

The Emmaus Newsletter

I Wonder ...

"Have you ever done anything so powerful in a demonstration of love and courage that it made a difference in someone else's life?"

Maxie Dunnam asked this question in one of his books. As we in Green Country prepare for the next set of walks, it is appropriate for each of us to ask it of ourselves.

It is also a good time to reflect on the results of our walk. I wonder ...

Was your walk experience good (a mountaintop) or bad (a valley)? Has the experience lasted? Has anything in or around you changed because of it? Have you helped out on walks (on a conference room team, in the kitchen or dining room, as a team assistant or one who prays, or helping set up or take down)? Have you been touched when you attended a candlelight service? Have you ever wondered what it all means, and if the Emmaus

experience can last beyond just the weekend experience?

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is spiritual renewal. When I see and hear pilgrims at closing and at Fourth Day, it is clear that the Walk is effective in achieving the purpose in many people.

What happens after that is up to them (or is it??).

Many people who attend the Walk to Emmaus are led to employ their gifts and graces where they are needed in the local congregation. Is this coincidence? Or do you believe that "coincidence" is actually the result of God's guidance?

I challenge each of you to attend Candlelight and/or Closing for these next walks and then ask Maxie Dunnam's question. I wonder what your answer will be?

Only by His grace,

Ken Frazier, Board Chair

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- **Men's Walk #151** Sept. 22-25, Asbury UMC
- **Men's Sendoff** Thursday Sept. 22 at 6:30 pm
- **Sept. Gathering and Candlelight** Saturday Sept 24 starting at 7 pm
- **Men's Closing** Sun Sept. 25 at 4 pm
- **Men's Fourth Day** Tuesday Sept. 27 at 6:30 pm
- **Women's Walk #152** Oct. 6-9, Asbury UMC
- **Women's Sendoff** Thursday Oct. 6 at 6:30 pm
- **Oct. Gathering and Candlelight** Sat Oct. 8 at 7
- **Women's Closing** Sun Oct. 9 at 4
- **Women's Fourth Day** Tuesday Oct. 11 at 6:30 pm

Praying for Oklahoma!!

The Evangelism Initiative of Oklahoma is well under way! Emmaus is founded on the love of God and prayer. Will you join with other community members in praying for people to hear the Word and come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior?

Week of September 4

Focus: The love of God for everyone.

Scripture: *“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” Romans 13:8*

Prayer: Lord, Help us to love everyone we encounter every day.

Week of September 11

Focus: The power of the Lord’s grace for each person

Scripture: *“Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob.” Psalm 114:7*

Prayer: Jesus, remind us you are holy and we are not. Help us to draw closer to you and bring your light to the world.

Week of September 18

Focus: That I consider others more important than myself.

Scripture: *“For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.” Philippians 1:21*

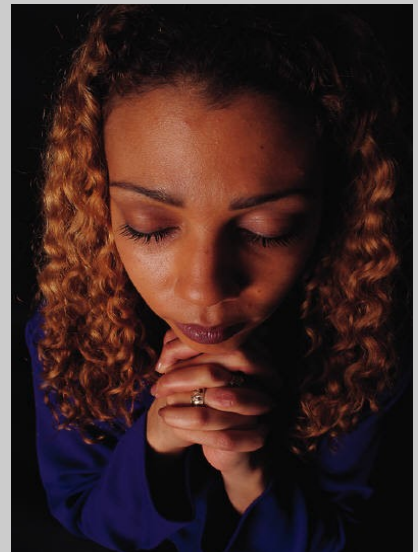
Prayer: Lord, help us to see others with your eyes so that they might gain a new life.

Week of September 25

Focus: A reminder that Jesus sacrificed his life for each one of us. What have we done for others lately?

Scripture: *“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3*

Prayer: Mighty God, we remember that you are God and we are not.



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Week of October 2

Focus: God's glory revealed in the world today.

Scripture: *"Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved." Psalm 80:7*

Prayer: Loving God, help us to let our faces shine with your love, grace, and mercy this day and every day.

Week of October 9

Focus: Praising God's name and trusting the plan of God.

Scripture: *"O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure." Isaiah 25:1*

Prayer: Lord, help us to walk in faith, trusting you, and be sure of your love.

Week of October 16

Focus: The abiding presence of God in our lives.

Scripture: *"He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'" Exodus 33:14*

Prayer: May we be the presence of God to those who don't yet have a relationship with God.

Week of October 23

Focus: Boldness to speak the Truth in a world filled with lies.

Scripture: *"But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts." Philippians 2:4*

Prayer: Lord, give us boldness to speak in your name and to speak your Truth to those who have wandered away from you.

Week of October 30

Focus: Humility in the name of Christ.

Scripture: *"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." Matthew 23:12*

Prayer: Mighty and Most Gracious God, we are humbled by your love for us. Help us to show that love in each and every moment of our lives.

De Colores,
Temple Diehl, Pastor, Elmore City UMC

Praying for Our Loved Ones

*Pray, first, that they will have internal power. If you are not strong inwardly, the temptations and pressures of life will cause your life to collapse. Paul wrote that even when our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16).

*Second, pray that your loved ones will have the indwelling Christ. This is what our loved ones need more than anything else. They need to have a constant awareness of Jesus as the enthroned King of their lives. They need Jesus' presence, power, and purity reproduced in their lives.

