I'll Get a Pole (Mixed Group)	Kelly Watts (256) 652-6734, kellyduffie@aol.com	South Huntsville Area
Zero Dark Thirty	Gary Liederbach 256-302-3785	Huntsville



## 72-Hour Prayer Tips

Often when passing around the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil for an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight we hear, "I can't pray for a whole half-hour." You'd be surprised how fast that half-hour can go!

Following are some tips to help you focus your prayers during your commitment time. Use this as a guide but don't limit your prayer time to just these tips. Begin by scanning the list and marking those items that touch you the most. These are the prayer points that the Spirit has led you too. Don't feel pressured to pray the whole list; trust that God will lead others to pray, and He will cover all the points on the list (and more). As you begin to pray for the items you marked, pause at each one and ask God what He would have you specifically pray about that point. When you can think of no more then move to the next item. If you should finish your list before your time is up, then go back and pray about the ones you did not mark. You may want to make these "bullet" prayers as you read down the list. You'll be amazed at how long you can actually pray when you commit yourself to giving the time! At the end you'll find that you were a blessing to others and received a great blessing yourself as well.

**Pray for the Pilgrims/Caterpillars:**

- Pray for them individually if you know their names or as a group.
- Pray that walls would come down and hearts would be opened to understand the depth, the height, the breadth, and width of God's love for them.
- Pray that each participant would receive a personal touch from God during his or her journey.
- Pray for the participants to be able to leave the world behind and give themselves to the weekend.
- Pray for the families of the participants.
- Pray protection for the participants as they leave the weekend behind and face the world again.
- Pray that they will carry the weekend with them into their world.

**Pray for the Team Members:**

- Pray for them individually if you know their names or as a group: Meal Service, Logistics, Conference Room, Agape, Worship, Events, etc.
- Pray that each team member would serve with humility and grace.
- Pray that each team member would receive a renewed touch from God as they see the weekend through the eyes of those experiencing it for the first time.
- Pray for the specific duties of teams that you may have participated in working with before. No one knows how hard it is or what could go wrong better than those who have experienced it!
- Pray for protection and strength.
- Pray that grace would abound when hiccups occur...and they always occur.

**Pray for Defining Moments:**

- Think back to your walk/flight and those events that meant the most to you...your *defining moment*. Allow God to take you back to that time.
- Pray for each participant out of the heart of this memory.
- Pray for the little moments that no one thinks gets noticed but might mean the world to someone else.
- Pray for the weekend.
- Pray that God is glorified by His will and ways being done.

- Pray for protection over the weekend, the grounds, and the people.
- Pray for the community as they gather to support special events.
- Pray that God's Spirit and Truth would abound.

✚ *Pray the Lord's Prayer and think about how you could specifically apply moments of the weekend to it. Example: "...daily bread" Pray that the Bread of Life be broken and received with each talk.*

✚ *Pray about the moments of Communion /Lord's Supper. Pray for mealtimes and snack times. Pray that when it is over everyone involved will be able to say, "I came looking for Jesus and found Him here."*

## Online Resources

**Bible Gateway** - <https://biblegateway.com> - Many translations, plus daily reading plans and other resources

**Daily Hope with Rick Warren** - <http://pastorrick.com> - Daily devotional and other resources

**First 5** - <http://first5.org> - Apps and other resources for personal and group Bible study. Geared toward women, but all can benefit.

**Turning Point with David Jeremiah** - <http://www.davidjeremiah.org> - Daily devotional and other resources

**Desiring God - John Piper** - <http://www.desiringgod.org> - Articles, sermons, free e-books and more

**Upper Room Devotional** - <http://devotional.upperroom.org> - Daily devotional from the organization that sponsors Walk to Emmaus

**Insight for Living Devotional - Chuck Swindoll** - <https://www.insight.org> - Daily devotional and many other resources

**Our Daily Bread** - <https://odb.org> - Daily devotional and other resources

**Christian Classics Ethereal Library** - <https://www.ccel.org> - "The mission of the Christian Classics Ethereal Library (CCEL) is to build up the church by making classic



Christian literature widely available and promoting its use for edification and study by interested Christians, seekers and scholars.”

**The Bible Project** - <http://thebibleproject.com> - An excellent source for short animated videos on every book of the Bible, themes and word studies

**Bible Broadcasting Network** - <http://www.bbnradio.org> - Many resources, including a free "Bible Institute" with many courses available. Somewhat antiquated website, but worth looking into for the content.

