



Cross Point Emmaus

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Prayer Vigil



She Reached Out . . .

There was a time that I felt disconnected from my sisters and brothers from Cross Point Emmaus Community. I wanted to go to gatherings, put my application in to work a weekend, sponsor a pilgrim but with each passing walk, I felt more and more disconnected from the community. Then, one day, a friend from Emmaus asked me if I would go with her to a gathering. She reached out...

Many of us get busy with life and Cross Point Emmaus Community, our Group Reunions and our servant-hood fall

further and further in the past. Remember your own Walk to Emmaus experience? Thursday night’s best friend? Your fourth day experience? Our community needs you, no matter if you have stepped out one set of walks or many. We are a community that is family and we want you to come back home!

Just like family, sometimes we don’t agree. But in the words of John Wesley, “Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may.

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Emmaus Gatherings

Save these 2017 dates for;
 March 4, Gathering at Ada H20
 April 22, Commissioning at Sulphur First United Methodist

Bring in snacks and bring in friends (even non-Emmaus) and help us prepare, as a community, for Walks 103 and 104. We are starting at an earlier time, **4:00 PM** and these start up Gatherings vary from our previous routine, second Saturday schedule. Yes, bring a non-Emmaus friend(s) and introduce them to the community. Our Send-off, Candlelight and Closing services are the only events reserved to be first time experiences for pilgrims.

Where do we go with Gatherings after these Walks? What do you think? Give us some ideas. Perhaps we should have multiple, local area “get-togethers” to ease travel, then bring the whole community together two or three times a year in addition to the Walk events. Would your church or Reunion Group like to host or be a part of the Gathering Committee? Contact Jeff Hiller at 580-606-7193 or hillerjeffa@gmail.com

DeColores! See you Saturday, February 18 at Cross Point Camp

Jeff Hiller, Board Member - Gatherings

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Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.”

As the next gathering approaches, won't you reach out to someone who you haven't seen in a while and invite them to go with you? We'll meet you there!



Rev. Sharen Hale

Candlelight/Sponsor's Hour

God's Scandalous Grace

First let me say how honored I am to have been selected to be the Spiritual Director for the Cross Point Emmaus Community. I hope that I will embody what the Emmaus community stands for and shares with the world around us. If for whatever reason I fail in that task, then I am going to ask that you ascribe God's scandalous grace to me. You see, God's scandalous is grace that is given to all of us; without earning it.

I remember this grace each time I consecrate the bread and wine of Holy Communion with the words from Romans 5:8, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners...that proves God's love toward us. Like the Apostle Paul, even though I want to do what I am told to do in Scripture, at times, I come up short and I do the things I shouldn't. It is in those times that I need God's scandalous grace.

God's scandalous grace comes to me as a covenant, not a contract. Humans like contracts. Contracts say I'll do this if you do that. But, God deals in covenants. Covenants are God's revelation of Himself or promise of favor to humanity. God's covenant is one of grace to sinners. The righteousness of Jesus Christ applied to the sin in all of our lives (John 3:16). I didn't earn His grace, I can never earn His grace, and even my best works are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). If it relied on me and my

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February Gathering

The February gathering will be held February 18th at **4:00 pm** at the **Cross Point Camp**, Kingston OK. A map link is on the website under "Maps" or follow [this link](#).

The inside teams will be training there that day and it will be of great encouragement for them to see a good turnout. So bring your favorite snacks and come see the new facilities at the Camp and have good food, good worship, and good fellowship.

We will follow the format of food first, then worship, news and announcements, lay talk then Holy Communion.



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Rev. Sharen Hale — Candlelight | Sponsors Hour

living the law faithfully, then Christ died for nothing. The law exists not to condemn me, but to show me my need each and every day for a Savior who gives His unmerited favor, His grace, to me and all in a scandalous way.

Grace works in our lives over time to bring us closer to Christ...that's the sanctifying grace we talk about on the weekend. I acknowledge that sanctifying grace is still at work in my life and the lives of others, so when I mess up or when I see others around me who still sin after putting their faith in Christ, I'm thankful that I serve a God of scandalous grace!

Rev. David Mingus

Community Spiritual Director

DeColores!

Walk Fees

Team fee, \$185

Pilgrim fee, \$200 (\$100 deposit)

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

New Scholarship Fund Established: 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 very much appreciated.

We at THE NEWSLETTER get several emails 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.



Take some time to visit the website and check your contact information (tap the "click here" on the opening page to view or update.

THE NEWSLETTER

Thank You!

As we are beginning to plan and prepare for another set of walks this spring, we at THE NEWSLETTER want to say "thank you for serving!" Are you thinking "I didn't serve on this last walk?—did I?"

There are a lot of ways to serve and many of you do it without knowing, so thank you!

Thank you for the cookies you baked, for that delicious cheese ball, and for the fresh fruit. Thanks for the agape gifts that bear the imprint of all the love that went into providing them. Thanks for coming to Candlelight and giving the pilgrims a little glimpse of heaven. Thanks for the prayers and the letters. Thank you for welcoming the teams into your church and feeding them as they prepared.

Thank you for the applause at closing. Did I mention the food you always bring to gatherings? Thanks a lot (especially for those little meatballs!) and thanks for taking the time to come to gatherings and sharing memories.

Thank you for supporting this community and making **each new pilgrim feel as though he/she is special**—because they are! And guess what? You are too! Thank you for serving.



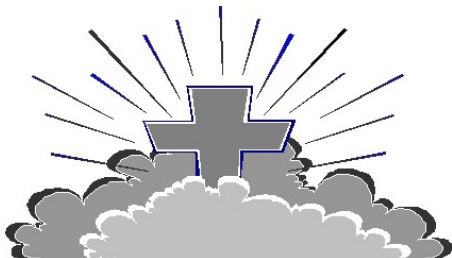
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On the Road to Emmaus

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