



# Cross Point Emmaus

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## *Such a Time as This*

***Esther 4: 12 When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, 13 he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"***

***As the Walks are quickly approaching, please be in prayer about who you can sponsor and to volunteer. Trainings have begun for Inside Teams and both Walks are still short on volunteers and pilgrims. Volunteers are a crucial part of making the Walks successful and to simply have staff to host a Walk. Walks also cannot happen without pilgrims, so please help get those applicants.***

***Maybe you are debating if this is "your time" to volunteer or sponsor a pilgrim. Just as Esther was scared and apprehensive about approaching King Xerxes, you may be worried if you should do something for these Walks. I urge you to pray, pray again, and pray some more! This could be your time. Your time to bless someone else and be blessed. There are many you can be the hands and feet of Christ for these Walks: sign up for the Prayer Vigil, bring snacks and drinks, give agape items, volunteer for an entire weekend or one day, and many more!***

### ***Walk Fees***

***Volunteer fee: \$175***

***Pilgrim fee: \$190 (\$95 deposit)***

***These fees cover lodging, meals, insurance, literature, and some supplies.***

### ***Scholarship Funds***

***In order to fund future pilgrim and team scholarships, the Board has established the Scholarship Fund. Since Cross point Emmaus Community of Oklahoma,***

***Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, donations are tax-deductible and letters may be issued for donations to the Scholarship Fund. Future scholarships will be limited to***

***the balance of the Scholarship Fund, so contributions are greatly appreciated.***

***If you would like a scholarship, please complete an application form and return it to Kenna Johnson or Tem Barrett.***

***Thank you to everyone who is already playing any role and thank you for praying about your "such a time as this!"***

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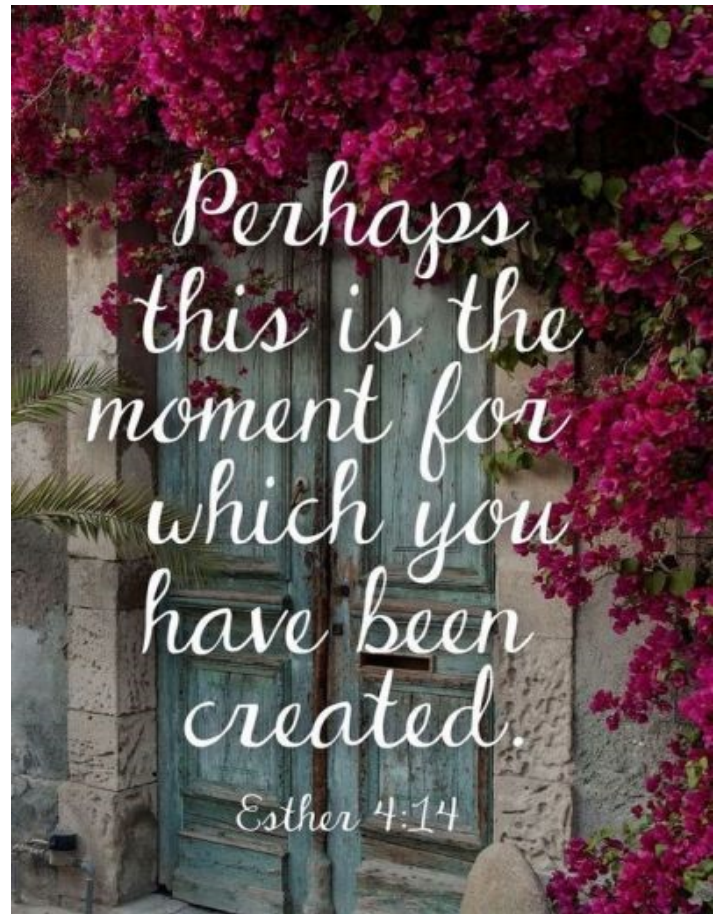
***Kenna Johnson, Walk to Emmaus #46A***

