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# Cross Point Emmaus

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## 3 P's

**Prayer** – We asked for prayers for the walks, and you have given them abundantly! Thank you!

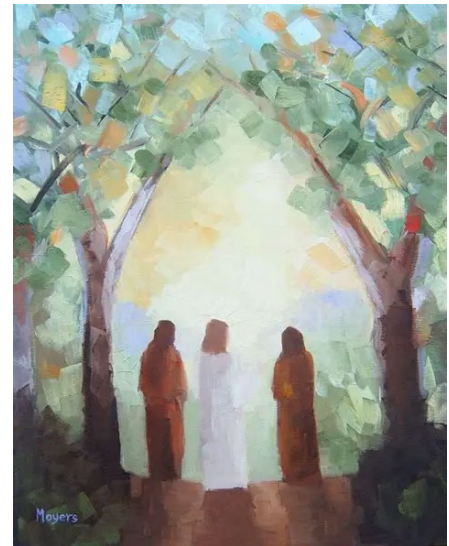
**Pilgrims** – We asked for pilgrims for these walks. Once again, you have reached out to your friends and family and provided! Thank you!

**Presence** – Now we ask for your presence. Come join us at the send-off as we pray over each pilgrim's cross. Come for candlelight. You remember that moment you walked through those doors! And then join us at closing to welcome our newest members of the Emmaus community! God is moving in these walks. Come and be a part!

**DeColores!**

*Terry Pierson*

Lay Director



## 2026 Spring Walks

**Thursday Night Send-Off @ 7:00pm**

*Men's - April 9 Women's - April 16*

**Saturday Night Candlelight @ 8:00pm**

*Men's - April 11, Women's - April 18*

**Sunday Closing @ 4:00pm**

*Men's - April 12, Women's - April 19*



## Meet the Board Member

Name: Cheryl Heller  
Role: Assit Lay Director  
Walk # 78, table of Naomi  
Church FMC Ardmore



### What inspired me to say yes to serving on the Emmaus Board:

*To give back to the community what it has given to me*

### My Emmaus experience:

*That I can't keep God's grace if I don't give it away serving others*

### Favorite verse of faith quote:

*Ps 25:4-5 Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*

### Coffee or Tea? Sweet or unsweet:

*Coffee with plain cream, no sweet*

### Favorite comfort food:

*Popcorn*



### If I could instantly master one skill or hobby, it would be...

*To draw and paint beautiful pictures*

### What Emmaus means to me:

*Serving with people from different churches, making wonderful friends along the way.*

### One way the community can pray for me as I serve:

*With a busy life, being more intentional and observant of others, showing more patience.*

### Favorite hymn or worship song:

Behold (Then sings my soul) by Hillsong

### Something you might not know about me:

*I love cats! Except for college years, at least one cat (usually more) has always lived with me.*

### God is teaching me:

*Abiding with Christ is an all day, in every situation and circumstance, a must for peace and joy to rule in my heart. Practicing this truth doesn't come all at once it is a journey.*

## Sharing God's Love: Snack Agape & Table Agape

One of the simplest and most needed ways to serve during a Walk to Emmaus is through snack agape and table agape.

Agape means God's unconditional love—and these small acts are a powerful way to share that love with each pilgrim.

**Snack Agape** Snacks and drinks offered throughout the weekend may seem simple, but they are a timely reminder that someone cares. They refresh, encourage, and quietly say, "You are loved."

**Table Agape** Notes, Scriptures, and small gifts placed on tables often speak directly to a pilgrim's heart. These thoughtful touches can become some of the most meaningful moments of the weekend. These are also items that they can reflect on long after their walk.

### How You Can Help

- Donating snacks or drinks
- Creating table agape items
- Praying over what you give

There is no small gift—God uses it all. A snack. A note. A simple act of love.

[www.crowspointemmaus.org](http://www.crowspointemmaus.org) or reach out to a board member to sign up!

