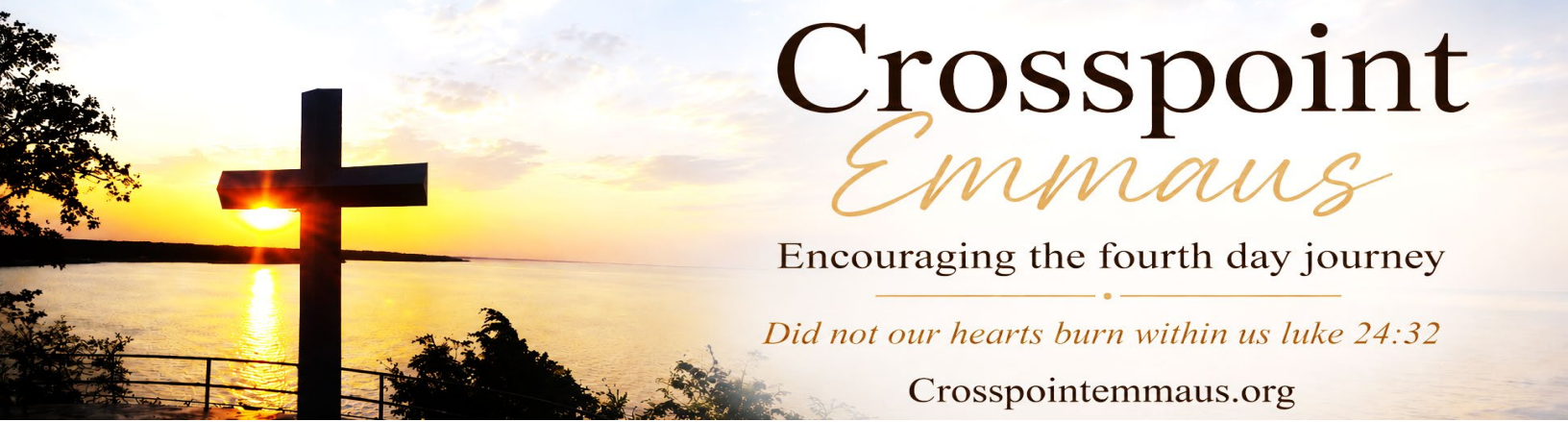




Crosspoint *Emmaus*

Encouraging the fourth day journey

Did not our hearts burn within us luke 24:32

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August 2026 Edition

Volunteers Needed! There's a Place for You!

We are still looking for volunteers for the spring walks. Why not you? 1 Peter 4:10 says God has given each of us a gift, and we should share that with one another as good stewards. Be a blessing and receive many blessings in return.

DeColores!

Terry Pierson

CLD



Men's Walk #121

April 8–11 2027

Women's Walk #122

April 15–18 2027



PRAY



SERVE



ENCOURAGE



Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24

Calling All Hearts: Step Forward to Serve on the Next Walk

The excitement of an Emmaus weekend does not rest on a few individuals. It comes from the love, willingness, and service of our entire community. As we prepare for our upcoming gathering and the upcoming walks next year, I am extending an open invitation to every member of the Cross Point Emmaus community: **we need your hands and feet, your prayers, and your servant heart.**

If Emmaus made a difference in your life, I am asking you to help share that experience firsthand with the pilgrim's next spring. To have an exceptional walk full of grace we need community members to step up to fulfill essential roles, both behind the scenes and in front of the pilgrims.

How to Apply

Submit Your Application: Reach out to the Emmaus team or board members at the upcoming Gathering to collect a team application, or go to the Crosspoint Website and fill out an online application.

Indicate Your Availability: Let us know which areas of service fit your gifts and schedule.

Pray for the Weekend: Even if you cannot serve on team for this upcoming Walk, we ask that you commit to praying for the pilgrims, team members, and leadership as preparation begins.

Thank you for your continued dedication to keeping the flame of Emmaus burning bright in our community. Step forward, submit your application, and be a part of what God is going to do on the next Walk!