*The third thing we need to pray for our loved ones is that they will know God's love. We think we are loved based on our performance, and this produces anxiety and fear. God's love for you is unconditional.



*The final thing Paul writes that we need to pray for our loved ones is that they will experience infinite usefulness. God is able to use you in ways greater than you have ever imagined. Pray this prayer for your loved ones. Pray it boldly. It is God's will for them.

This was written by Rev. Charles Stewart a few years ago. It has been on my refrigerator since then as a reminder to me how to pray for my loved ones.

Jeanne Kelly, Board Rep, Prayer

Website Update

Please be advised that we have been experiencing problems with the email distribution list with the Green Country Walk to Emmaus website.

All other functions of the website are working fine. But several members of our community have not been receiving prayer requests or Walk notifications via email.

Please share with your Emmaus community any notification you may receive until this problem is resolved.

Thank you for your patience.

De Colores.

Skip Ray, Board Rep, IT

Support Your Local Church

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47.

As the early church began to grow and find its way through the confusion of the crucifixion, resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it found strength and comfort among fellow believers and was never satisfied with its numbers.

All of that growth was made possible by those who stepped forward to grow

the church. That is the ultimate goal of Emmaus; to train up church leaders.

As you reflect back on your walk, think of the ways that each speaker outlined how we can become better servants — not just for each other as individuals but as a community coming together to support and grow our local church.

Your pastor and staff have committed themselves to teach, preach and lead. Won't you consider becoming a part of the action? Offer yourselves. Pray, teach, lead, be a part of building the Kingdom. Your church will be the better for it and you will, too.

Wayne Hayes, Community Lay Director

Do you like snacks? Then check this out!

The Emmaus kitchen crew is looking for at least one or several reunion groups to do snacks for the upcoming fall walks at Asbury UMC in Tulsa. If you are interested — or know a group that would like to take on this simple task — please call or send an email to Russ Riffle at wjsoundman@att.net or call (918) 639-8806.

Kairos Outside Spaghetti Dinner set

Date: Saturday, Oct. 29

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Where: Bethany Christian Church

Location: 6730 S. Sheridan

Cost: \$5 (Children ages 5 and under eat free)

For more information, email:
betsey.seymour9@gmail.com.

**MEET THE TEAM FOR
WALK #151**

Friday:

Talk Schedule Walk #151

9:15 AM	Tom Meshek	Priority
11:15 AM	Dick Bland	Prevenient Grace
1:45 PM	Gary Clower	Priesthood
3:00 PM	Brian Mangan	Justifying Grace
6:30 PM	Ron Starnes	Life of Piety

Saturday:

8:45 AM	Charlie Shaw	Grow Through Study
10:15 AM	Ken Farnham	Means of Grace
3:00 PM	Percy Brown	Christian Action
4:30 PM	James Graham	Obstacles to Grace
7:00 PM	Frank Geasland	Discipleship

Sunday:

8:40 AM	Tom Sorrels	Changing Our World
9:40 AM	Ken Farnham	Sanctifying Grace
10:40 AM	Jeff McMains	Body of Christ
11:40 AM	Mike McNulty	Perseverance
1:50 PM	Jerry Willm	Fourth Day

LD: Mike McNulty

SALD: Tom Meshek

JALD: Jerry Willm

TALD: Dave Lucie

SD: Ken Farnham

ASD: TBD

Table Leaders: Phill Askey, Kevin Bonifeld, Kenny Hall, Julian Hill, Dale Howard, Tracy Morgan

Asst. Table Leaders: Percy Brown, Gary Clower, Frank Geasland, Jeff McMains, Charlie Shaw, Tom Sorrels, Ron Starnes

Music: Jacques Cunningham, John Evans, Wayne Parsons

TA: Tim Sanford

Prayer Room: Marianne McNulty, Susan Parsons

Board Rep: Duane DaPron

**Important Walk
Times**

- Facilities and Kitchen Prep: Begins Wed and Thurs and continues through Weekend
- Send Off: 6:30pm Thursday 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 Tuesday

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!)

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3:00 PM	Emery Mason	Justifying Grace
6:30 PM	JoAnn Willm	Life of Piety

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Sunday:

8:40 AM	Sally West	Changing Our World
9:40 AM	Victoria Fishel	Sanctifying Grace
10:40 AM	Laurie Pratt	Body of Christ
11:40 AM	Freda Heath	Perseverance
1:50 PM	Chris Bunn	Fourth Day

Talk Schedule Walk #152

**MEET THE TEAM FOR
WALK #152**

LD: Freda Heath

SALD: Cathy Herring

JALD: Chris Bunn

TALD: Sue Hayes

SD: James Graham

ASD: Victoria Fishel

Table Leaders: Shannon Morgan, Janet Meshek, Kim Bonifeld, Diane Pfarr, Pat Dexter, Christina Brown

Asst. Table Leaders: Laurie Pratt, Helen Lee, Cindy Ludewick, JoAnn Willm, Sally West, Karyne Gates, Ann White

Music: Betsey Owen, Kim Sisk, Chari Edwards

TA: Sandy Ray

Prayer Room: Belynda Clanton, Karen Warlick

Board Rep: Charlotte Frazier

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