

Cross Point Emmaus

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Consuming Fire

Cross Point Emmaus Community,

Wow what a time we have had keeping our hearts and minds on God's will and grace over the last year. BUT, it is with great prayer & delight that we are once again planning our Spring "Walk to Emmaus"!!! Our dates are April 8-11 & 15-18, 2021.



Gary Heller & Melissa Grace are "still" our Lay Directors for this set of Walks. Please be in prayer for them and the pilgrims and sponsors! God must have big plans for them all since they will have waited 2yrs for this opportunity to experience Gods Grace in wonderful ways. 2 yrs!! Talk about a Perseverance Talk!!

Do you remember when you filled out your application to be a pilgrim on "Your" Walk? The hesitation, excitement and nerves!! Do you remember the first, second, 25th time you filled out the application to "work" a Walk? The joy, excitement & love!! Maybe even nerves or hesitation. Crosspoint Community we need to feel those feels again!! We need to help others feel that FIRE again!! Please be in prayer about sponsoring a pilgrim or working our Spring Walks!!

Come Holy Spirit....And Kindle in Us the Fire of Your Love!

De Colores, Amy Heller Community Lay Director

I am honored to serve as your next Men's Walk to Emmaus Lay Director and it is also a privilege to serve on the Emmaus Board as Setup/Teardown rep.

Please remember to keep myself and Melissa Grace, our families, the Board, the Teams, the sponsors and pilgrims in your prayers over the next 6 months. We have been fighting a big battle on this extra long road to Emmaus! With all that 2020 has brought us, we know God has wonderful things ahead for all of us and that's what keeps us moving ahead. But we can't do it alone, so please pray, pray and then pray some more; volunteer and sponsor someone and if you can't do any of that, donate to our scholarship fund!!

Thank you for your Christ-like love and support! De Colores!

Gary Heller Cross Point Walk to Emmaus #75 As we get closer to the Walks in April, we will be asking Cross Point Emmaus community members and sponsors to sign up to pray during the 72 hour Prayer Vigil – the time during which the Walks will be held. Prayer is the underlying support for the Walks and we each need to be praying for #109 and #110. The MOST IMPORTANT thing we can be doing right now is meeting in reunion groups and praying for these Walks. Until the Walks arrive, as a community, we need to lift up the board, lay and spiritual directors, volunteers (who will be serving on the conference room and hands and feet team), as well as the sponsors and pilgrims who will be attending. These walks will be powerful ones and when we join together in prayer, we remind God that we are serious about our relationship with Him and we want to help further develop disciples through this amazing tool we call Emmaus.

Melissa Grace Prayer Room Board Member Emmaus is an amazing tool God uses to develop disciples. The 72 hour retreat shows agape love – which is overwhelming. The Emmaus Walk is refreshing, healing, chain breaking, shame lifting, and teaches us to move forward in Christ in freedom and boldness. I remember my eyes being opened to how special Holy Communion is and how much God loves me. We make new friends with a common purpose – serving Christ. I love how God opens our eyes and our hearts to those around us and what He has to teach each one of us.

Since we've postponed the walks twice, Gary Heller and I have had the unique experience to lead teams and walks for a long time. By the time we get to April 2021, we will have served for two years. The time we have served has been unprecedented due to the changes in our world due to COVID-19. (Am I still excited about being the leader? YES!) I am READY to serve and HOLD the walks. The desire to see these Walks through has grown in importance to me. It started out as a spark, opened up into a small blaze during the two trainings we held in early 2020. The Holy Spirit is the true fire that guides us and I fully expect great things (and a full blaze of Holy Spirit fire) during these walks for the team members who serve and those who attend as pilgrims. We have all been waiting to move forward and each one has expressed the desire to continue. What a blessing for our community WHEN we get to hold them!

I am SO looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us all through this next set of walks! I am also looking forward to the Gatherings of the Emmaus community which are in the works. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon. Pray with me for these walks and let's do this!

