



Cross Point Emmaus

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Rev. David Minqus Community Spiritual Director

How can I help my Emmaus Community?

I believe there are innumerable ways of serving your Emmaus Community, but first let's start with the reminder that we went on the Walk to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love are revealed to us through other believers.

But the end of our Walk to Emmaus event wasn't the end of the journey for us, it is the beginning of a life of fourth days as we work within our local churches through worship, study, and active participation in our home church environment. We also commit to being more active disciples of Jesus Christ in service to the world.

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus movement offers specific opportunities. First, groups of four to six people meet weekly to reflect on their spiritual journey and encourage one another in accountable discipleship. Second, there are monthly community gatherings where Emmaus participants meet for fellowship, worship and instruction. Third, community members are regularly informed of the support needs of upcoming Walk to Emmaus weekends, and other opportunities for servant leadership.

So here's the way I believe you can make these dreams and desires of the Walk to Emmaus in our lives. First, ask yourself, "Am I a more active participant in the local church and am I being more active disciples of Jesus Christ in service to the world? Once you have your answer to those questions, identify any shortfall in your fulfillment of living out the fourth day in your life. Are you in a reunion group? Am I not just worshipping and studying, but am I giving my gifts and graces to my home church through my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness? These are all questions we need to continually ask ourselves as we live out our fourth days. That's step one. Identify areas of growth and address them. Work with your clergy and local church members to fulfill this higher standard that we are called to by our awareness of the deep love and grace of Jesus Christ that we've experienced ourselves. Pray for people who might be candidates for sponsorship from your church. Discern when the right time, God's Time, is in the life of these individuals to invite them to a weekend. It's not about "filling" a walk with numbers. It's inviting the right people at the right time.

"I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions." -- Unknown

I also want you to notice the benefits of community gatherings. Our Gathering Committee have monthly gatherings at a number of churches and even at Crosspoint Camp. If you don't know when these events will occur, ask. If you don't receive our emails about updates for the community, go to the crosspointemmaus.org website and check to make sure we have your updated information on hand.



We also ask, while the Community Board is working to update the data we have for our community, take the initiative to pass along information to other Emmaus graduates that you know. "Hey Diane, did you hear about this month's gathering? No? Is your contact information updated? Let me tell you how to do that... Clergy, make the effort of knowing who in your church as attended the walk and ask them to update their information.

Also publicize Emmaus Events within your local church by making announcements, bulletin inserts, and sending out mass emails to your church. My second hope is that we will embrace that it takes all of us, working together, to create this community of those whose lives have been touched through the Walk to Emmaus.

As it has been famously said, it takes a village. That means looking for and seeing the areas you need to focus your growth around and also taking the effort to ensure that you're kept in the loop by communicating with your Emmaus Friends and encouraging your clergy to get the word out as well. Don't wait for someone else to do it. That someone is you! You've been empowered as a leader to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Don't wait until a week before the next walk to volunteer your services on a team. The new Community Manual from the Walk to Emmaus wants us to have teams, both inside and out, identified a year in advance for the upcoming Walks. Take courage. Trust God. Lead so that others may follow our blessed Savior Jesus Christ.

Remember...Christ is counting on you...and I am counting on Christ.

Grace and Peace,

David

Pioneer Country Walk to Emmaus #69

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What are you doing?

—By *Sharen Hale*

Once a couple of men who were members of my church I pastor returned to their 4th days after their Walk to Emmaus, I encouraged them to do something to give back to the community as they began their reunion group. Little did I know that it would lead to what it did.

There was an old Funeral Home across the street from our church. It was being used for storage mostly, some of the American Legion guys met their and stored their flags for the community, but it was in desperate need of an owner who would care for it and bring it to life. Bill and Ray had formed a reunion group and wanted the Boys and Girls Club to come to town. Their idea was that they would purchase it anonymously, give it to the church and ask the Boys and Girls to come. They did purchase it and donate it without anyone knowing; however, the building was empty without the Boys and Girls Club. While we were waiting for them to decide to come look at the building, the youth in our church were growing out of their recently built ministry building and needed a home.

