



Green Country Walk to

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The Emmaus Newsletter

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

This is my favorite time of year. The trees, grass, and flowers that have been dormant all winter are coming back to life. The colors of spring are vibrant - golden-rods, redbuds, Bradford pears, and jonquils all assure us that warmer weather is right around the corner.

But, the coming of Easter is what makes this time of year special to me. Can you imagine two-thousand-nine years ago walking with Cleopas on the road to Emmaus? It was this time of year. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then, their eyes were opened! "Were not our hearts burning within us when He talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?" they asked in Luke.

My heart burns in spring for our risen Lord.

And my prayer is that yours does, too. Our women's Walk is practically full, if not full. And the men's Walk is getting that way also. Praise God for that.

Do you remember how your hearts burned during Closing of your Walk? It's a feeling I'll never forget. The teams of Walks 141 and 142 need your prayers, as do the pilgrims. Please lift them up as the Walks get closer. Prayerfully consider helping behind the scenes throughout the weekends. And, I know it would be a blessing to have the sanctuary of Christ Church full during Candlelight. Would you make plans to attend both services?

He is risen. He is risen indeed. Happy Easter.

DeColores,
Ed Taylor
Board Chair

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- Men's Walk April 16-19 at Christ UMC
- Men's Send Off Thurs April 16th at 6:30pm
- Men's Candlelight at 7pm on Sat April 18
- Men's Closing at 4pm Sun Apr 19
- Men's Fourth Day Tues April 21st at 6:30pm
- Women's Walk April 30- May 3 at Christ UMC
- Women's Send Off Thurs April 30th at 6:30pm
- Women's Candlelight at 7pm on Sat May 2
- Women's Closing at 4pm Sun May 3rd
- Women's 4th Day Tues May 5th at 6:30pm

Registrar's Corner

Dear Emmaus Community

Walks 141 and 142 are coming together nicely. Let me share some of the statistics with you. We have Pilgrims ranging in age from 20 to 79 and they come from all over. The following communities are being represented on these Walks: Bartlesville, Bixby, Broken Arrow, Claremore, Cleveland, Collinsville, Cushing, Drumright, Foyil, Ft. Smith, AR, Grove, Mannford, Mounds, Owasso, Poteau, Pryor, and of course, Tulsa.

There are several different Methodist churches represented: East Cross UMC in Bartlesville, FUMC in Broken Arrow, Coweta UMC, Pryor UMC, Mannford UMC, FUMC in Claremore, First Wesleyan in Bartlesville, Poteau First UMC, Mounds UMC, Abiding Harvest UMC, Heritage UMC, Christ UMC, Asbury UMC, Bixby UMC, St. Luke's UMC, Meadowcreek UMC, along with several from different denominations such as Christian Chapel Assembly of God, Drumright Church of the Nazarene, Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian, First Lutheran Church in Ft. Smith, Church on the Move, Immanuel Lutheran and Dave Roberson Ministries.

I want to encourage you to pray for the team and the Pilgrims and also PLEASE contact me if you have not heard from me about your Pilgrim. Confirmation letters have been sent or I have been in contact with you by phone. Also continue to send in applications of any

potential Pilgrims you may have for the next set of Walks for the Fall or send me an email letting me know you have someone in mind (email: walkregistrar@greencountryemmaus.com). You can go to our website for the appropriate sponsor and pilgrim application forms: (<http://www.greencountryemmaus.com/Forms.htm>)

Walks 141 and 142 will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, 3515 S Harvard, Tulsa, OK. The Men's Walk #141 will be Thursday, April 16th thru Sunday, April 19th and the Women's Walk #142 will be Thursday, April 30th thru Sunday, May 3rd. Most of you are familiar with Christ Church but if you have not had the pleasure - - the church has been the host to many of the Walks - especially so many of the early Walks and has a large number of Emmaus members in their congregation - including myself.

If you have any questions or concerns or I can assist you in any way - please do not hesitate to call me at home 749-7616 or email me at: walkregistrar@greencountryemmaus.com. For quick access during the walks - please call my cell 688-8597.

DeColores and may God be with you !!

Shelley Covey, Registrar

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TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD!

Yes, I'm back with more thoughts about How You Can Learn About God From Hummingbirds!

Trusting the hand that feeds you is something that we think about normally in regards to dogs, cats and maybe big game, but it applies in the instance of hummingbirds as well. Unlike some other creatures, when hummingbirds migrate they come back to the place they were born in hopes the food supply will continue to be sufficient to support the hummingbird and its family to come.

Brian and I used to live in the country outside of Kellyville. We had 30 or more hummingbirds that were coming to our feeders the summer we moved, but we started with just two pair that first summer. We watched over them each year and I delighted when they would arrive home from migration. I was always saddened when they departed each fall. As you can see, since they return to their birthplace each season, in just a few short years we had a lot of birds relying on our feeders. Our local area did not have enough flowers and

bushes to support the nectar needs of all these 30 + birds, but our continued dedication to feed them year after year had built in them a trust to continue coming back to our feeders year after year. At our peak we had four hummingbird feeders that had to be filled daily.

