



Green Country Walk to Emmaus

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Remember the story of the paralytic who was brought to Jesus by His friends, who could not get through the crowd, and so was lowered by his mat through the roof (Mark 2:3-5)? And in verse 5 where it states, "And when Jesus saw THEIR faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven"? Well, I wonder about those friends. After all, the paralytic was healed AND his sins were forgiven. BUT what about the friends? Then I remember what we in the Emmaus community do for our friends in order to bring them near our Lord Jesus~we sponsor

them, we pray for them, we prepare and serve them meals, and clean up and show up for candlelight and closing. Isn't that us (the people of God) learning how to become the instruments of God as quoted in the *Sustaining the Spirit* by William Gussey? And I wonder~does Jesus see our faith in our actions? And doesn't our own faith grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus? Maybe those friends of the paralytic were just like us~seeking to witness through action. I wonder!

Only by His grace,
Ken Frazier, Board Chair

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Glow in The Dark

A glow in the dark cross with the words "God is Love" was at each place setting as we arrived at dinner on a Walk to Emmaus weekend. It brought back a lot of memories from childhood of when I would take objects that glowed in the dark into a closet. My

grandmother had a round one with words about Jesus around the edges. I loved taking into a dark closet and watching it glow.

I showed my granddaughter my cherished glow in the dark cross and explained to her how it had to stay near

- Time to make agape for fall Walks
- Sept Gathering Saturday September 25 Christ UMC 7 pm followed by Candlelight
- Men's Walk Sept 23-26 at Christ UMC, Tulsa
- Women's Walk 7-10th at Christ UMC Tulsa
- Oct Gathering Saturday Oct 9 at 7 pm at Christ UMC followed by Candlelight
- Nov Gathering November 13 at 7 pm at Bixby FUMC New Pilgrim Orientation at 6.

Glow in the Dark...Cont'd

a window to gather light so that it would glow brightly in a dark closet. She was thrilled as we shut the closet door and saw the greenish glow and the words "God is Love".

We are like glow in the dark crosses. We can only shine when we stay in the light of God. It is only through our relationship with Him that we gather the brightness we need to share with others in dark places. As we have all experienced, it is during this time of soaking up the light that

we feeling ever so much lighter and brighter.

As we approach the upcoming Walks, let's be looking for those Christians around us that could benefit from the time sitting in the Sonlight of an Emmaus weekend. Send applications and sponsor forms anytime.

De Colores!

Belynda Clanton

GCWE Registrar



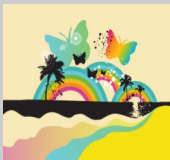
Chrysalis Flights are being planned for the Fall!

We need your help! Please call Patrick Fincannon, CLD, at

918-994-2012 if God is calling you to serve our teens!

They are part of our future Emmaus community!!

Please pray for us!!



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The Walks Are Coming!!!

Yes, indeed the time is fast approaching for the next set of Walks with #147 on Sept. 23-26 with 4th Day on the 28th and Walk #148 on Oct. 7-10 with 4th Day on the 12th.

For those of us contemplating sponsoring a couple or just one person should get our applications in ASAP.

A number of the board members attended a meeting in August with the regional representatives of Emmaus and Chrysalis. Among some of the topics that we discussed with the other board members of other communities from Oklahoma and Kansas was the concern on the size of the Walks and the difficulty of keeping the Walks full.

It was brought to my attention that most pilgrims

don't beat down our door to attend an Emmaus Walk. Nor do they fall from the sky and we harvest them like manna. We have the privilege and blessing of being sponsors and the size of the Walks and their frequency are completely dependent upon our efforts to recognize those in our sphere of influence and in our churches who desire to become a more effective leader and contribute more to the building of God's Kingdom. As leaders we learn to identify other leaders and bring opportunities for growth.

That is the purpose of Emmaus, to bring opportunities to not only experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ in a setting of other believers to step out in faith to help equip to those who will become

leaders in their local churches.