## We Need Helping Hands!

**Thursday, April 9th, 2PM** – Set up (gather items from the shed & prep spaces)

**After Women's Closing** – April 12<sup>th</sup> – Tear down & clean chapel

*Thank you for serving!*

# What Really Happens At Candlelight Service.....

One of the most powerful and unforgettable moments of the Walk to Emmaus is the Candlelight service. For many pilgrims, it becomes a holy pause—a moment where heaven feels especially near and the love of Christ is seen, felt, and experienced in a deeply personal way..

Throughout the weekend, pilgrims are being poured into through talks, worship, prayer, and reflection. By the time Candlelight arrives, hearts are often open in a new and tender way.

*Then, the community enters.*

Representing the Body of Christ, friends and family gather—not to speak directly to the pilgrims, but to be present. In that quiet, reverent moment, something powerful happens: pilgrims see that they are not alone. They are surrounded by a community that loves them, supports them, and has been praying for them.

The soft glow of candlelight becomes a picture of Christ’s love—gentle, steady, and never-ending.

## The Body of Christ in Action

Candlelight reminds us that our walk with Christ was never meant to be lived alone. Just as Scripture tells us, we are one body—each part encouraging and strengthening the other.

As the community worships together, there is unity. No titles, no roles—just believers lifting up the name of Jesus. It is a glimpse of what the Church is meant to be.

For the pilgrims watching, it’s often a moment of realization: this is my community now... this is my family in Christ. It is often in that quiet glow that hearts fully receive what has been unfolding all weekend:

You are loved.

You are not alone.

God is with you.



As pilgrims enter their 4th Day, they are invited to become that same light for others. To encourage. To pray. To show up. To reflect Christ in everyday life.

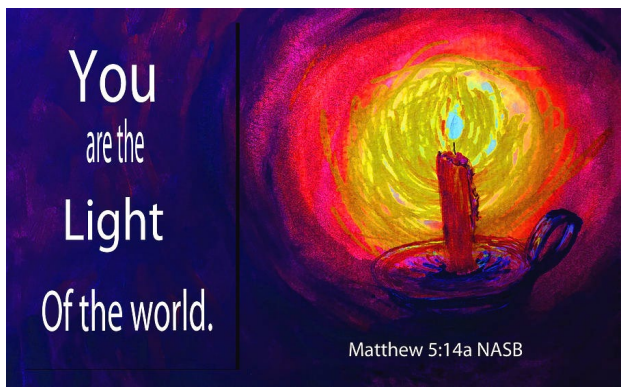
And for those in the community, Candlelight is a reminder too: your presence matters. Your faithfulness matters. Simply showing up can speak louder than words.

Jesus said, “**You are the light of the world.**”

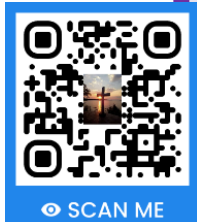
At Candlelight, we don’t just hear those words—we see them.

And as each candle flickers in the darkness, we are reminded that even the smallest light can shine brightly when we stand together in Christ.

**Don’t miss out on being a part of this beautiful moment! The more participants the better.**



Stay informed about reminders, prayer needs, and Walk updates via TEXT  
Text EMMAUS to (580) 407-4778  
Complete the quick connect card and stay connected.



## Introducing: Walk 119 & 120 Pilgrims

There is something powerful about praying for someone by name. It turns a general prayer into a personal covering—lifting each pilgrim before the Lord with intention and love. As you look over the list of pilgrims, take a moment to speak their names out loud in prayer. Ask God to meet them right where they are, to soften hearts, bring peace, and reveal His presence in a real and life-changing way.

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart— I appointed you prophet to the nations.”

