



Cross Point Emmaus

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Here I am. Send Me!

Isaiah 6:8 *"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"*

The Walks are almost here! Your Cross Point Emmaus Board is very excited to see what God has in store for the men and women of Walk 107 and 108. Applications have steadily been submitted by those eager to deepen their relationship with Christ.

Amongst the excitement for the Emmaus Walks, have you considered your Fourth Days? Whether you attended Walk 1 or Walk 106, our Fourth Days are important. How have you lived out yours? Have you allowed your Emmaus experience to drift into obscurity or has the revelation of God's grace upon your life been evident in each day? Have you woken each morning by answering God's call on your life, with "Here am I. Send me!"? I haven't been faithful to do so every morning of my Fourth Days. Sometimes my calendared plans and appointments overshadow the stillness of God's grace on my life and I quickly forget what I have been called to accomplish. To simply live in grace. I get caught up in my routines that I don't see the task before me of simply loving those around me - my children, family, friends, coworkers, strangers at the store. I hope your Fourth Days have been filled with the expectation of the Spirit moving through you and around you, by you responding with "Send Me!"

I also pray that if your Fourth Days have been abundantly difficult, that you will find the hope and peace beyond understanding again, as you encountered when on your Walk to Emmaus. You are called and chosen.

Walk Fees:

Volunteer fee: \$175

Pilgrim fee: \$190 (\$95 deposit)

These fees cover lodging, meals, insurance, literature, and supplies.

Deadline for all fees to be paid is March 16th. That is also the deadline for all pilgrim and sponsor applications. If you are still considering sponsoring someone, please meet with them and get their applications submitted as soon as possible. The Walks are filling up quickly and your candidate may end up on a waiting list if you procrastinate.

Sponsors, I hope you have maintained contact with your candidate and are preparing them for successful participation. Please plan to attend Sponsor's Hour after Send Off on Thursday night. This is an important part of your responsibility as a sponsor.

Thank you to everyone who is already supporting the Walks, pilgrims, sponsors, and volunteers. Thank you for your willingness to say "Here am I. Send Me!"

De Colores!

Kenna Johnson, Walk to Emmaus #46A
Registrar, Cross Point Emmaus Board

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"Here am I! Send me,"
Isaiah 6:8



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THESE PILGRIMS AND THEIR SPONSORS

Men's Walk 107

- Francis Bartley
- David Benz
- Doug Brazzell
- Charles Fretwell
- Johnny Givens
- Aleck Gorrell
- Al Holder
- Doug Holman
- Stephen Hutchins
- Zach Lankford
- Thomas Madden
- Fred Ramsey
- Wayne Saunders
- David Shores
- Richard Slane
- David Tolbert
- Rusty Trail
- Bobby Wright

Women's Walk 108

- Lois Bartley
- Lindsey Benson
- Christina Blackstone
- Paula Brazzell
- Kasie Burns
- Kelly Easterwood
- Stacie Evans
- Dawna Fretwell
- Suzy Holman
- Crystal Howard
- Sherry Hutchins
- Angie Kennedy
- Christian Law
- Sharon Parker

- Amy Parrot
- Rebecca Patterson
- Rhonda Rowe
- Tina Slane
- Gina Tickel
- Kay Trager
- Donna Tyler
- Nancy White
- Amy White

Emmaus Gathering & Commissioning



**Saturday, March 9
4:00pm
FUMC Ardmore
Colvert Ministry Center**

The next Cross Point Emmaus Gathering is March 9th at 4:00pm at FUMC's Colvert Ministry Center. This gathering is also the commissioning for the upcoming Walks' team members. If you are a volunteer for the Walks, please come to be commissioned. We encourage all of our community to attend and be a part of the prayer and going forth to the Men's and Women's Walk.

Potluck dinner will begin at 4pm in the Main Room, followed by worship and the commissioning.

If you haven't attended a gathering since your Walk or you've allowed time to pass without attending, we miss you! Gatherings are an important part of our community and we want to see you!

GOD'S GOT THIS!!!

As the time draws closer for both the men's and women's Walks, my heart beats a little faster. My humanness starts questioning. "Has the conference room had enough training? Have I given enough instructions? Do I have enough volunteers for the outside team?" It's all about the "I," but as we have prepared for the Walks, there have been issues come up that God already had a solution. So, God's got this!

From the very beginning, my prayer has been that this is God's Walk; I'm only his instrument. I am deeply blessed with an awesome conference room team. Many prayers have been spoken over the women's Walk by the team. Now, my outside team has come together and I can finally breath deeply. I am humbled by those who said 'yes' and are willing to walk this journey with me.