***Registrar***

## PRAYING FOR THE WALK TO EMMAUS

A new year has begun, along with the excitement about the Spring Walks. It is a critical time for PRAYER – for the teams, for the pilgrims, for those two 72 hour weekends, and for our Cross Point Emmaus Community. Team training for the Conference Room Teams began on Saturday, January 26, and will continue for 3 more Saturdays. I have heard nothing but great things about the first training day and believe that God was again at work with the men and women of the two teams. BUT Patty Tickel and Joe Rison, the Walk Lay Directors, still need volunteers for the Hands and Feet Team, so I encourage each of you to pray for volunteers with “Servants Hearts.” Next, I ask you to pray for pilgrims and the sponsors who will come forward with men and women who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ! We know what our Emmaus Weekends meant to each of us and how we want to share that experience with others. Additionally, I ask you to pray for the two Emmaus weekends – March 28 through 31 for the men and April 4 through 7 for the women – that God will be at work at Cross Point Camp, using the teams to share the Agape Love unknown to many. Finally, I ask you to pray for our Cross Point Emmaus Community and our Board of Directors, whose primary goal is to put on walks. Within the last couple of years, we reduced our walks to one set per year, instead of the two sets that we have had for many years. We really want to get back to having two sets of walks each year, but we need the support of our entire Emmaus Community to accomplish this goal. PLEASE PRAY!!

Tem Barrett  
Community Lay Director



I am honored to write an article concerning the Emmaus ministry and my involvement since 1992..The impact on me and my wife were immediate but more importantly lasting ..The Walk is a 3day spiritual retreat designed for Christians to move us into a closer walk with Our God. As a family with 3 children I can't emphasize enough the dividends we have harvested and continue to benefit from 27 years later. The Walk started me on a journey to desire a daily relationship with Jesus; not part-time. I recently was named Lay Director for Walk 107, I was on #3, and I would like to invite any man reading this to hop aboard the Emmaus experience. The Walk will occur March 28-31st and I guarantee anyone attending will not regret it. I look forward to visiting with any man about Emmaus and my experience.

I have miraculous tales to tell!

Please join me March 28th,

Joe Rison

## How has Emmaus Impacted my Life?

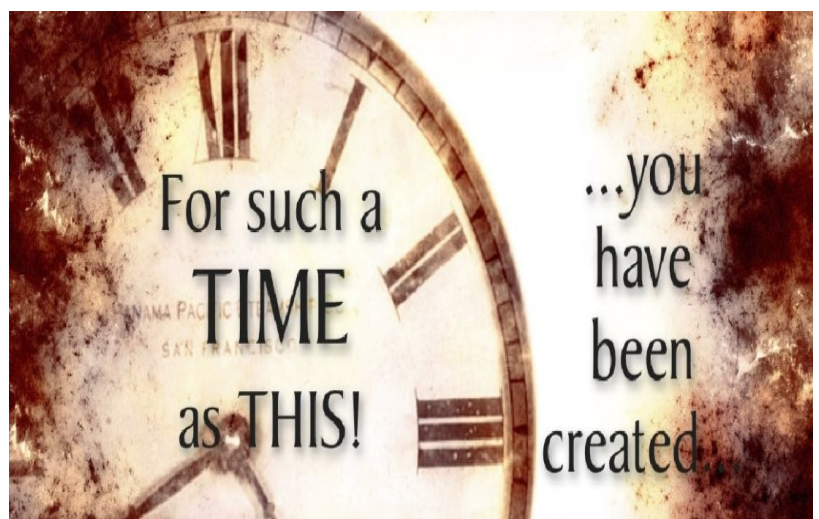
*I think the real question is: How has it not impacted my life!*