The decision was made to sell the Funeral Home building to a family needing a Funeral Home to run and the church took the money and began to build a youth center. At the end of July 2018, the youth center will be completed. There, the community will be fed twice a week, the youth will be able to play basketball, learn about Jesus and bring others to Christ. It can be used for the community as an outreach center during hot summer times and cold winter days.

I had no ide that the suggestion to do something on your 4th days could turn in to such a joy two years later! Thank you Ray and Bill for listening to the Holy Spirit and being led to do great things for your community!

Sharen Hale

Gatherings

Fees For Camp Walk fees are as follows:
Team fee, \$175
Pilgrim fee, \$190 (\$95 deposit)
These fees cover lodging, meals, insurance,
literature, and some Walk supplies.

August Gathering

Marietta United Methodist Church

506 W Mills St, Marietta

Food and Fellowship begin at 4pm

Followed by 4th Day Testimony

by Lisa Hamilton

Please bring school supply donation items

and wear your favorite school shirt!



Cross Point Emmaus 2018 Board

Community Lay Director - Shawna Carnahan (2020)

Community Spiritual Dir. - Rev. David Mingus

Community Asst. Lay Dir. - Tem Barrett (2020)

Secretary - Shawna Harrison (2019)

Treasurer - Cherri Bradley (2019)

Kitchen / Snack - Deni Richards (2019)

Letter Agape / Prayer Room - Toni Hignight (2019)

Candlelight / Sponsor's Hour - Janice Sharp (2021)

Setup / Tear Down - James Young (2020)

Literature / Supplies - Bill Carlisle (2020)

Fourth Day - Randal Richards (2020)

Gatherings - Sharen Hale (2019)

Newsletter / Music - Sonya Morris (2021)

Table Agape - Martha Wilson (2021)

Registration - Ray Marshall (2021)

AV Tech - Colt Healey (2021)

Packin' It In!

With Cross Point Emmaus



Where: Cross Point Emmaus Gathering

Marietta FUMC

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Let's all share the love of Christ by packin' in school supplies for local kiddos!

crayons pencils*pocket folders*erasers*
*notebook paper*copy paper*glue sticks*colored markers*tissues*scissors*rulers*colored pencils*liquid glue*index cards*pens*binders*spiral notebooks*highlighters*sanitizing wipes*backpacks*

"A generous man will himself be blessed..."

Proverbs 22:9a

Spring Walks

- March 28-31, 2019 for the Men

- April 4-7, 2019 for the Women

If our walks become overflowing with candidates we will revisit opening up a second walk in the same year.

Are you musically talented and want to share your God given talent with your Emmaus Community? We need volunteers to help lead the music at our monthly gatherings. If you are interested please call or text Sonya Morris at 580-504-6596.



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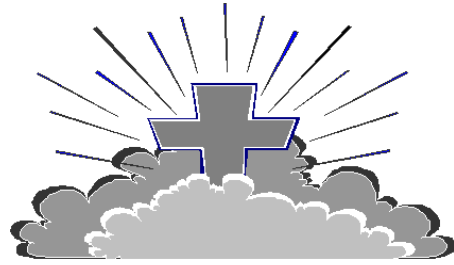
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On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] 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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crosspointemmaus.org

Contact Information

Note: If you have anything to add to the next quarterly Newsletter, send your copy or photos to Sonya Morris at snmorris81@yahoo.com or mail to: 330 Hope Ave, Ardmore, OK 73401. Please be mindful of space considerations, relevancy, and credit as necessary. No copyrighted works can be included without permissions. All submissions will be subject to editing as to length and content.

Most members of the Cross Point Emmaus community receive Newsletters and information by email. If you do not have an email address, then we send the Newsletter by U.S. mail. If you receive the Newsletter by regular mail but also have an email address, then please let us know by sending a note to: info@crosspointemmaus.org

Also, please ask your Emmaus friends if they receive the Newsletter? We do not want to accidentally omit anyone.

Volunteer

Please be praying about Volunteering.

Emmaus Walks cannot continue unless you get involved. We can still use anyone who would like to help. If you want to work on the walks please fill out a volunteer sheet online and join the walk teams. www.crosspointpointemmaus.org

Sponsorship

Please be praying about who you want to sponsor. Emmaus Walks cannot continue unless you get involved with sponsorship.