



Candlelight



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"But will God indeed dwell on earth? Even heaven and even the highest heaven cannot contain You, much less this house that I have built!"

1 Kings 8:27 (NRSV)

Now here is the big question for us as sisters and brothers involved Emmaus: Does God really dwell on earth? There are thousands of the hungry, the poor, the hurting, the troubled, the searching, and the dying asking this question every day; and how do we respond. We are the ones who are charged to proclaim the joyful Good News of God's Son, our Savior, Lord, and Master, Jesus Christ! Yes! God really does dwell on earth! In his Gospel the apostle John said, "For God so loved the world" (John 3:16a), that God sent Jesus to dwell with us. Now we are the church, the Body of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world, called to continue the work of making this Good News known.

I am reminded of the legend of the missionary who was lost at sea, and was by chance washed up out of the sea on the edge of a remote native village. Half dead from starvation, exposure, and sea water, he was found by the people of the village, nursed back to full health, and lived among these people for 20 years. During the whole of that time, he confessed no faith, uttered no sacred or praise songs, and preached no sermons. He neither read nor recited any Scripture, and made no personal faith claim, but when people were sick, he attended to them, sitting long into the night. When people were hungry, he gave them food. When people were lonely, he was a source of company. He taught the ignorant. He was a source of enlightenment to those who were more knowledgeable. He always took the side of those who had been wronged. There was not a single human condition with which he did not identify.

After 20 years had passed, missionaries came from the sea to the village and began talking to the people about a man called Jesus, and after hearing of Jesus, the natives insisted that He had lived among them for the past 20 years. They said to the missionaries, "Come, we will introduce you to the man about whom you have been speaking". The missionaries were led to a hut, and there they found their long lost fellow missionary whom they had thought dead. Because of the way I live my day four and beyond, I wonder if anyone would ever mistake me for Jesus.

"Do not merely listen to the Word...do what it says. "

James 1:22 (NIV)



Sponsorship Training

Praise God for all his work during the 2018 Walk to Emmaus! He used many members of the community to sponsor pilgrims who are now the newest members of the community. While this is an easy task for God, we seemed to struggle in identifying candidates for the walk in our local churches. Because of the difficulty the community experienced in the sponsorship process, the Board of Directors has determined we need to integrate sponsorship training into future community events.

Everyone one will not be able to attend Candlelight, or a community gathering, so we have posted a sponsorship guidelines document on the community website at nashvilleemmaus.org/downloads. The document is a simple two-page list of things to think about and do in order to understand the tasks to complete for sponsorship. Checkout that document as you are developing your sponsorship tasks in the future.

When you decide you want to sponsor, consider these few points BEFORE you begin. The purpose of sponsorship is to Build up the Body of Christ.

In that context, sponsorship is:

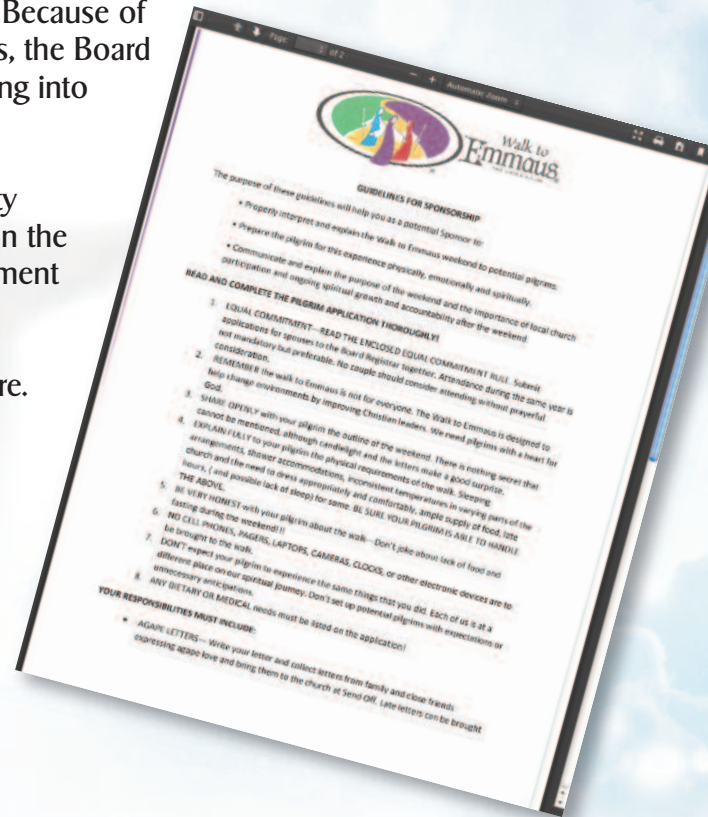
- Committing to invite, guide & support
- Representing God working person to person
- Recruiting strong church leaders
- Creating a healthy Emmaus/Chrysalis community

Purposeful sponsorship is:

- Church leaders
- Dependable church members
- Less active members
- Christians seeking a deeper relationship with God
- A cross section of the church
- Respected laypersons and clergypersons
- Members of diverse congregations, denominations, and ethnic groups
- Youth who are not part of the church but show a desire to meet Christ and to grow spiritually.

It is very important to remember that Emmaus and Chrysalis are right for many people, but they are not for everyone. So pray, pray, and pray some more, because wise sponsorship is purposeful and prayerful, unwise sponsorship is haphazard and undiscerning. Let us all prayerfully approach sponsorship and build on the great work that has been done during these most recent walks.

DeColores,
Steve Zuercher
Walk 142, Table of Mark





Welcome to Nashville Emmaus

Please be in Prayer for our newest member
of the Nashville Emmaus Community as
they are enjoying their 4th Day.