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Deni Richards

Lay Director Walk #122



AUGUST GATHERING

Saturday,
August 22nd
11:00 AM

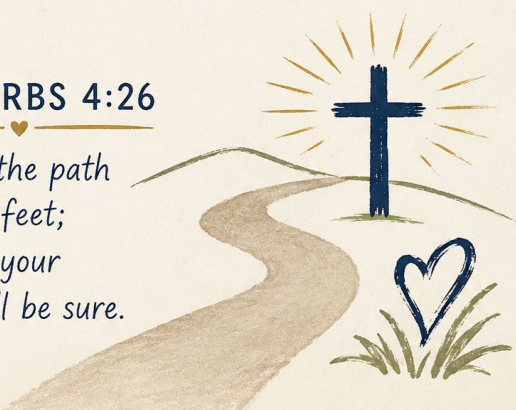
Generations Church
Ardmore, OK

Bring a dish to share!

EVERY
DECISION
LEADS TO A
DESTINATION.

PROVERBS 4:26

Ponder the path
of your feet;
then all your
ways will be sure.



Name: Jeremy Berryhill

Role: Candlelight/Sendoff

Walk # 33

Church: Generations Church



What inspired me to say yes to serving on the Emmaus board: Seeing Lives that were "REALLY" changed by the new knowledge of how loved they are by God and By people

My Emmaus Experience (one sentence): Seeing the love and servanthood lived out

Favorite Verse or Faith Quote: Every Decision Leads to A Destination

Coffee or Tea? Sweet or unsweet: coffee unsweetened (LOTS of Coffee)

Favorite Comfort Food: Mexican

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

What Emmaus Means to Me: Emmaus means that the Capital "C" church is working together to see the Kingdom of God represented to the World. Because they will know we are disciples by our love for each other.

One way the community can pray for me as I serve: that as an individual and a board member I will continue to listen for his voice and direction as I pray and read his word

Favorite Hymn or Worship Song: currently it is "At the Altar"

Something You Might Not Know About Me: I own a pest control company. so I am officially licensed to kill... lol

God Is Teaching Me: to trust him with "EVERYTHING"

Clergy Corner:



Red Sea Road

“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land... and the Israelites went into the sea on dry ground.”

— Exodus 14:21–22 NRSV

I am originally from West Texas, a part of the world not exactly known for its abundance of water. There are no beautiful seashores. My childhood version of swimming usually involved a muddy stock tank or a reservoir filled by a windmill. So, needless to say, anytime our summer travels brought us near a lake or larger body of water, we were thrilled.

The sea was something distant to me. The Red River, however, has always been familiar.

I know where its headwaters begin. Shortly after my parents married, they went to live on the JA Ranch in the Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle. By God’s design, the Red River begins carving its way through that country. That is where my sister and I were born.

I have moved more times than I can count on both hands, yet somehow I have spent most of my life living on one side of the Red River or the other—and usually not very far from it.

Today, I can see the Red from my home.

In the mornings, I often look out toward it as the sun rises, usually with a cup of coffee in one hand and my Bible or devotional in the other. I take prayer walks alongside its banks. Our family picnics there. Our kids and grandkids have tracked its red sand into our house—the same sand that has traveled hundreds of miles from the canyon where my story began.

That river has become part of my story.

In *Present Over Perfect*, Shauna Niequist writes, “No one ever changes until the pain level gets high enough. The inciting incident for life change is almost always heartbreak.” She goes on to describe a sea change—a profound or notable transformation.

Those words have stayed with me because, for me, they could not have been more true.

A little over seven years ago, I experienced my own sea change.

It happened on Cross Point Walk to Emmaus #108.

There at Cross Point Camp on Lake Texoma—where the Red River is dammed and held—God, through Emmaus and through this community, transformed my life. How fitting that it happened there, on the closest thing I had ever really known to the sea.

The Red River.

The river near where my earthly life began had carried me, in a sense, to the place where God began something new.

It was there that I first felt God calling me into ministry.

It was there that God made a way for me.

It was my **Red Sea Road**.

