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Dear Community,

Our conference room teams have begun their training sessions preparing for the upcoming walks. Many hours are being put into giving talks, reviewing talks given, prayer and training on each one's part in making walks #119 and #120 a special and Holy Spirit led experience for the pilgrims.

Our hands and feet team training and commissioning will be at Pathway Church 1680 Main Street, Davis, OK beginning at 3:00 pm. After training the commissioning service will begin. This service is to pray over each volunteer signed up to work on the walks. The community is invited as this will also be a gathering. Bring your favorite food dish/dessert to join in on the fellowship, worship and prayer.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

DeColores!

Cheryl Heller, Asst Lay Director/
Team Selection Chair

2026 Spring Walks

Thursday Night Send-Off @ 7:00pm

Men's - April 9 Women's - April 16

Saturday Night Candlelight @ 8:00pm

Men's - April 11, Women's - April 18

Sunday Closing @ 4:00pm

Men's - April 12, Women's - April 19

Greetings everyone! In 33 days, the Spring Walks begin! Thank you to all the volunteers, inside and outside teams, for giving your time and support. We are still looking for more pilgrims so let's get looking and sign some people up for a great learning experience!

DeColores!

Terry Pierson

Lay Director





Commissioning & Gathering

March 28 – 4:30 PM

Pathway Church – Davis, OK

Before the Walk begins, we gather.

The Commissioning & Gathering on March 28 is more than a date on the calendar — it is a sacred moment as a community. It is where we pause, pray, and send our team forward covered in love and intercession.

When we attend, we are saying:

You are not walking this alone.

We lay hands, we worship, we pray boldly, and we entrust every detail of the upcoming Walk to the Lord. It is a powerful reminder that Emmaus is not built on planning alone — it is built on prayer and unity.

Your presence matters.

Your prayers matter.

Your encouragement matters.

Join us March 28 as we commission this Walk with purpose and faith, believing God will do more than we could ask or imagine.

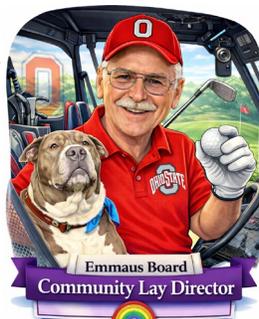
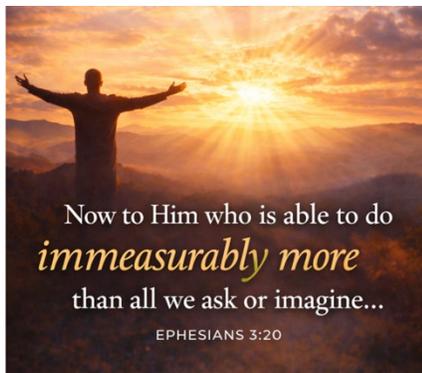


The Walks are just around the corner! I'm so excited to begin the Walks and see what the Lord has in store for the pilgrims. The trainings have been going smoothly, and we can already see how the Lord has begun weaving our stories together. A big shout out and THANK YOU to our host churches, Madill Methodist, Generations Church, Asbury Methodist and Pathway Methodist for being so generous with their facilities and lunch provisions. Our teams have felt very welcomed! We continue to need your prayers and support for these walks. Please remember to sign up for the Prayer Vigils and Snack Agape lists. If you would like to work on the Hands & Feet team, please submit an online application as soon as possible. We can always use help and very much appreciate everyone's dedicated service. I look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of each Walk! Let the journey to seek the Lord continue!

De Colores!

Kelly Shannon

ksshannonemail@gmail.com



Meet the Board Member:

Name: Terry Pierson

Role: Community Lay Director

Walk # 81

Church: Midway FWB Church

What inspired me to say yes to serving on the Emmaus board:

I was looking to become more involved with this wonderful community.

My Emmaus Experience (one sentence):

Life Changing! I was happy just sitting in my pew doing just enough to say I was involved in church.

Favorite Verse or Faith Quote:

Psalm 37:25 I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their seed begging for bread.

Coffee or Tea? Sweet Tea

Favorite Comfort Food:

Peppermint Ice Cream

Dream Skill or Hobby: Golf



What part of Emmaus means most to me:

Extended Family! When I went on my walk I just wanted to be left alone for 72 hours. However, people kept asking me questions. As I made friends it became clear this was just for me.