Pilgrims Walk 197

Allen Cox
Ben Hall
Bob Dixon
Brock Hetherington
Chuck Nixon
Dale Rominger
Dave Sokol
Dustin Kelley
Ed Long
Frank List
H. Brandon Whitehead
Jack Donnell
Jeremiah Tibbs
Jimmy Armistead
Keith Smith
Marc Sleenhof
Mark Riddle
Mike Harrison
Mike Walls
Randy Queen
Ron Graham
TJ Theodore
Toni Jenkins

Barbara Rollins
Betsy Hay
Betty Evett
Betty Venczel
Cara Jones
Carol Wallace
Carolyn Monroe
Cathie Buckner
Christy Tibbs
Crystal Graham
Darlene Stark
Jan Dixon
Jennifer Queen
Judy Hennessy
Kate Stewart
Kelly Wiley
Kim Honey
Kitty Sokol
Linda Elsner
Linda Schmidt
Lindsay Lockett
Lisa Coates
Lori Hetherington
Louise Howard
Mary Blair
Page Durham
Paula Barnes
Sandra Simms
Sue Bryant
Stacie Carney
Susan Austin
Susan Cunningham
Tammy Beasley
Tanya Johnson
Teresa Harrison
Vanessa Price



Nashville Emmaus Calender

Emmaus Walks 2019

- Men's Walk # 199, March 21 - March 24, 2019
- Women's Walk # 200, April 4 - April 7, 2019

Walks are held at: Hermitage UMC, 205 Belinda Dr, Nashville, TN 37076

Send Off - Thursday

7:00 pm Registration and Reception in Gym

8:00 pm Sponsor's Hour in Sanctuary

Candlelight - Saturday - 8:15 pm

Closing - Sunday - 4:30 pm

Fourth Day Meeting - Tuesday after the walk- 7:00 pm, held at HUMC

Face to Face Encounters

- F2F#8, Spring 2018 - April 30th, May 3rd, 7th, 10th
- Smyrna FUMC 301 Sam Davis Rd, Smyrna, TN 37167

Chrysalis Flights

- Girl's Flight June 2-4, 2018 at Fellowship UMC, Murfreesboro, Tn.
- Boy's Flight June 30-July 2, 2018 at Fellowship UMC, Murfreesboro, Tn.

Flights are held at: Fellowship UMC, 2511 TN-99, Murfreesboro, TN 37128

Send-off, Saturday

8:00 am Registration and Reception in the Youth wing

Sponsor's Hour in the gym following Send-off

Candlelight - Sunday - 8:15 pm

Closing - Monday - 4:30 pm

FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER IS COMING!!!

Face to Face is an experience in the tradition of the Walk to Emmaus designed for persons 60 and older. Open to Christians of all denominations who want to strengthen their spiritual lives, Face to Face allows the opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence, gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and form friendships that foster faith and spiritual maturity. It is, of course, open to Christians of all denominations who want to strengthen their spiritual lives.

Loyd Mabry will be the Spiritual Director and Cathy Wedekind will be the Lay Director. It will be held at Smyrna FUMC on April 30, May 3, May 7 and May 10 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Please contact Nita Wright at 615-459-9279 or nita_wright@bellsouth.net for more information. again, remember Christ is counting on us!





Nashville Emmaus Gathering Schedule

May 10	Face2Face Candelight	Smyrna 1st UMC	1:30pm
June 3	Chrysalis Girls Flight	Fellowship UMC Murfreesboro	8pm
July 1	Chrysalis Boys Flight	Fellowship UMC Murfreesboro	8pm
August 11	Emmaus Gathering	Fellowship UMC Clarksville	6pm
September 8	Emmaus Gathering	TBA	6pm
October 13	Emmaus Gathering	Cooks UMC Mt Juliet	6pm
November 10	Emmaus Gathering	TBA	6pm
December 8	Christmas Gathering	Upper Room Nashville	5pm

Gatherings starts a 6pm with potluck dinner

Host church will provide:

- a speaker to share their 4th day experience(s)
- clergy for communion service
- communion elements
- music team - music booklets are available from the board
- supplying plates/cups/utensils

Want to host a gathering?
Contact Kimberly Mungin at
757-753-5558
kimberly.mungin2471@gmail.com



From the Emmaus Kitchen

Praise God for all the help the kitchen team received during the Spring walks. We sent out a request for the Friday of the Women's Walk and you heard the call and responded in a mighty way! We were overwhelmed with help on both Fridays which was such a praise. The help in the kitchen was light for Saturday and Sunday so we will be getting the signup sheets out earlier next year and post on Facebook. This should help the community see where we have gaps in service. We ask that you prayerfully consider leading the kitchen for the walks next spring. A huge thank you to all that served – the pilgrims were blessed in a mighty way and we pray you were blessed by serving!

Thanks,
Mary Craig

From the Community Lay Director

I have just returned from our April gathering at Smyrna First and what a night! The Holy Spirit was involved in all that went on the entire evening and we received a blessing. We have also completed two awesome walks - Praise God! The Face to Face team is in the middle of its team meetings and we have already heard some wonderful talks. Please be in deliberate prayer for the team and those coming to the Encounter.

Your Board of Directors will now be focused on 2019. We will be focusing our work on planning and staffing for the new Emmaus structure. This will involve many members of the community. If you are interested in serving in the community, please go to the website and download and fill out a volunteer form. Please open your hearts to accept the call to be a part of this new structure if you feel called to lead. Remember - Christ is counting on us!

I am so privileged and blessed to be a part of this Nashville Emmaus Community.

De Colores!

Nita Wright
Community Lay Director