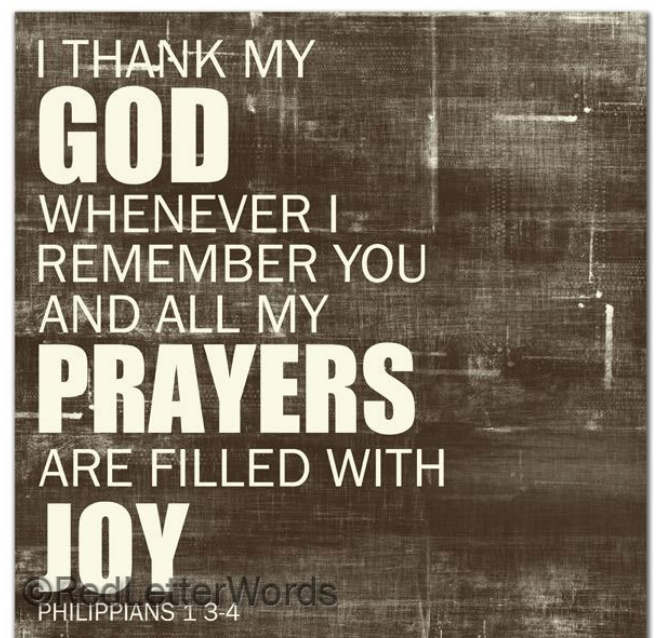
Jeremiah 1:5 TLV

### Men's Pilgrims

Craig Adams  
Michael Alderfer  
James Baker  
Rilee Baker  
Frankie Bolin  
Eric Byrd  
John Casburn  
Aaron Chandler  
Jody Cornelison  
Derringer Cox  
John DeFoor  
Kevin First  
Rex Fleitman  
Tony Gayanich  
Cory Godwin  
Carlos Hernandez  
Blake LeMay  
Jamie Hurt  
Trey Millard  
Trae Mims  
Shawn Muse  
Cody Nall  
David Newkirk  
C.J. Oakes  
Dakota Ott  
Joey Payne  
Blake Perea  
Daniel Pitchford  
Derek Spanhanks  
Matt Suffal  
Bobby Thompson  
Wally Wilson

### Women's Pilgrims

Cecile Adams  
Beth Brower  
Alina Boatner  
Carrol Casburn  
Danyelle Cornelison  
Sarah Crowley  
Mary June Day  
Amy Fleitman  
Cassidy Graham  
Ana-Marta Hendershott  
Rebekah Hosford  
Dixie Jackson  
Brandi Ledbetter  
Kelsey LeMay  
Amy Long  
Kimberly Looper  
Rhea Matlock  
Heidi Mirinda  
Tracy Muse  
Ren Oakes  
Missy Oxford  
Tina Phillips  
Kay Pryor  
Nisa Robertson  
Viola Rote  
Faith Smith  
Jeanie Thomas  
Denise Watts  
Nancy Williams  
Kira Calhoun-Wilson



## All About Sponsorship!

Sponsorship is a meaningful way we serve in the Walk to Emmaus. It's more than filling out an application or inviting someone to attend—it's a commitment to walk beside a pilgrim before, during, and after their weekend

A pilgrim often steps into the weekend with a mix of excitement and uncertainty. Your presence—through prayer, encouragement, and preparation—helps steady their heart and opens the door for what God wants to do in them.

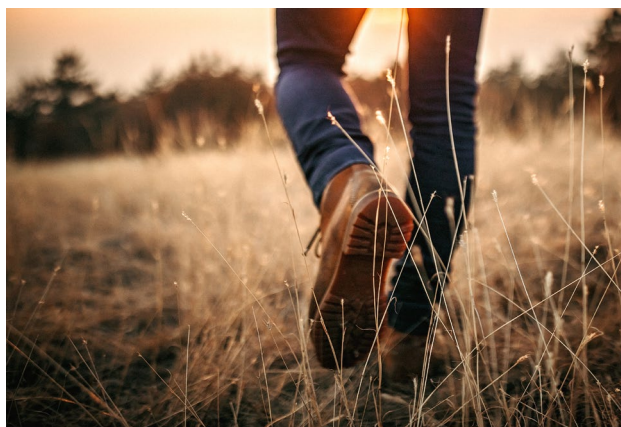
Sponsorship lays the foundation. It prepares the soil so the seeds planted during the weekend can take root and grow.