Please continue to lift both the men's and women's walks in prayer. Volunteer to sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil. Snacks and table agape are needed. You can signup for the vigil and snack agape online at crosspointemmaus.org or the lists will be available at the gathering on March 9th. I invite you to join us on March 9th for the commissioning of the men's and women's Walks. Come lay your hands upon us and prayer over us. Keep these Walks hedged in prayer for both the teams and the pilgrims who are coming. God is counting on you.

Patty Tickel

WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST

We are getting closer! As we approach Cross Point Emmaus walks #107 and #108, we have made a commitment for us to become one team. Our team members have prayed for each other, the pilgrims - both men and women, and for their 4th days.

In each training, we have asked for the Holy Spirit to come, to provide us with knowledge and wisdom for those men and women who will be led to attend. But the team is not yet completed. **WE NEED YOU!** We need you to sign up to pray, to bring snacks, to come to send off and to candle light. We need you to volunteer for the weekends or for a day. Remember your walk? It meant so much to know people cared for you even if you didn't know them.

We also need your pilgrims. Do you know someone who needs to grow in their leadership in church? Do you know someone who is ready to grow in their faith? Applications can be found online, along with sponsor forms.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

De Colores!

Rev. Sharen Hale, Weekend Spiritual Director Table of Saints Walk # 108.



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 and Melissa West are the board members in charge of snacks this year. They need commitments NOW—not at the last minute, so they can plan accordingly. 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 you can click on individual items for either the men’s or women’s or BOTH!!

Contact Melissa West at mysunshine0225@yahoo.com or 580-465-4012, if you would like donate and are having difficulty signing up online. Thank you!

Prayer Vigil

Another way in which we can all serve on the next Walks is to participate in the Prayer Vigil. We say this all the time, but do we really believe it: “The Walks run on prayer!”?

Anyone who has given a talk KNOWS the power that prayer has on their presence in the conference room. There is a confidence and a freedom that comes from being lifted up in prayer. The pilgrims may not recognize it, but the success of their experience is heavily dependent on the prayer that “bathes” the entire Walk.

Please take time to visit the website and click on the “praying hands” to go to the vigil link and enter your name. Daily, ask for God’s blessing on His Walks this Spring.

We need Table Agape!

There are many ways you can be the hands and feet of Christ for these Walks, but one way is to provide table agape! Each Walk needs a total of **75** items to be sure everyone in the conference room receives one. Table agape is another important aspect of Emmaus, but donations continue to dwindle.

Are you in a reunion group? You may consider making or purchasing small gifts as a group. All sorts of things are accepted, such as: bookmarks, cards, candy, and unique items. Please donate!

THE WALK TO EMMAUS IS COMING!

Excitement is in the air, as the Spring Walks are coming. The Teams have been training and will complete their training tasks on Saturday, March 9. I extend an invitation to the Cross Point Emmaus Community to join us at the Colvert Ministry Center of the First United Methodist Church in Ardmore at 4:00 p.m. for our Gathering and for the Commissioning of the Teams. As of now, God has provided sufficient numbers of Pilgrims for the Walks to take place and there is still room for more pilgrims. If you have someone that you would like to sponsor on the Walks, please pray about your invitation and go for it! We all know that God has a great plan for all participants on those two weekends. Also, we still need volunteers, especially on the Women’s Team, so fill out a Volunteer Form on our website crosspointemmaus.org, so you can be a part of the team! Additionally, your Board of Directors is already working on the Walks for the Spring of 2020 and ask that you pray about volunteering and about sponsoring pilgrims. We are optimistic that the time is coming that we can get back to holding two sets of walks each year, but that cannot happen until we have more Volunteers and more Pilgrims. God Bless You and I will see you on March 9 in Ardmore. De Colores!

Tem Barrett, Community Lay Director



Daylight Savings Time

March 10, 2019

Move clocks up 1 hour!

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] 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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2019 Board

- Community Lay Director - Tem Barrett
- Community Spiritual Dir. - Rev. David Mingus
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- Fourth Day - Randal Richards
- Gatherings - David Shahan
- Music - Rick Hamilton
- Table Agape - Joe Rison
- Registration - Kenna Johnson
- Newsletter / AV Tech - Melissa West

Important Reminders

Thursday Night Send-Off @ 7:00pm
Men's - March 28, Women's - April 4

Saturday Night Candlelight @ 8:00pm
Men's - March 30, Women's - April 6

Sunday Closing @ 4:00pm
Men's - March 31, Women's - April 7

We're on the web
www.crosspointemmaus.org

Spring Walks

* **March 28-31, 2019 for the Men**

* **April 4-7, 2019 for the Women**

If our walks become overflowing with candidates, we will revisit opening up a second walk in the same year.

Note: If you have anything to add to the next quarterly Newsletter, send your copy or photos to Melissa West at mysunshine0225@yahoo.com.

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