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# Cross Point Emmaus

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## JULY GATHERING!!

Saturday, July 30, 2022

5:00pm

Madill FUMC

301 Taliaferro St, Madill, OK 73446

Please join us!! Madill has graciously offered to host the first Team Training, as well as the next Gathering. Bring a finger-food dish, a friend, and a donation item for the Supply Drive.

The June Gathering was a great success (pictured)! We still need several donated items, though.

### “BUILD IT BACK” SUPPLY DRIVE ITEMS NEEDED:

- Helium Balloon Tank
- Agape Paper Sacks (lunch size)
- Alter Kneeling Pads – Recovered
- 12 Large/X-Large Umbrellas
- 72 Seat Cushions (butt agape)
- 8 Banners for the Conference Room (handmade or bought)
- Markers
- Pens
- Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Scotch Tape
- Painter’s Tape
- Rubber Bands
- Paper Clips
- Binder Clips (small, medium)



## SNACKS!!!

Every Walk depends on many important things. One that we may take for granted, because we know it is coming, is snacks. Think back to your Walk and how these “treats” mysteriously appeared just when you were hungry. Okay. You were never hungry on a Walk, but think of how food is a way of showing love for another person—an agape gift. Now is the time to begin signing up to donate snacks and drinks to those pilgrims on the next Walks. Patti Tickel is the board member currently overseeing snacks. She needs commitments— not at the last minute, though!

Funds are limited for snack purchasing, so we need your donations! Please sign up on the website, by clicking on the link on the “Forms/Signups” page. Select the items you would like to donate, for either the men’s or women’s, or BOTH!! You may also contact Patti at [ptickel@hotmail.com](mailto:ptickel@hotmail.com) or 580-795-4388, if you would like donate and are having difficulty signing up online. Thank you!

## VOLUNTEERING - WE STILL NEED YOU!!

Please be praying about serving for the next Walks. We need many volunteers to serve on both Walks’ Hands & Feet Teams. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out a volunteer form online at [www.crosspointpointemmaus.org](http://www.crosspointpointemmaus.org). You may also contact the Lay Directors: Gary Heller 580-465-8448, and Melissa Grace 580-465-9040.

Scholarships are available!

## TABLE AGAPE

Remember when you entered the dining hall for the first meal and found all of the goodies at your seat? Wasn’t it fun to wonder what would be left at the next meal? Let’s give that same feeling to our next Fall pilgrims! If you haven’t started working on items with your Reunion Group, please make plans to start. We need **72 pieces** of agape **per Walk**. Be sure to identify your reunion group’s name on the agape.

Contact Terry Pierson at [papat1954@hotmail.com](mailto:papat1954@hotmail.com) or 580-220-8737.

*We say this all the time: “The walks run on prayer!”*

**Please sign up for the Prayer Vigil online!**

You may contact Melissa Grace if you have any questions.

## SET UP AND TEAR DOWN VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to assist Jay Grace 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 fast it goes! You can reach Jay at 580-465-1040 or [jaygrace52@gmail.com](mailto:jaygrace52@gmail.com).

## LETTER AGAPE

Don’t forget about Letter Agape! Our September Newsletter will list all of the pilgrims. Please feel free to get a head start on writing letters. We all get caught up in the moment of preparing for Emmaus and usually wait until Candlelight to leave notes. We really need to receive letters by Friday night (for each Walk), so we can adjust if certain Pilgrims are lacking in numbers of letters. If you have any questions, you may contact Melissa Grace.

## THANK YOU!

As we are beginning to plan and prepare for another set of Walks, the Board would like to say “thank you for serving!” Are you thinking, “I didn’t serve on the last walk? Did I?” There are many ways to serve and many of you do it without knowing.

Thank you for the cookies you baked, for that delicious cheese ball, and for the fresh fruit. Thank you for the agape gifts that show your love at meal times. Thank you for coming to Candlelight and giving the pilgrims a little glimpse of heaven. Thank you 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 Opening and Closing. Did I mention the food you always bring to gatherings? Thanks a lot (especially for those little meatballs!) and for taking the time to attend 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!