**A Word with You - Ron Hutchcraft** - <https://hutchcraft.com> - Daily inspirational messages and other resources

**All Worship - Free Christian Music** - <http://www.allworship.com> - Christian music online and apps, devotions and other resources

**Walk in the Word with James MacDonald** - <http://jamesmacdonald.com> - Daily devotions, various resources

**Seedbed - Daily Devotional** - [www.seedbed.com](http://www.seedbed.com) - Daily devotional and many other resources

**Bible.com** - <https://www.bible.com> - Bible online, apps, reading plans and other resources

**Days of Praise** - <http://www.icr.org> - Daily devotional and many other resources

**Christian History Magazine** - <https://www.christianhistoryinstitute.org> - Excellent resource for learning about the history of Christianity, various denominations and important historical figures in the life of the Church. Back issues available online.

**Christianity Today** (monthly magazine) - <http://www.christianitytoday.org> - "Since 1956, Christianity Today has challenged the church with real-world content that is timely, compelling, insightful, balanced - and biblical."

**World** (biweekly news magazine) - <https://world.wng.org> - News presented from a conservative, evangelical perspective. Insightful commentary in each issue.

***\*\*Please note that while the websites listed above were suggested by members of the New Covenant community, their inclusion here does not imply endorsement by the New Covenant Emmaus Board of Directors or the Upper Room Ministries.***



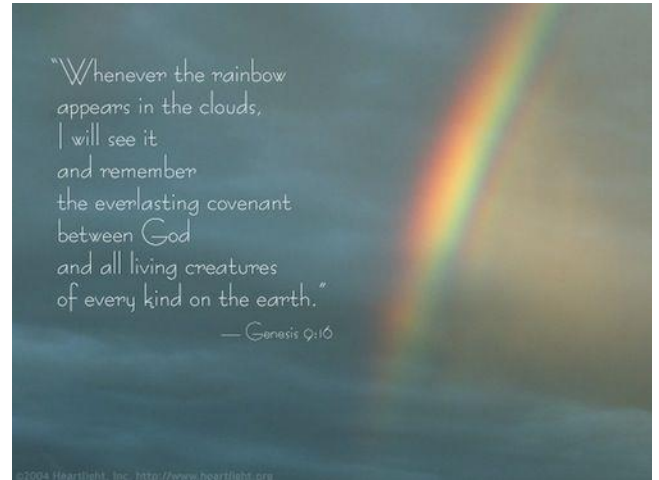
## From the Archives

### *The Rainbow: A Covenant from God*

#### Covenant of God

When we see the rainbow, we can always remember the covenant that God gave us to never flood the Earth again. This came after God destroyed the Earth by flooding it. God had Noah build an ark and had animals and his family get on it. Then it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Several times in Genesis 9, the rainbow is described as a sign for us. A covenant is a promise that will never be broken.

We can be assured that God never changes. God will not go back on His promises. Once God declares something, it is so. It won't change. So, this covenant not to flood the whole earth will never happen again. **Note: The WHOLE Earth!**

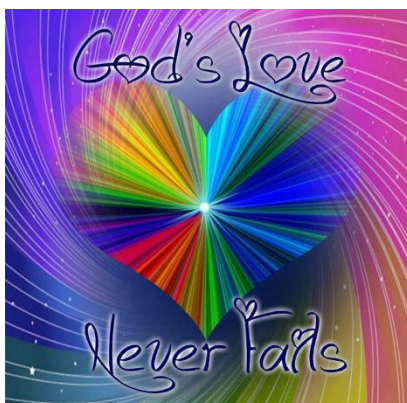


#### Likeness of the Glory of God

Ezekiel 1:28 tells us that the appearance of a rainbow on a rainy day so is the likeness of the appearance of the glory of the Lord to us. Rainbows can be seen all over the world. Seeing a rainbow represents assurance that God is all over the world and always with us. *God is everywhere.*

#### Rainbows in the Revelation

There is even mention of rainbows in the Book of Revelation. In Revelation 4:3, it states that a rainbow looked like an emerald. It surrounded the throne. Also in Revelation 10:1 we read, "**Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven**, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire."



#### A Reflection

A rainbow is a multicolored arc made by the reflection of sunlight on water. It gives off a spectrum of color. As Christians, we see a rainbow as the reflection of God. Maybe we could also see all the colors as the people of the world. All of us are people that God loves.