In her book *WayMaker*, Ann Voskamp writes about the God who makes a way through the impossible—the God who meets us at the edge of what we cannot cross on our own. Maybe that is part of why the story of the Red Sea has come to mean so much to me. Looking back, I can see that God was already making a way long before I could see the road ahead.

That same image is beautifully captured in Ellie Holcomb’s song “Red Sea Road”—a reminder that when we cannot see a way forward, God is still making a way.

Maybe that is what a Red Sea Road really is: the road God makes when we cannot see a road at all.

When There Seems to Be No Way

In Exodus 14, the people of Israel found themselves trapped.

The Red Sea stretched before them. Pharaoh’s army was closing in behind them. There appeared to be nowhere to go.

Yet God was already at work.

Clergy Corner Continued.....

The angel of God and the pillar of cloud and fire that had been leading Israel moved behind them, standing between God's people and the army pursuing them. The same presence that had guided them now protected them.

And then God made a road where there had never been a road.

The waters divided.

Dry ground appeared.

And God's people walked through.

Asaph, in Psalm 77, remembers that moment this way:

*"Your way went through the sea,
your path through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.
You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron."*
— Psalm 77:19–20 NRSV

These words hold special meaning for me—Psalm 77 was the Scripture I used for the very first sermon I preached after my Walk to Emmaus.

I love those words: *"Your footprints were unseen."*

The Israelites could not always see what God was doing, but God was there.

The same is true for us.

We have all walked through dark valleys. We have all stood before our own Red Seas—afraid of what lies ahead while trying desperately to escape what is behind us.

But the God who led Israel has not changed.

And for us, the Way is more than a road God opens before us. The Way is Jesus. Jesus said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life"* (John 14:6). When we cannot see the way forward, we follow the One who *is* the Way.

The pillar of cloud and fire reminds us of the Holy Spirit who still guides, protects, comforts, and leads the people of God. When we cannot see the road, we can trust the One who makes the road.

Our Emmaus Family

Now, picture our Emmaus community.

Picture the teams preparing to serve.

Picture the pilgrims who will come to **Walks #121 and #122.**

We do not yet know every story they will bring with them. We do not know the seas they are facing, the armies they are running from, the burdens they are carrying, or the roads they cannot yet see.

But God does.

And our prayer is that somewhere along their Walk, they will encounter Jesus in a new and life-changing way—the One who meets us on the road.

And what an incredible privilege it is that we get to be part of what God is doing.

**Seas are going to change.
Red Seas are going to part.
God is going to make a way.**

Somewhere during these upcoming Walks, someone may discover that the road they thought did not exist has been there all along—not because they made it, but because God did.

That is what happened for Israel.

That is what happened for me on Walk #108.

And I believe God is still doing it today.

So, Cross Point Emmaus family, let us pray. Let us serve. Let us encourage. Let us prepare the way for those who are coming.

And when the night seems dark, and the waves seem high, may we remember that the fire of the Holy Spirit still leads us.

The Waymaker is still making ways.

And together, we will follow Him—down the Red Sea Road.

Love and Blessings, Pastor Stacie Evans



Name: Lewella Lomenick

Role: AV Tech/ Newsletter / Social Media

Walk # 96

Church:

Southern Oklahoma Sabbath Fellowship

What inspired me to say yes to serving

on the Emmaus board: Emmaus means so

much to me and any opportunity to serve is such an honor. *Wife. Mom. Loved.*

My Emmaus Experience (one sentence):

Experiencing firsthand the love of Jesus in a way I've never experienced.

Favorite Verse or Faith Quote: "Shalom I leave you, My Shalom I give to you; but not as the world gives! Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid." John 14:27

Coffee or Tea? Sweet or unsweet: Black Coffee / Sweet Tea

Favorite Comfort Food: Beef Jerky or Gobstoppers

If I could instantly master one skill or hobby, it would be... painting pretty pictures or drawing

What Emmaus Means to Me: the coming together of all different backgrounds in unity to serve God and love one another.