One way the community can pray for me:

Patience and wisdom

Favorite Hymn or Worship Song:

Praise the Lord written by Bill Gaither

Something You Might Not Know About Me:

I am a fan of THE OSU

God Is Teaching Me:

To dig deeper in His word and lean more on Him!

♥ Table Agape: Love at the Table

Around each meal table during the Walk, something beautiful happens. Conversations deepen. Walls come down. Strangers become brothers and sisters in Christ.

Table agape helps create that atmosphere.

These simple expressions of love placed at the meal tables remind Pilgrims that they are seen, prayed for, and surrounded by a community that cares. What may seem small — a note, a thoughtful token, a creative reminder of God’s promises — often becomes something deeply meaningful.

Table agape is more than decoration. It is encouragement. It is prayer made visible.

As we prepare for these upcoming Walks, we invite you to prayerfully consider creating and bringing table agape. Your offering becomes part of the sacred space where hearts are opened and lives are changed.

We ask for 70 pieces per Walk to ensure every pilgrim receives a gift of Agape Love.

Let’s continue loving well — in word, in prayer, and in action.

Any Questions contact Jennifer Little at littlestargey@gmail.com or

(214) 504-4459

Clergy Corner:



Dear Emmaus Family,

I love you all so dearly and thank God for each of you! Whether you realize it or not, God has chosen you to be a Light in the Darkness, Hope for the Hopeless, Grace in a Hard World, Love to the Unlovable, and Peace in times of Tragedy. Jesus is All of those things, and so many times,

He works through His people, those who have learned how to Follow Him; You, His Disciples. That is what the Walk to Emmaus, and the Emmaus movement does—Makes Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

So, Emmaus Family, welcome to the Real World, where you may get dirty while helping others to be set free from a life that has been lived deep in the world. You are being equipped to Re-Present Christ in the world around you.

I share all of this while I am still contemplative over experiencing two of the most tragic funerals I have ever been a part of. Steve and I usually officiate at funerals together, but that weekend he was also in service to the Lord as Spiritual Director on the Walk where his brother served as Lay Director.

A home where eight people lived burned, and two of the people living there died in the fire. Our connection to these families is a young girl, almost 18 (who suffered serious burns), and her 13-year-old brother, who both barely escaped the flames. They have both been a part of our youth group. Their mother died in the fire; and the 18-year old's boyfriend died trying to rescue their mother from the burning home.

This is a time when no one expected to be there burying their loved ones. Both were so young and full of life. I get heartsick wondering how horrific it was for those two people to be overcome by the smoke, or the flames, or the collapsing building. I don't know how they drew their last breath, but I have cried out to Jesus and believe that He was there with them, and that their last moments were more merciful than my worst imagination.

No one in either family had a pastor or a church. Their lives have been rough, to say the least. Our entire Church and this community came together in prayer and to minister to maybe 200 people who may have for the first time in their lives considered their own eternity and sought answers from God. They were in anguish and welcomed scripture and prayer. There was much talk about heaven.

Next came the ministry to their physical bodies and to their souls, as the Church came together to provide beautiful dinners for both families. I am convinced that the funeral dinners ministered tremendously to these families, as they were so thankful and amazed that we would feed them.

Your Emmaus brothers and sisters were highly involved in ministry to these families. Desi, the Youth Director, ministered to the young people and those they were closest to. She also assisted me in one of the funerals. Many in the Youth Group (not Emmaus yet) were there to help at the dinners and to support their friends. Other Emmaus family: Jackie, Lajuanna, Rhonda, Patty, Brandi, Paula, Steve (prayer) along with every member of the Church, provided food, set up, cooked, served, loved on guests, and cleaned up afterward. It was a beautiful thing watching the Body of Christ come together to serve the broken-hearted. And God promises that He is close to the broken-hearted. He also used His Disciples to minister to those who were in desperate need of a prayer, a scripture, a hug, someone to cry with, a listening ear, a meal, and a place to hang out while they waited for the service.

My heartfelt prayer is that all of these people have experienced the Love of God directly, and through God's people. That is some of what you do, Emmaus Family. Think about this when God speaks to you about Who you need to sponsor on the next Walks. See you in the Camp.

Love, and DeColores!
Pastor Wanda Littrell



Praying the Walk Forward

Before a single Pilgrim arrives... before a team member serves... before the first talk is given... prayer is already at work.

Every Walk is covered in unseen moments of intercession. And each of us has the privilege of participating through prayer.

How can we pray?

Pray for **open hearts**.

Ask the Lord to soften hearts, remove distractions, and prepare each Pilgrim to receive exactly what He wants to speak.

