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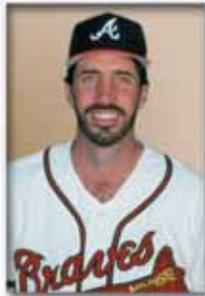
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**Relive some of your favorite Braves memories
 . . . say thanks, hear stories, see hearts!**

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WWE and Friends Travel to Greece and Israel

"My faith was strengthened as I saw the land, the Bible and history all come together." • "Each and every day was a continual blessing." • "It was incredible to be where Jesus walked." • "The experience made me hungry to dive deeper into His Word." • "Life changing...I'll never forget it."



Comments like these were heard from more than a few of those who joined WWE on their recent pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey and Israel. From May 24-May 30 our group rushed through the crowded streets of Athens, then cruised to such islands as Rhodes and Patmos, and docked in

Turkey to visit the ancient city of Ephesus. Upon our return, we walked the ancient streets of Corinth and climbed in the shadow of the Acropolis and the Parthenon to Mars Hill to be reminded of the sermon recorded in Acts 17 that Paul delivered there 2000 years ago. The group who experienced the Greek/Turkey portion of the pilgrimage paused for the picture in front of the ancient library in Ephesus.

The other group is pictured with the famed Wailing Wall in Jerusalem in the background. This group of WWE friends traveled from May 31 - June 7 through the land of Israel. From the streets of Jerusalem to the waters of the Sea of Galilee, this group encountered God and the people of God at every turn. They saw where Gideon chose his small army, where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, where Peter met Cornelius, and where Paul was imprisoned. They took communion together where Jesus was crucified, buried and rose again. At every turn there was a reminder of the Lord and His involvement in the lives of men and women to carry out His plans. No wonder someone said "Life changing... I'll never forget it."



It is our hope that someday you will be able to travel with us and experience what these friends experienced. *Be watching for the next opportunity to travel with WWE to these special places.*

Jo Shippen Heads Up WWE Board



Pictured here is the outgoing WWE board chairman Eveline Butler (right) passing the gavel to the new chairman, Jo Shippen. Jo is a native of Union, SC and a graduate of Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. She and her husband Ben reside in Atlanta and have three children and four grandchildren. Jo is a former Spanish teacher, was the regional director for a cosmetic company, and has been teaching Sunday

School for many years. She has been an instrumental figure volunteering on behalf of many Christian organizations. WWE has been fortunate to have her as a board member since 2003 and will benefit greatly as she brings dedication and insight to her new role as board chair.

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The Wit & Wisdumb of Walt Wiley

There we were, it was just her and me (or is it she and I?). It was 5:45AM and I couldn't tell which one of us was more tired. According to her Israeli government issued namebadge she was Ellana. According to my WWE issued namebadge I was Walt Wiley. I had just had a fabulous time visiting her country with 54 friends but I was exhausted and couldn't wait to get home. The way I had it figured she was all that stood between me and my departure gate.

Without the trace of a smile she gave me a short nod when it was my turn to approach her. I stepped forward, nodded to her and placed my passport through the slot in the glass of her little booth. She opened it, turned to the page she was seeking and studied it. Then she looked up at me through the glass that separated us, then down again at the document, again up at me and then again down to the papers before her. Next she scanned it through a devise. Carefully she read what the scanner was telling her. Throughout all of this I just stood there hoping there were no problems.

What is she looking at, what is she looking for, and why was it taking so long? I was thinking, "Come on, lady, use the stamp that is sitting right there, stamp my passport and I will be on my way; you don't even have to tell me to have a nice day or anything else." Anyhow, none of this was happening fast enough for me. While waiting it dawned on me that in this situation she was in control, she had all the power, she had hand. My job was to be quiet, stand there and look innocent. I guess if she wanted to she could call in a Mosad official or even the IDF for heaven's sake to delay me or interrogate me. I had little say in the whole situation. Whether I would make my flight was entirely up to her. And while thoughts like these were going through my mind, Ellana took the stamp I referred to, stamped my passport, handed it to me with a smile and even wished me a good day. Relieved, I hurried off to join my friends at gate D1.