One way the community can pray for me as I

serve: to listen to the voice of the Shepherd and walk according to His will

Favorite Hymn or Worship Song:

"Still Waters (Ps 23)" by Leanna Crawford or "Grave Clothes" by Maverick City

Something You Might Not Know About Me: I

have a cat, Simon, who travels with us and is leash-trained, and a pet cow, Jubilee. I always dreamed of having a leash-trained cat and a pet cow since I was a little girl.

God Is Teaching Me: To surrender all things to Him, especially when it's uncomfortable.



DeColores! 
Keep the flame burning.

SHARE YOUR 4TH DAY STORY

Has God continued to work in your life since your Walk?

Your testimony may encourage someone else in their journey.



Tell us:

- When was your Walk?
- How has Emmaus impacted your life?
- Where is God leading you today?

Submit your story through the QR code or email:

info@crosspointemmaus.org

Peace I leave with you;
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and
DO NOT BE AFRAID.

JOHN 14:27 NIV

Our next Walk may still feel a little ways off, but **it's never too early to start thinking about agape!**

Snack and table agape are such simple ways to pour love into our pilgrims and remind them throughout the weekend that they are being prayed for, encouraged, and loved by their Emmaus community.

Whether it's a favorite snack, a small handmade item, or something creative for the tables, now is a great time to begin gathering ideas and getting things ready. Every little piece of agape helps make the Walk special.

Start thinking, creating, and praying now—because the little things can make a BIG impact!

For Table Agape reach out to:
Jennifer Little –
[littlesargey@gmail.com](mailto:littleargey@gmail.com)

For Snack Agape reach out to:
Jackie Matthews –
jackieeldon1971@gmail.com

“Let all that you do be done in love.”
— 1 Corinthians 16:14



Stay informed about reminders, prayer needs, and Walk updates via text.



Text “EMMAUS” to
(580) 407-4778





Why Your Support Matters

Emmaus changes lives, but it takes the support of our community to keep the ministry moving forward. Donations help provide scholarships, support Walk expenses, purchase supplies, and ensure future pilgrims can experience God's grace through Emmaus.

If Emmaus has impacted your life, please prayerfully consider giving. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

"Freely you have received; freely give." — Matthew 10:8

To give, visit the website and click **Donate**, or scan the QR code below.

Thank you for investing in lives that are being changed.



Scan. Pay. Go.

Sponsoring a Pilgrim

Sponsoring a pilgrim is one of the most impactful ways to invest in someone's faith journey. It begins with prayer, asking God to place the right person on your heart, and continues as you walk alongside them before, during, and after their Emmaus experience.

When inviting someone, share your experience, answer questions honestly, and give them space to pray about it. Be sure they have **approval from their pastor**, as Emmaus is designed for those already active in their church and ready to grow deeper in their walk with Christ.

The cost for a pilgrim is **\$260**, but a sponsorship application can be submitted with an initial **\$130 payment**. Applications can be found online at crosspointemmaus.org, and are due **March 15, 2027**. Completed forms can be turned in to any board member or to: **Bebe Lodes Registrar** blodes@gmail.com.

At its heart, the Walk to Emmaus is about **building up the Church**—equipping believers to return to their local congregations renewed, encouraged, and ready to serve. Sponsorship is a vital part of that mission, helping raise up strong disciples who will impact their churches and communities.

June Gathering



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!

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



Note: If you have photos or anything to add to the next Newsletter, please send them to:

info@crosspointemmaus.org

No copyrighted works can be included without permission. All submissions will be subject to editing as to length and content. Most members of the Cross Point Emmaus Community receive Newsletters and information by email. Please ask your Emmaus friends if they receive the Newsletter. We do not want to accidentally omit anyone. *If you use Gmail for email, please check your "Promotions" folder for our emails, or you may select "all mail" to see all inbox folder contents.*

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.

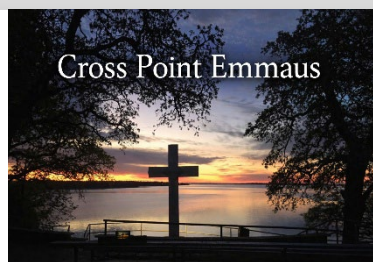
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28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he 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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Be a friend.
Bring a friend
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