Pray for **courage and vulnerability**.

That Pilgrims would feel safe to be honest, and that team members would serve with humility and boldness.

Pray for **unity**.

That the team would work in harmony, encouraging one another and reflecting Christ in every interaction.

Pray for **strength and endurance**.

These weekends are full — physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Ask God to renew energy and sustain joy.

Pray for **lasting fruit**.

That what begins on the Walk would continue long after the weekend ends.

Prayer is not a background activity. It is the foundation.

As we prepare for these upcoming Walks, let us commit to lifting every Pilgrim and team member before the Lord daily. We may not see every moment unfold, but heaven does.

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” – Colossians 4:2

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SPONSOR A PILGRIM!! CANDIDATE & SPONSOR APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Has someone been on your mind to sponsor on the upcoming Emmaus Walks? There is still time!! Applications for pilgrims and their sponsors are due March 15, 2026. Total cost for a pilgrim is \$260 with a \$130 deposit to be included with the application. Board scholarships are available to those who need them. Scholarship forms are available and can be downloaded on the Cross Point Emmaus Community website. Please submit this form along with the candidate application. The list below are requirements for sponsorship. **REMEMBER THE PASTOR OF THE CANDIDATE MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE CONSIDERED!**

These are the obligations of a person who is sponsoring a pilgrim:

- Submit a completed “Candidate Application” for your pilgrim
- Be certain the candidate has completed and has signed the application
- Be certain the signature of the candidate’s pastor is on the “Candidate Application”
- Complete and sign the “Sponsor Sheet”
- Remember to sign your name as sponsor on the sponsor sheet
- Include a deposit in the amount of \$130 [check or cash]. (The balance is due at the walk registration)
- If a scholarship is needed, the form must be included with the application when it is needed. Scholarships are on a first come, first served basis.
- All checks should be made out to Cross Point Emmaus. As a sponsor, you are responsible for obtaining and submitting all the above requirements to the registrar or a board member who can submit it to the registrar. An application that does not include all these documents with all signatures will not be considered complete and therefore will not be considered.

The candidate should not submit the documents to the registrar; this is the responsibility of the candidate’s sponsor.

If you have any questions, please contact any board member or Bebe Lodes, Registrar, bslodes@gmail.com.



Snack Agape:

A Sweet Expression of Love

One of the most meaningful parts of a Walk is the simple, thoughtful expressions of agape that remind our Pilgrims they are prayed for and deeply loved.

Snack agape may seem small, but it speaks volumes. A homemade treat or individually wrapped snack becomes a tangible reminder that they are surrounded by prayer and encouragement.

We are inviting our community to help provide snack agape for the upcoming Walks. If you feel led to contribute, we would be so grateful.

Let's continue to serve with joy and love in action.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." – 1 John 3:18

Sign up here! [Forms/Signups](#)

For any questions, you may contact Jackie Matthews:
jackieeldon1971@gmail.com

"We say this all the time: the walks run on prayer!"

Sign Up for the Prayer Vigil online!

www.crosspointemmaus.org

PAYPAL DONATIONS

Do you know that you can donate monetarily to our Community through PayPal? You may use this feature to pay team and candidate fees or donate for any designated purpose (snack agape, scholarship fund, general fund, etc). You may also choose to setup reoccurring donations. Visit our website and click on "Donate," or login to your own PayPal account and send your donation to "info@crosspointemmaus.org." Please specify what the donation or payment is intended for. in comments/purpose. You may also Code to donate on a mobile device.



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SET UP AND TEAR DOWN VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to assist Randy Hendershot with setting up and/ or tearing down the Tabernacles for the Walks, please contact him. The camp has a few employees, but it takes the community's help to get the gathering buildings prepared for each Walk. The more volunteers, the faster it goes!

Meet the Board

Name: Justin Rushing

Role: Secretary

Walk # 109 (Table of John)

Church: Antioch Norman



What Inspired me to say yes to serving on the Emmaus Board:

I enjoy serving in any capacity, being able to serve on the board within this community is a privilege. I will plug in anywhere I can help!

My Emmaus Experience (one sentence): I had an encounter with the Holy Spirit and developed relationships that continue to grow!

Favorite Verse or Faith Quote: Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take" NLT

Coffee or Tea? Sweet or Unsweet: Black Coffee with Chicory if available. If I drink Tea, I enjoy it sweet but will drink unsweet if that's all there is.

