

Cross Point Emmaus

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VOLUNTEERING

Do you know what areas are available to serve? There are many tasks that are greatly important and support the Walks and the Conference Room, such as:

- Set Up & Tear Down Crew** (before men's and after women's)
- Kitchen Crew** (cooking, washing, table serving)
- Snack Agape** (menu, setup, décor)
- Table Agape** (assist meal setup, décor, agape gifts, agape letters)
- Cabin Steward/Angel** (cleaning, tidying, supplying cabins)
- Team Assistant** (errands, ensuring schedule, support)
- Prayer Room** (setup/decor, prayer for pilgrims/team/requests) - *considered as also a Conference Team role*

If you are still interested in volunteering for an entire Walk (weekend) or for certain days, please fill out a volunteer form online at www.crosspointpointemmaus.org or contact the Lay Directors, Terry Pierson and Kellye Johnson.

The Hands & Feet Team will be glad to have you!

SET UP AND TEAR DOWN VOLUNTEERS

Please help the community prepare for the Walks by volunteering for the Set Up Team. It takes about a short time to set up and tear down. The men need you to arrive on Thursday, April 15th, at 1:00 PM to help get all of the supplies out of the shed and to the correct locations before the Walk.

We also need help on Sunday, April 28th, about 1:00 PM to break down the conference room for Closing and move items back to the shed. This is an opportunity to serve the Emmaus Community and our Lord as we are called to do.

**Pilgrim Applications
are due
March 15**

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Community, our funding for scholarships has been depleted. As with most services, camp fees and the number of requests for scholarships have increased over the years. We would like nothing more than to grant every request, but we do not have the funds for even a few. Please consider donating and give someone the blessing of attending. You may donate by contacting any Board member or online at www.crosspointemmaus.org.

2024 Spring Walk Important Dates

Thursday Night Send-Off
7:00pm

Men's - April 18, Women's - April 25

Saturday Night Candlelight
8:00pm

Men's - April 20, Women's - April 27

Sunday Closing
4:00pm

Men's - April 21, Women's - April 28

4th Day
6:00pm

2024 Spring Walks

**April 18-21 - Men
April 25-28 - Women**

TABLE AGAPE

Have you ever tried to out give God? Read Luke 6:38! It says 'give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over! When we give our table agape to the pilgrims God will bless! Anything you do in His name will be blessed!

De Colores!
Terry Pierson

SNACKS!!!

It's approaching quickly. That time of the year when new pilgrims will experience the love and grace of our Heavenly Father. I don't know about you, but to be a part of a large community to help facilitate such a wonderful experience for others is exciting! One of the ways we can all be of service, whether we are actually working or not, is by providing amazing snacks. It's a little bit of heaven on earth when pilgrims walk out those conference room doors to a beautiful table of wonderful food. Be a part of making this possible by going to our website, at crosspointemmaus.org, and sign up to help supply snacks. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated also.

NEXT GATHERING:

March 16
12:00 PM
First Christian Church
of Marietta
210 N 3rd Street,
Marietta, OK, 73446

PRAYER VIGIL SIGN UP

Please sign up to pray during the 72 hours of the Walks. You may do so online or by choosing a time on the prayer vigil poster, which will be available at the gatherings. The hard copy prayer vigil will also be available at both Send Offs. Let's fill all the slots!

Please continue praying for all the team and pilgrims!

CANDIDATE & SPONSOR APPLICATIONS

WE NEED PILGRIMS!! Applications for Pilgrims/Sponsors are **due March 15**. Please start mailing your applications. We are ready and eager!

Here are the requirements, prior to the submission of an application:

- Signature of Candidate Applicant
- Signature of current candidate's Pastor
- Deposit amount of \$140 (check or cash)
- Completed "Sponsor Sheet"
- Sponsor's signature

An application that is received without the above requirements is not considered submitted. Please understand that as a Sponsor, you are responsible for obtaining the Candidate Application (with all signatures) from your Candidate and then submitting that application with your sponsor application and payment (minimum deposit amount—paid by candidate, church, or whomever), to the Registrar. The candidate should not be submitting any form directly to the Registrar, as this is reserved for the Sponsor.

If you have any questions, please contact any Board Member or Judy Roberts at muchhunting@hotmail.com or 580-504-7924.

SPONSORSHIP CHECKLIST

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret Emmaus, and carry out your responsibility in sharing God's grace as a sponsor.

1. When you are talking to a married person, you should talk with both husband and wife. We want both husband and wife to make the decision together. Their applications should be turned in together.
2. Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, enthruse every disenchanted church member, cure disturbed persons, or make saints of sinners. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Pilgrims should not only know where the path is, they should already be walking on it. We don't need just any candidates, we need the best.
3. Feel free to share with a potential applicant what Emmaus meant for you as fully as will help, realizing that all explanations will fall short. It is not that we are not allowed to tell what went on, but that it is difficult to explain. We want their experience to be fresh, especially for Candlelight and agape letters, which will hopefully be surprises.
4. Do not assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. For some, the Emmaus experience will be a mountaintop, a new beginning. For others, it will be a strengthening for the journey they are already on. We must not pre-judge our candidates or set them up with unhelpful expectations.
5. As part of assuring your applicant that you are personally interested in their attending, make plans to take them to Cross Point Camp for Send-Off. Please remember that there will not be a meal for the pilgrims upon arrival. Make sure that you pilgrim has had a meal prior to arrival at the camp. Do not arrive before 6:30pm and not after 7:15pm. You transporting them, helping them with packing and registration, and participating in the Send-Off and Sponsor's Hour, are a form of prayer and sacrifice.
6. During the weekend, you and your family become an important resource for the pilgrim's family. Leave your phone number with their spouse. Do something special for them during the weekend like giving them a few hours during the day for personal time. Share a meal with them. Let the pilgrim's spouse know that you love and care for them.
7. You have responsibilities to the pilgrim. Pray for him/her during the weekend.
8. Write your pilgrim letters of prayers and sacrifice, and make sure others do likewise, especially those closest to them. A sample agape letter request is available online also. When gathering letters from loved ones, please write the letter "F" in the top right corner of the envelope, so they are given priority. Each pilgrim needs **at least 12** letters.
9. Support your pilgrim with your presence at Candlelight and Closing.
10. After the Walk, stay in contact and support the pilgrim you sponsor during their Fourth Day. Be responsible for getting them to the Fourth Day Gathering following their Walk. Take them to at least their first Gathering and Community Training. Help them become involved in a Group Reunion as soon as possible.
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PAYPAL DONATIONS & FEE 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." 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

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.

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

Note: If you have anything to add to the next quarterly Newsletter, send your copy or photos to info@crosspointemmaus.org. All submissions will be subject to editing.

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