Later as I thought about what I had just gone through at passport control, I was reminded of a future "no doubt about it" event that all of us will face. The Bible states that one day each and every one of us will stand before God. When that happens I guess we will just stand there and wait as a certain book is opened and perused. Names recorded in this book will determine who inherits eternal life with God and who receives everlasting punishment. Such a foretold event could create a lot of pressure, far more nerve-racking than what I experienced with Ellana.

When that happens I probably won't be as bothered as much as I was when I stood before Ellana. Know why? It is not because I am such a wonderful, innocent person. It's not because I am such a perfect human being. It is because of what Christ did for me. When I was still a sinner He died for me. I reached out to Him as a young teen and asked Him into my heart, and because of that (on the authority of His Word) my name was recorded in that book. I know that for a fact, and as a result I can—because of Him—stand confidently before my God.

How about you? Are you confident your name is in that book? Will you nervously stand before Him hoping everything is okay, or have you acknowledged what He did in your place, asked Him for forgiveness and entered into a relationship with Him? If you have you too can relax on that day when you stand before the One who has a lot more control than Ellana.

What's Happened Recently

FEBRUARY



❶ The Look of the Leader was presented by David Hodge to corporate leaders of Robert Harris Homes of Marietta GA.

❷ Walt Wiley spoke at a men's retreat hosted by Mountain Brook Community Church in Birmingham AL. Walt poses with Pastor Tim Kallam (left) and Associate Pastor Kevin Delaney (right).

❸ Jim Walker of Ministries For Chaplains represents WWE to U.S. military chaplains. Jim is pictured with David during an Army Sr. Leadership Retreat in Hilton Head SC.

❹ On a break from teaching *The Look of the Leader*, David visits Medieval Times in Anaheim CA with a group of Salvation Army officers, most of whom feel comfortable wearing goofy paper crowns.

❺ Walt participated in the Christian Financial Planners Network Conference in Dallas TX. (Left is CFPN President Ron Blue with Tony Stinson.)

❻ Walt & Patti spoke on marriage at Bethany UMC in Allentown PA. Here they are with Dave Justice, Director of Local Outreach & Family Ministries.

❼ Walt spoke at the Hernado Christian School Banquet. Pictured (l-r) are School Superintendent David Holtzhouse and the Director of Advancement, Frank Basciano.

❽ The leadership team of the Evans Service Company of Elmira NY is pictured with David during a break from a training entitled *The Empowering Leader*.

APRIL

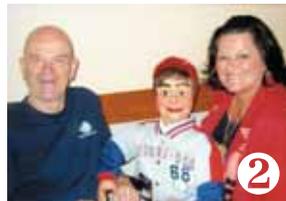
❶ Walt spoke in Pickwick TN at a conference hosted by John Bramlett Ministries. Walt & Patti pose with John (the Bull) Bramlett. ❷ While at Pickwick Walt shared the stage with Geraldine and Ricky. See if you can find the dummy.

❸ It was Walt's privilege to lead a study for members of the Charlotte Eagles Soccer Team.

❹ While in Alexandria MN, Walt spoke in three venues. George and Bonnie Sheets made it all happen.

❺ Walt shared with members of the office staff of the Charlotte Checkers Hockey Team. Third from left is team chaplain, Tim Donelli.

❻ Walt taught *How to Encourage* at Grandview Park Baptist School & Church in Des Moines IA. Pastor Robert Smith and wife Ronette (left) and School Administrator Dick McWilliams and wife Nita.



MAY



❶ While on a dinner break from teaching *The Encouragement Seminar*, David attended the "Pirates Adventure" with some Salvation Army Officers in Anaheim CA. The next day, David advised an attendee, "Brave be ye, for certain, but arrr ye willin' ta die fer that last donut!"

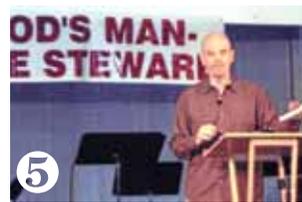
❷ Walt & Patti led a marriage seminar at the Ocean City Tabernacle (NJ) at the invitation of President Dr. Richard Stanislaw.

❸ Liberty Baptist Church in Riverdale GA hosted a marriage seminar led by David. Here are some of the couples who attended including Pastor Randy Wood (center) and his wife Bev.

What's Happening Next



MARCH



1 David led another session of *The Encouragement Seminar* for some of the staff of Southwest Christian Care (a hospice and respite center for medically fragile children) in Union City GA.