## IT'S TIME TO START SPONSORING CANDIDATES (PILGRIMS)!!

Please begin submitting completed applications for Candidates & Sponsorship. Both forms must be turned in together, as well as SIGNED. We currently have spots available, but they may fill quickly as Judy continues receiving applications. If not yet sponsored someone for these Walks, please pray about doing so. Each Walk has a maximum of 36 Pilgrims and we are praying and believing that all 36 seats for both Walks will be FILLED! If you are unable to sponsor at this time, please continue sharing information about Emmaus. Someone from your church or our community may be able to sponsor anyone you find interested in attending.

Please also pray that God will stir the hearts of those considering attending or sponsorship. God is revealing He has big plans for these Walks and we are excited!! We are praying for this same excitement and joy to fill our entire Community!!

**All Candidate/Sponsor applications must be submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup>!** If you have any questions, please contact Judy Roberts at 580-504-7924 or [muchhuntin@hotmail.com](mailto:muchhuntin@hotmail.com). Forms are available for printing from online at the community's website: [crosspointemmaus.org](http://crosspointemmaus.org).

### SPONSOR'S HOUR AND CANDLELIGHT

If you have any concerns or questions about your role as a Sponsor or as a community member, please feel free to contact Steve Littrell at 918-861-5724 or [icxclives@aol.com](mailto:icxclives@aol.com).

## SPONSORSHIP - THE COMMUNITY'S STRENGTH

Sponsorship is more than "signing up people for the Walks." The Model contains many points about sponsorship, and I will share several from "The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus," pages 13-20.



- First, good sponsorship is the first act of agape before a Walk ever begins; the experience of the Walk for a pilgrim really begins with how we handle sponsorship.
- Second, good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims, embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim, and provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the pilgrims. These acts of agape include prayer, agape letters, presence at Candlelight and Closing, and follow-up.
- Third, good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its true purpose: the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry. Wood and Roy write in *Day Four: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey*, **"The strength of any Emmaus Community is a direct result of that community's recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong vital force in the renewal movement."**
- Emmaus is for active Christians and members of churches whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments for Christ's sake.
- Emmaus is right for many people – but not for everyone. The religious background or emotional condition of some people may make Emmaus an improper discipleship tool for them.
- Wise sponsorship is purposeful and prayerful; unwise sponsorship is haphazard and undiscerning.
- Sponsorship is like being a godparent. A godparent doesn't just stand with a person at the front of the church, but helps him or her grow in the spiritual life.

Given the importance of sponsorship, Boards of Directors may develop local guidelines and reasonable expectations to ensure responsible sponsorship (page 17 of the Handbook). The Cross point Board of Directors considers Sponsorship to be critical to a Pilgrim's Walk experience, and to the Community's growth and stability. It's a privilege to sponsor someone, but with that privilege comes real responsibility. On the surface the process seems easy, but fulfilling the responsibilities can be exciting and exhausting. Yet, it is spiritually rewarding!

For more information, visit our website at [www.crosspointemmaus.org](http://www.crosspointemmaus.org) or contact Judy Roberts, Registrar, at 580-504-7924, [muchhuntin@hotmail.com](mailto:muchhuntin@hotmail.com).

## CROSS POINT CAMP/EMMAUS PRICING

Cross Point Camp had to increase their prices by 19%. This also includes the cost for them to host our district's Walk to Emmaus. The new Volunteer price for an entire Walk is \$200. If you volunteer without overnight stays, the cost is \$65 a day, with meals included. If you can only volunteer a portion of the days and want to stay the night, the cost is \$65 a day, plus \$8 for each meal.

Scholarships are available for those who need them! Please do not hesitate to complete an application for a scholarship; we do not want cost to be a deciding factor in volunteering!

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*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:12*

### PAYPAL DONATIONS & PAYMENTS

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](mailto:info@crosspointemmaus.org)." Please specify what the donation or payment is intended for, in comments/purpose. You may also scan this QR Code to donate on a mobile device.



### 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>14</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.

<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

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**Note: If you have anything to add to the next quarterly Newsletter, send your copy or photos to [info@crosspointemmaus.org](mailto:info@crosspointemmaus.org).**

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