If you know of someone or a couple who desire to be a part of leadership and are looking for a way to become more active in their church, and are looking for a first step to that process, I would ask you to consider inviting them to attend an Emmaus Walk.

There are many leaders that we may not even have discovered until the fire is ignited and they burst on the scene with the drive to serve and to win others to Christ.

Pray for those persons and the Emmaus movement. Emmaus is not the only way but it is a great way to reconnect and discover who we are in Christ!

De Colores!

Wayne Hayes

Community Lay Director

In Memory of John Baker

The John Baker Scholarship Fund

In you wish to contribute and honor him as well, send your donation to:

Green Country Walk to Emmaus

John Baker Scholarship Fund

PO Box 701410

2010 Nominees for GCWE Board of Directors

Please VOTE by placing a check in the box for up to three candidates. If you vote by email, please list up to three candidates in the email.

Name: Duane DaPron **Walk #:** 101

Home Church: Broken Arrow FUMC

Why you became involved in Emmaus: Besides my walk as a pilgrim, I have served as a table leader on two subsequent walks and assisted behind the scenes with the TAs for another walk. I will be an assistant table leader for Walk #147 this month at Christ UMC. I feel strongly about being a part of Emmaus' anonymous servanthood and enjoy helping during walks such as serving meals~especially lunch on Fridays or taking part of other aspects of walk weekends. If so chosen, I look forward to the opportunity of serving the community as a board member.



Name: Layne Herring **Walk #:** 574 Hill Country Emmaus
Texas Table: Peter

Home Church: Lifechurch~Tulsa

Why you became involved in Emmaus: I have served as table leader and assistant table leader on several walks. The Walk to Emmaus changed my life and I serve in gratitude. The Green Country Community are family to my wife and me.



Name: John Miller **Walk #:** 139 **Table:** Mark

Home Church: Grove FUMC

Why you became involved in Emmaus: You may know me from working in the kitchen a few times. Served as a table leader on Walk #145. Continually work toward sending new pilgrims from our church to each walk. Currently serve Grove FUMC as Finance Chair and am the coordinator for the upcoming Financial Peach University.



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Name: Rhonda Mott **Walk:** 120 **Table:** Martha
Home Church: Broken Arrow FUMC
Why you became involved in Emmaus: I have served as Head TA, assistant TA, in the conference room, in the kitchen and dining room, and with snacks. All have been a blessing to me and I hope I have blessed someone serving in Emmaus. I am currently on the Adult and Family Living Committee at our church. I have also been involved with Angel Food, Faithbreak, and women's committees in our church. I also sing in our choir and have been for 5 years. I enjoy scrapbooking, spending time with my family, and traveling.



Kairos Calendar

Kairos #31	Mabel Bassett	October 14-17
Torch #1	Tulsa Boys Home	October 21-24
KOEO #10	Claremore FUMC	October 22-24

Attention Reunion Groups!!! We're in need of agape for Kairos Outside. These are the family members of those who are incarcerated and they are all females. Please consider making at least 40 agape for our fellow sisters-in-Christ. Kairos Outside will be on October 22-24, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church in Claremore, OK. Also please keep them in prayer and I'm sure they would be very happy for anyone who wants to help out during their weekend.

De Colores, Gail Mangan (Emerging Ministries)

**MEET THE TEAM FOR
WALK#147**

Friday:

Talk Schedule Walk #147

9:15 AM	Johnnie Jarred	Priority
11:15 AM	Dick Bland	Prevenient Grace
1:45 PM	Duane DaPron	Priesthood
3:00 PM	Chris Buskirk	Justifying Grace
6:30 PM	David Borden	Life of Piety

Saturday:

8:45 AM	Richard Ekhoﬀ	Grow Through Study
10:15 AM	Richard Newman	Means of Grace
3:00 PM	Frank Geasland	Christian Action
4:30 PM	Bob Feist	Obstacles to Grace
7:00 PM	Bob Brooks	Discipleship

Sunday:

8:40 AM	Jerry Willm	Changing Our World
9:40 AM	Mark Newman	Sanctifying Grace
10:40 AM	Dick Hauser	Body of Christ
11:40 AM	Clyde Ribordy	Perseverance
1:50 PM	Tom Meshek	Fourth Day

LD: Clyde Ribordy

SALD: Johnnie Jarred

JALD: Tom Meshek

TALD: Dave Lucie

SD: Richard Newman

ASD: Mark Newman

Table Leaders: Jesse Alcorn, Gary Anderson, Phill Askey, Shane Hembree, Monte Myrick, Ed Opstein

Asst. Table Leaders: David Borden, Bob Brooks, Duane DaPron, Richard Ekhoﬀ, Frank Geasland, David Hauser, Jerry Willm

Music: Scott Smith, Dave Kuhn, Tim O'Hearn

Clergy: Dick Bland, Chris Buskirk, Bob Feist,

TA: Gary Bennett

Prayer Room: Bernie and Rita Henze, Anna Ribordy

Board Rep: Skip Ray

**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.

Weekend Meal Schedule

	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Breakfast	8:00 AM	7:45 AM	7:25 AM
Lunch	12:25 PM	12:00 PM	12:25 PM
Dinner	5:25 PM	5:40 PM	

Come help prepare the meals and the Dining Room and then help serve the pilgrims. Help is needed at all times throughout the weekend, but there is always plenty to do from 1 ½ hours before each meal (1 hour before breakfast) through cleanup after the meal. If you can't come all day, come for certain meals, or consider coming as a reunion group. Helping in the Dining Room and Kitchen are great opportunities to provide some special agape love and to share in great fun and fellowship!

Special times to remember:

- 6:30 AM each morning - Communion in the Kitchen for the servers
- Saturday breakfast - "You Are My Sunsweet" Prune Juice Song
- Saturday afternoon, starting about 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. - decorate the Dining Room for the Saturday evening "Party"
- 5:40 PM Saturday night - sing the Pilgrims into the Dining Room
- Saturday Dinner after serving the meal - Entertainment for the Pilgrims (you don't have to be "musically gifted" to participate!)

Friday: Talk Schedule Walk #148

9:15 AM	Susan Kiser	Priority
11:15 AM	Ashley Green-Young	Prevenient Grace
1:45 PM	Kim Davis	Priesthood
3:00 PM	David Jenkins	Justifying Grace
6:30 PM	Donna Bennett	Life of Piety

Saturday:

8:45 AM	Chris Bunn	Grow Through Study
10:15 AM	PJ Stewart	Means of Grace
3:00 PM	Laryn Moore	Christian Action
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Sunday:

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10:40 AM	Kimberly Nigg	Body of Christ
11:40 AM	Jeanie Moore	Perseverance
1:50 PM	Cathy Herring	Fourth Day

MEET THE TEAM FOR
WALK#148

LD: Jeanie Moore
SALD: Susan Kiser
JALD: Cathy Herring
TALD: Jane Woodard
SD: PJ Stewart
ASD: Dick Bland, James Graham
Table Leaders: Marion Brooks, Melissa Cleveland, Donna Farris, Georgeann Hull, Nancy Pharris, Ann White
Asst. Table Leaders: Donna Bennett, Jamie Brace, Chris Bunn, Kim Davis, Crystal Mills, Laryn Moore, Kimberly Nigg
Music: Brenda Nickels, Connie Lucie, Sherri Smith
Clergy: Dick Bland, Ashley Green-Young, David Jenkins
TA: Rhonda Mott
Prayer Room: Jodie Owen, Lynne Hosey, Debbie Greer, Karen Frederick
Board Rep: Jeanne Kelly

A message from your board.....We have prayed, cut costs, delayed it, and done everything we can possibly do, but it is inevitable that we have had to raise the cost of our Walks. Due to the rising cost of food and today's economy, we have raised the cost of the fall Walks to \$85 and next spring they will increase to \$100. Please pray for us as we look to His guidance and be good stewards of our community's monies.

——GCWE Board of Directors



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