*Patty Tickel, Lay Director for Women's walk #108*

*There isn't enough space in the newsletter to explain all the different aspects Emmaus has impacted my life since my walk. Cross Point Walk to Emmaus #12. What can I say, it's been a journey. For one, I opened my home for many years to foreign exchange students therefore my number of children have increased from 2 to 8. These students lived with me for 9 months and they are my kids. Several of the students did not come from a Christian background and while living here in Madill, OK they experienced God's unconditional love from me, my friends, and my church family. The world has opened up to me since my walk. Fortunately or unfortunately, I organize the mission team from our church. We have seen the poorest of poor in Guatemala and Cuba. We have helped clean up after hurricanes in Mississippi and Texas. We worked on a home for an elderly couple in West Virginia thru ASP. We have worked within churches in Alaska and Oklahoma. I accompanied my 80 year old mother on an evangelical mission trip to Rwanda, Africa. (That was interesting) My mother, who had never been out of the country, wanted to go to Africa. My favorite mission was going to Bolivia and working with Susan Waite on a Women's Empowerment Seminar with the Bolivian ladies. As Christians we are all called to be the hands and feet of Christ in many different ways. The Emmaus experience brought clarity to my life and expanded my borders. Sometimes fear is the wall that keeps us from allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us. Being asked to be the Lay Director for an Emmaus Walk was one of those moments that I could easily erect a wall of fear. I'm not great at speaking in front of a large groups. I'm more of a behind the scenes person. Being the Lay Director, is me totally relying on God. When I'm asked what is so special about the Emmaus walk? I know that some of you will be going to Israel soon. I had the opportunity last May. The questions about Emmaus came up while in Israel, my response was, "after going to Israel you will have a greater understanding of the Bible. You will have walk where Jesus walked. You will see the landscape where Jesus preached. You will touch the shores of Galilea, and the tomb where Jesus was laid." Clarity! Emmaus is a three day opportunity to be immersed in the unconditional love God offers to each of us without distractions from the world. Yes, you might learn & experience a thing or two while there! I extend the invitation to come on your Walk to Emmaus. Men's walk is March 28-31 and the Women's walk is April 4-7. The word that keeps bouncing around in my head and heart for the women's walk is "faithfulness". Hmmm! I wonder what God has planned? Please join Joe Rison and myself as we lead the next set of walks.*

We at the **Newsletter** get several emails and mailed newsletters back every month. It is a shame to miss this marvelous literary masterpiece, but nearly as bad to miss out on the valuable information contain within.

People change email servers and move and forget to have mail forwarded or (even worse) neglect to inform their friends of their new addresses. The **Newsletter** is not offended by this (but we could work ourselves up to it), however your "real" friends do miss you and want to keep in touch.





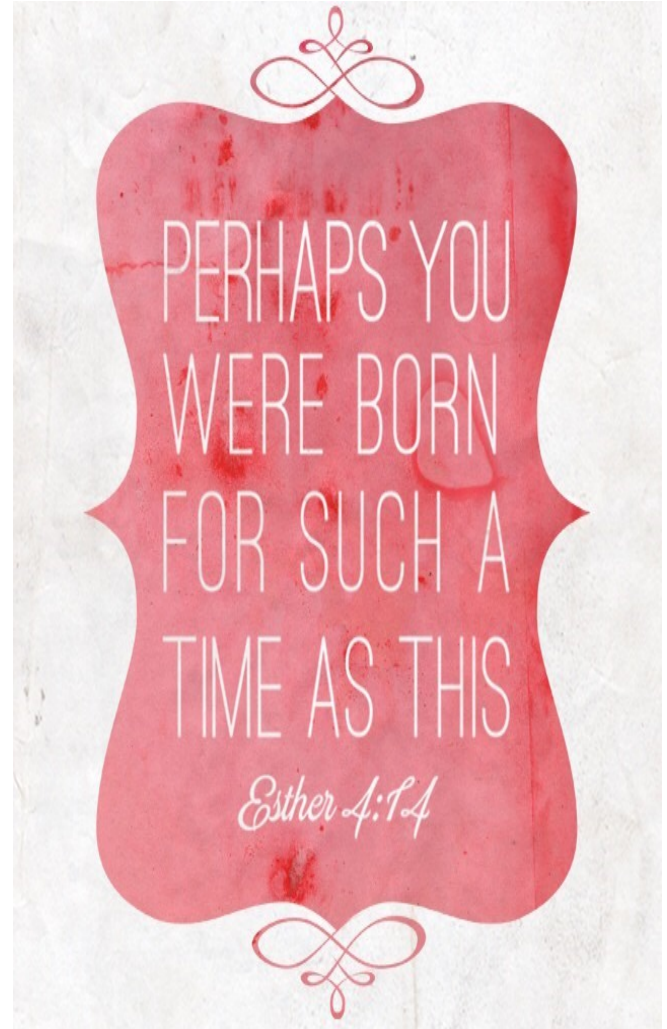
## On the Road to Emmaus

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

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<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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



## ***No Gathering in February***

### ***Next Gathering:***

***March 9th at Ardmore First  
United Methodist Church after  
training and commissioning.***

We're on the web  
[crosspointemmaus.org](http://crosspointemmaus.org)

## **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.**

Note: If you have anything to add to the next quarterly Newsletter, send your copy or photos to Sonya Morris at faronjrx@gmail.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.

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