In addition, we were amazed to find that the hummingbirds grew to know it was Brian and I that filled the feeders and they'd watched for us. When we would go outside they would fly right by our heads and give us their cute little chirps to say hello. Then when we would remove the feeders to fill them they would hover at the windows and look in at us to see when we would return the feeders to their hangers.

Hummingbirds are one of a few birds that have the ability to hover in one spot, and their tiny wings move so quickly they are basically a blur to our eyes. They also have the ability to fly extremely fast and maneuver in amazing ways. Even more amazing were the times when we would take the freshly filled feeders outside and the hummingbirds would come fly-

ing around us not even afraid of us. We would hold the feeders very still about waist high and not move much of anything except our eyes, and then to our wonder and amazement the tiny birds would sit on the perch or our strategically placed fingers and drink. They could have hovered to allow them a quicker escape but they would settle down and stop flying and just rest and drink. This showed they trusted us not to hurt them and they were blessed because of it. Often when they were done they would fly up to our faces and look at us and then chirp and fly away as if to say, "Thanks for the rest and the drink, it was great!"

This is what God offers us, the chance to stop, sit and drink of His goodness even if just for a few moments or longer. It is entirely up to us. God reminds us in Psalms 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

Liz Merrill, Board Rep Newsletter



**MEET THE TEAM FOR
WALK#141**

Friday:

Talk Schedule Walk #141

9:15 AM	Clyde Ribordy	Priority
11:15 AM	Jim Stilwell	Prevenient Grace
1:45 PM	Bob Brooks	Priesthood
3:00 PM	Larry Varvel	Justifying Grace
6:30 PM	Wayne Tate	Life of Piety

Saturday:

8:45 AM	Dick Hauser	Grow Through Study
10:15 AM	James Graham	Means of Grace
3:00 PM	Wayne Hayes	Christian Action
4:30 PM	Chris Buskirk	Obstacles to Grace
7:00 PM	Rick Katterhenry	Discipleship

Sunday:

8:40 AM	Jeff McMains	Changing Our World
9:40 AM	Mark Whitley	Sanctifying Grace
10:40 AM	Gary Yaeger	Body of Christ
11:40 AM	Tom Sorrels	Perseverance
1:50 PM	Charlie Shaw	Fourth Day

LD: Tom Sorrels

SALD: Clyde Ribordy

JALD: Charlie Shaw

TALD: Charles Stephenson

SD: James Graham

ASD: Mark Whitley

Table Leaders: Bob Gates, Tim O'Hearn, Russ Riffle, Troy Bumgardner, Chris Freeman, Jesse Alcorn

Asst. Table Leaders: Jeff McMains, Rick Katterhenry, Gary Yaeger, Bob Brooks, Dick Hauser, Wayne Hayes, Wayne Tate

Music: Scott Smith, Dave Kuhn, Wilson Rubottom

Clergy: Larry Varvel, Chris Buskirk, Jim Stilwell

TA: Bob Lawson, Skip Ray, Ken Frazier

Prayer Room: Charlie and Linda White

Board Rep: Jim Hopkins

**Important Walk
Times**

- Facilities and Kitchen Prep: Begins Wed and Thurs continues through Weekend
- Send Off: 6:30pm Thurs Evening
- Sponsors Hour: Immediately Following Send Off
- Dinner Party: 5:40 Sat Evening
- Gathering: 7pm Sat Evening
- Closing: 4pm Sunday Afternoon
- Fourth Day: 6:30pm Tues

Servants Schedule

Thursday

6:30 PM—Send-off

7:30 PM—Sponsor's Hour (all are invited to come pray for the pilgrims!)

Meal Schedule—come 1 to 1.5 hours ahead of time shown to help! At **6:30 AM** each morning, the Kitchen will have Communion

Friday: Breakfast served at **8:00 AM**, Lunch at **12:25 PM**, Dinner at **5:25 PM**

Saturday: Breakfast served at **7:45 AM**, Lunch at **12:00 PM**, Dinner at **5:40 PM**
Saturday breakfast—"You Are My Sunshine" choir, @ **3:00 PM** Dining Room Decoration, @ **5:40 PM** Sing to the Pilgrims, Saturday Entertainment—You don't have to be musically gifted to participate!
7:00 PM Gathering & Prayers for the Pilgrims, **10:00 PM** Candlelight in the Sanctuary

Sunday: Breakfast at **7:25 AM**, Lunch @ **12:25 PM**. We always need help at **6:30 AM** to put the church back together and can use help all day to gather supplies for storage. **4:00 PM** is Closing in the Sanctuary.



Remember the tomb is empty, and God reigns on His throne in Heaven today.
Happy Easter



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