Favorite Comfort Food: Pigs in a blanket/ Kolaches

If I could instantly master one skill or hobby, it would be: Carpentry

What Emmaus means to me: It is a community that I can lean on for support, prayer and accountability. I look forward to visiting with all the community members as often as I can.

One way that the community can pray for me as I serve: I would ask to pray for guidance and discernment.

Favorite hymn or worship song: His Name is Jesus

Something you might not know about me: I enjoy playing sports, specifically softball, bowling and cornhole

God is Teaching Me: God is showing me what items I need to distance myself from so I can grow closer to Him.

Meet the Board Member:
Name: Jackie Matthews
Role: Snack Agape



WHY I SERVE: I am looking forward to serving on the board because I feel that I will better understand the workings of the Community and how it all comes together for the walks.

EMMAUS EXPERIENCES: Emmaus walks are reminders of what God has done and is doing in our lives. It challenges me to continue doing God's work!

FAVORITE VERSE: Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.
1Peter 5:6

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THE PART OF THE WALK TO EMMAUS THAT MEANS THE MOST TO ME:
Reunion Groups

FAVORITE HYMN: Hymn of Promise

WHAT IS GOD TEACHING YOU: God is teaching me that He can still use me.

Don't Miss a Thing

Stay informed about reminders, prayer needs, and Walk updates.

 Text EMMAUS to (580) 407-4778

Complete the quick connect card and stay connected.



SCAN ME

The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples.

John Wesley

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Donations Needed: Gently Used Books for the Walks

As we prepare for the upcoming Men's and Women's Emmaus Walks, we are now accepting gently used Christian books to bless our pilgrims.

These books will be available for pilgrims to take with them as encouragement for their Fourth Day journey. A meaningful book can become a powerful reminder of what God began during the Walk and continue to inspire spiritual growth long after the weekend ends.

You can bring donated books to the Commissioning & Gathering on March 28 or contact us for another way to drop them off.

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom." — Colossians 3:16

You can contact Bill McAngus with any questions – mcangusbill@gmail.com

De Colores 

Share Your Emmaus Fourth Day Story

People need to hear stories about individuals who—because of their experience at an Emmaus Ministries event—have been renewed in their commitment to the Christian faith and ministry through their local church or another organization. Here are some ideas to help share your 4th day experience.

- When and where was your Emmaus Ministries event? (Please include the name of your community/walk #.)
- Please share the way the event impacted your life.
- Share about your journey on the Fourth Day.
- Growth in Piety – how you are further opening yourself to God (spiritual practices)?
- Growth through Study – what you have been reading/studying recently that has contributed to your ongoing spiritual formation in significant ways?
- Growth through Christian Action – What ministry (ministries) you are involved with and how it is (they are) impacting your world?
- Tell us about your hope for the future.

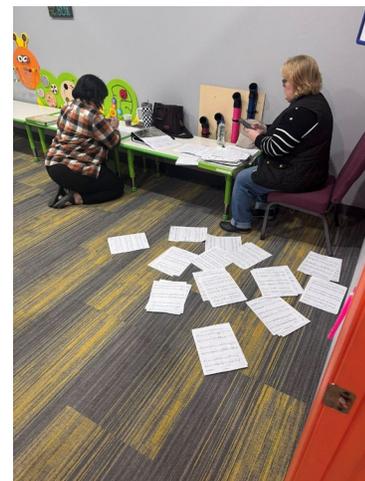
Please email your 4th Day Story to: info@crosspointemmaus.org



STAY CONNECTED!

Did you know we have a Facebook **Group**? It's a great place to stay connected, share encouragement, and keep up with what's happening in our Emmaus community. Join us on Facebook at **Cross Point Walk To Emmaus Community** and be part of the conversation!

February Inside team training – Generations Church



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Clergy Corner....

Community clergy, would you like to write a paragraph, or two or three, to share with the Cross Point Emmaus Community? It can be on any topic of your choice. Just send your musings to: info@crosspointemmaus.org

On the Road to Emmaus

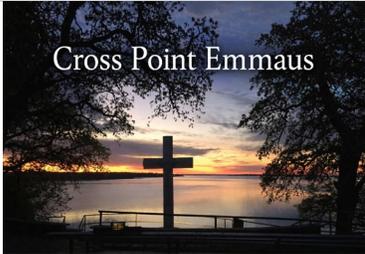
13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

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28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

—Luke 24: 13-16, 28-32



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Cross Point Emmaus 2026 Board

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