### How to Prepare Your Pilgrim

Before the walk, take time to:

- Pray intentionally for them—lift them up daily
- Share your experience, without giving away the surprises
- Help them understand the purpose of the weekend
- Take care of practical needs (packing list, schedule, family responsibilities)

*Most importantly, remind them they are being covered in prayer and surrounded by love.*



## Supporting Them During the Weekend

Even though you won't be physically with them, your role continues:

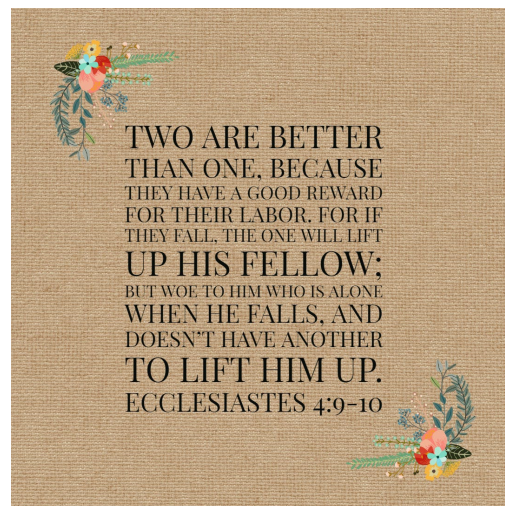
- Be faithful in prayer throughout the weekend
- Participate in the Candlelight Service
- Write letters and make sure their Agape letters are to the table agape room **on time!** These letters make a huge impact.
- Check in on their family/pets during the weekend

### After the Walk

- Encourage them to attend 4<sup>th</sup> Day Gathering
- Help them find a reunion group
- Help them to get plugged into the community – Newsletter, Facebook, Text Communications and attending Gatherings

Discipleship doesn't happen in a weekend. It grows in community.

Sponsorship is a beautiful responsibility. It's not about having all the right words or doing everything perfectly—it's about being willing, prayerful, and present. God does the transforming. We simply get to be part of the journey.



## Join Us for 4th Day Gathering

Thursday April 23 | 6:00 PM

First Methodist Church –

Colvert Ministry Center

503 W Broadway, Ardmore, OK

### What Is 4th Day Gathering?

4th Day Gathering is where the Emmaus community comes back together—to reconnect and to be encouraged in our walk with Christ.

It's a time to:

- Celebrate what God has done on the recent walks
- Welcome and support our newest pilgrims
- Be refreshed and strengthened for the days ahead

The weekend may spark something new, but Gathering helps keep that flame burning.

### A Change to Better Serve Our Community

In order to better support both pilgrims and the Emmaus community, we are making a small but meaningful change:

4th Day Gathering will now be held on **Thursday**, instead of Tuesday, following the women's walk.

This adjustment allows for:

- More time for pilgrims to rest and begin processing their experience
- Greater opportunity for family, sponsors, and community members to attend
- A smoother transition from the weekend into the 4th Day

Our desire is to make Gathering as life-giving and accessible as possible—and we believe this change will help do just that.

### Stay Connected

Gathering is also where many find their reunion groups—those smaller circles of accountability and encouragement that help sustain spiritual growth long after the weekend.

If you've been disconnected, this is the perfect place to re-engage. If you're new, it's the perfect place to begin.

The Walk to Emmaus was never meant to be a one-time event. It's a starting point—a call to live differently, to walk daily with Christ, and to do so in community.

So mark your calendar for **Thursday, April 23rd**. Come ready to encourage, and to be encouraged.

Because the 4th Day isn't meant to be walked alone—and Gathering is where we remember that together.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**



# Clergy Corner:



## The Road Less Traveled.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.  
And sorry, I could not travel both.  
The end of this famous poem has this  
as the last verse.

I shall be telling this with a sigh.  
Somewhere ages and ages hence.  
Two roads diverged into wood, and I,  
I took the one less traveled by.

And that has made all the difference.

I was an English major in school, so naturally I loved Short Stories and poetry; both fact and fiction. And every time I read this poem I would think of the story Jesus told about there were two roads to take. There is a Wide Road; The path that leads to destruction. And narrow is the road that leads to life. And few there be that find it.

I made excuses lots and lots of times why I could not go on the walk to Emmaus at this time. I'll do it when I got nothing else to do what I was basically thinking.