2 Mike Peavy, Associate Pastor of Bethlehem (GA) First Baptist Church, is pictured with David during a break from *The Look of the Leader*.

3 *Leaving A Legacy* was David's topic for The Salvation Army officers of the Northeast Ohio Division. The seminar took place on the campus of Ashland University.

4 Warm Beach Christian Camp Director Ed McDowell (right) poses with Patrick Patterson, Director of Administration.

5 Walt is sharing at the Men's Advance at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood WA.

6 In Raleigh NC, David presents *The Empowering Leader* to the leadership team of CFE, Inc.

7 Walt talked about *How to Encourage* at the Ohio River Valley Region Administration Conference for ACSI. Pictured are some of the administrators.

8 At the headquarters of World Relief in Baltimore MD, David presented *Building a Results Oriented Team* for the marketing and development teams. On the back row (4th from left) is Jan Kary, Senior VP at World Relief and a dear friend to WWE.

9 Walt was privileged to speak on the campus of LeTourneau University in Longview TX. Here he is with Brent Ellis, Director of the Center for Development. 10 While at LeTourneau Walt "worked out" with some of the students.

11 Pictured with Walt is Rick Pucci, School Administrator at Park Avenue Christian School in Titusville FL, where WWE was privileged to minister.



4 Walt & Patti taught a marriage seminar at Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church in Boyertown PA. Here they are with Al Giles, Associate Pastor and host.

5 It was Walt's privilege to speak at the ATI conference hosted by Institute of Basic Life Principles in Big Sandy TX. Walt is standing with Dr. Bill Gothard, President of IBLP.

6 While in Big Sandy Walt shared with a group of teens. Walt and Dr. Gothard pose with some of them.

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
Jul 8-15	Tuscarora Christian Conference Center, Mt. Bethel PA	GEN	WW
Jul 13-17	Dallas 1 Construction Tampa FL	HTE	DH
Jul 21-23	PAO Coaches Time Out Detroit MI	GEN	WW
Jul 26-27	Sandy Cove Conference Ctr Northeast, MD	GEN	WW
Jul 26	Southern Tier Bible Conf. Binghamton NY	GEN	DH
Jul 27	Evans Service Company Elmira NY	CON	DH
Aug 6-11	Rumney Bible Conference Rumney NH	GEN	WW
Aug 7-9	Rumney Bible Conference - Pastors Conference Rumney NH	LofL	W/D
Aug 10	Davidson Academy Nashville TN	PZ	DH
Aug 18	Church at Charlotte TotTime Teachers Charlotte NC	GEN	WW
Aug 19	Dallas 1 Construction Tampa FL	HTE	DH
Aug 20	Ocean City Tabernacle, Ocean City NJ	GEN	WW
Sept 9	SAFE AT THE PLATE Atlanta GA		
Sept 15-16	Salvation Army, Sacramento CA	ENC	DH
Sept 15-19	Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church Helena MT	ENC/LofL	WW
Sept 21	Detroit Rescue Mission Detroit MI	LofL	WW
Sept 22-23	Rockpointe Community Ch. Sterling Heights MI	MAR	WW
Oct 1-5	FCCI Int'l Conference Huntington Beach CA	GEN	WW
Oct 9-11	Tuscarora Christian Conf Prime Timers Mt. Bethel PA	LEG	DH
Oct 12-13	ORUEF Teachers Conference Charlotte NC	LofL	W/D
Oct 18-20	Evans Service Co. Elmira NY	GEN	DH
Oct 20-22	First Bible Church Decatur AL	GEN/MAR	W/P
Oct 23	Bellmere Bible Study Duluth GA	GEN	WW
Oct 27-29	Eastside Baptist Church (men's retreat & Sun) Marietta GA	GEN/LofL	WW
Oct 28	Branford Evangelical Free Ch Branford CT	LEG	DH
Oct 30	Bellmere Bible Study Duluth GA	GEN	WW

EVENTS KEY:
 ENC = The Encouragement Seminar
 CON = Consulting
 GEN = General
 HTE = How to Encourage
 LofL = The Look of the Leader
 MAR = Marriage Seminar
 PZ = Solving the People Puzzle

SPEAKERS:
 DH = David Hodge
 W/D = Walt & David
 W/P = Walt & Patti
 WW = Walt Wiley

Review more of WWE's schedule at www.wweministries.org