Help me, Lord, to see things as you do. Make my life be an example for others to see how You provide, lead/guide, and are ALWAYS w/me (never forsaking me...I'm NOT alone.) You are good. You are God. You bring us to the Red Sea and take us thru it in ways we could never imagine or think to ask. You give us the authority and power of the resurrected Jesus. Help us to KNOW this power inside us and to use it as You intend. Help us to be Joshua 1:9...You've TOLD us to be strong and courageous. Let us do/be it today. Amen.

Melissa Grace Lay Director Crosspoint Emmaus Walk #110

Greetings! My name is David Shahan and I serve on the Cross Point Emmaus Community Board, and am charged with overseeing the Community Gatherings.

Community Gatherings are simply that- times throughout the year when the community gathers for worship, fellowship and experiencing the Presence of God together. One of the best ways to stay connected with your Emmaus community is to attend a Gathering.

At Cross Point Emmaus Community Gatherings, we enjoy a time of fellowship during a simple potluck meal, followed by praise, worship and the celebration of Holy Communion. You may hear someone share a "Fourth Day" experience simply the way in which the Lord is currently working in their lives since their own Emmaus Walk. You can also hear the latest about upcoming Walks and opportunities for service and training. Cross Point Emmaus Community Gatherings are a great way to keep the fire burning, and to find out about Reunion Groups.

The potluck gatherings are "open" and everyone is welcome to attend, whether they've been to an Emmaus weekend or not! It is a great way to introduce friends and family members who may be interested in attending a Walk. When attending a gathering, please bring a dish to share with others, including any serving utensils.

As it says at The Upper Room Emmaus website, "Prayer undergirds the ministry and mission of all Emmaus Ministries." Let us all continue to keep all Emmaus Communities in prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



DE COLORES!

Snacks!

Every walk depends on many things. One thing that we may take for granted, because we know it is coming, is snacks. But 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. Colt Healey is the board member currently overseeing snacks. He needs commitments— not at the last minute. Funds are limited for snack purchasing, so we need your donations! Please sign up on the website, by clicking on the "Snack Agape" picture and then click on individual items for either the men's or women's or BOTH!! Contact Colt at colt.healey@hotmail.com, if you would like donate and are having difficulty signing up online. Thank you!

Dear Crosspoint Emmaus Community,

We pray that as we move into the holidays that you know that our God is faithful. I can't imagine what the disciples thought when Jesus died on the cross at Calvary. It seemed that all hope was lost. Yet, even during those three days God was at work in ways that would ultimately bring about the salvation for those who would call upon the Name of the Lord.

We need each other and the mercy and healing of the Lord like never before. Please be in prayer for our next set of walks and for those who will be the pilgrims. I pray that your holiday season is full of love and the hope and peace of Jesus Christ!

De Colores, David Daniel Fourth Day



Greetings Emmaus community!

I pray this finds everyone healthy and well. Even though life has been different for most, for the last several months, we can be thankful our God remains the same. At our most recent board meeting, we discussed the upcoming spring walks and his we must keep the fire of Emmaus burning within us, to be spiritually prepared for the pilgrims, and each other as a team. I encourage you to pray about pilgrims, the teams, and that the walks will take place as planned. Stay safe and healthy.

De Colores! Melissa West Secretary

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Greetings, Community! God has definitely rekindled the burning fire within us for these upcoming Walks and we are excited to get back to trainings. We pray you are excited, too.

I received several candidate (pilgrim) applications earlier this year and many have confirmed to attend the 2021 Spring Walks. At this moment, I have more women applications than men. Please continue praying about an individual or a couple that you can sponsor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kennagail@yahoo.com.

De Colores! Kenna Johnson Registrar

November Gathering

Sunday November 8, 2020 3:00 pm Cross Point Camp Tabernacle

Fill us anew we pray,
Fill us anew we pray.
Consuming fire fan into flame,
A passion for Your Name,
Spirit of God fall in this place,
Lord have Your way,
Lord have Your way with us,
Come like a rushing wind,
Clothe us with power from on high,
Now set the captives free,
Leave us abandoned to Your praise.
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