Well, on the day it was supposed to be; I had run out of excuses why I couldn't go on the walk, So I finally went.

I now know God had planned that walk just for me! I went on the walk, and it has made all the difference. I finally took the road less travelled by so many brothers and sisters in Christ I went on my walk!

Those women from the Central Avenue Christian Church, that came to our house. They brought me a pair of Buster Brown shoes that fit me.

Which enabled me to start coming to Sunday school.

Those women didn't just bring me a pair of shoes. You know what else they brought;

They brought me a picture book; a picture book of stories about Jesus.

I needed those shoes. But I really needed those stories.

Two roads appeared in my life; a wide road and the narrow road less traveled I chose the narrow road , the walk to Emmaus less traveled

And it made all the difference

I needed those shoes , but I really needed those Emmaus stories of grace  
It made all the difference

*DeColores!*

Rev Randal Richards

# May Community Gathering

When: *May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11Am – 1PM*

Where: *Generations Church – Ardmore, OK*

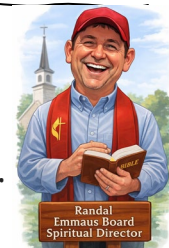
**Come reconnect, worship, and share in fellowship – we'd love to see you there!**



## PAYPAL DONATIONS

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 recurring 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.

## Meet the Board



Name – Randal Richards

Role – Community Spiritual Director

Church – Asbury Methodist Church

**My Emmaus Experience (one sentence):**

*God affirmed His calling to me for Ministry.*

**Favorite Verse or Faith Quote:** *Eph 4:32*

*– But ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

**Coffee or Tea? Sweet or unsweet** ☕

*Neither - None*

**Favorite Comfort Food:** *Chocolate Milk*

**If I could instantly master one skill or hobby, it would be...** *painting or singing*

**What Emmaus Means to Me:**

*Opportunity to share God's love with others*

**One way the community can pray for me as I serve:** *Pray that I am sensitive to the Holy Spirit's calling and leading*

**Favorite Hymn or Worship Song:** *How Great Thou Art – Thank You Jesus for the Blood*

**Something You Might Not Know About Me:** *I was locked in a room at the Pentagon*

**God Is Teaching Me:** *Patience*

## Share Your Emmaus Fourth Day Story

People need to hear stories about individuals who—because of their experience at an Emmaus Ministries event—have been renewed in their commitment to the Christian faith and ministry through their local church or another organization. Here are some ideas to help share your 4<sup>th</sup> day experience.

- When and where was your Emmaus Ministries event? (Please include the name of your community/walk #.)
- Please share the way the event impacted your life.
- Share about your journey on the Fourth Day.
- Growth in Piety – how you are further opening yourself to God (spiritual practices)?
- Growth through Study – what you have been reading/studying recently that has contributed to your ongoing spiritual formation in significant ways?
- Growth through Christian Action – What ministry (ministries) you are involved with and how it is (they are) impacting your world?
- Tell us about your hope for the future.

Please email your 4<sup>th</sup> Day Story to: [info@crosspointemmaus.org](mailto:info@crosspointemmaus.org)



## STAY CONNECTED!

Did you know we have a Facebook **Group**? It's a great place to stay connected, share encouragement, and keep up with what's happening in our Emmaus community. Join us on Facebook at **Cross Point Walk To Emmaus Community** and be part of the conversation!

## Gathering/Commissioning



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## Clergy Corner....

Community clergy, would you like to write a paragraph, or two or three, to share with the Cross Point Emmaus Community? It can be on any topic of your choice. Just send your musings to: [info@crosspointemmaus.org](mailto:info@crosspointemmaus.org)

## On the Road to Emmaus

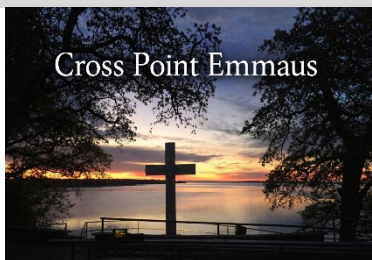
13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they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

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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



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## Cross Point Emmaus 2026 Board

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