



Cross Point Emmaus

Pilgrim Welcome Edition

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New Pilgrims. You've heard the 4th Day talk AND you have your own personal service sheet (finally!). So, what's next?

On the Tuesday evening following the women's walk there will be 4th Day meetings that will give you an opportunity to form a new reunion group or join an existing group. You will hear some great guidelines for making a successful and lasting group and you will get some additional insight about the importance of joining a reunion group.

The locations and times of the 4th Day meetings will be announced during closing on both the men's and women's walks. They will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 2 locations:

Calvary Christian Fellowship church in Ardmore and Ada First United Methodist church in Ada.

Your sponsor made it possible to attend this Emmaus weekend. You cannot get here on your own and you will not be successful on your own either. Reunion groups are instrumental in keeping this Emmaus flame burning inside you for years to come. Don't let this fire go out... ATTEND A 4TH DAY EVENT AND JOIN A REUNION GROUP!

-Pastor Brad Houchin

Welcome

Welcome Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We trust your experiences on Walk 93 and Walk 94 have left you "opened-eyed and wide eyed" after being in the presence of our Lord and Savior at the thing we call Walk to Emmaus.

The Cross Point Community welcomes you into our fold. As you continue on your Fourth Day, we pray that you will not waste a minute in spreading the news of our risen Lord and Savior to a hurting world.

The Emmaus experience is different for each one of us, so don't worry if you are not feeling the same as your brother or sister you rotated around the table with all weekend. As we contin-

ue on this journey together, God will continue to reveal to us the path we are to take.

As you noticed, the model of the weekend was brimming with "Servanthood." As Christ washed his disciples' feet, we too are called to wash each other's feet. Please be in prayer about what your Servanthood is going to look like on your Fourth Day.

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to build leaders in local churches. We hope you go back to your church revitalized and recharged, ready to lead others to Christ and grow in their discipleship.

We look forward to growing in faith and discipleship with you as well as serving together on future walks if you feel so lead.

The Cross Point Emmaus Community welcomes you!

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Sharri Hiller

Cross Point Emmaus Community
Lay Director

Rev. PJ Stewart — Community Spiritual Director

When new Pilgrims leave the setting of the Walk, they are enthused, excited and "filled with the Spirit". They want to continue the experience of the Walk back home. The most obvious way to do that is to get involved in a Reunion Group. There you will find persons who have shared the same experience you have had and "speak the same language".

But the Reunion Group is not the "be all" or "end all" of the Emmaus experience. The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to build and strengthen discipleship in the local church. "Emmaus comes from the church, and Emmaus returns to the church." (1) That means that the Emmaus experience is to be lived out in the local church! Emmaus IS NOT to replace the local church as an avenue of spiritual growth and worship or discipleship. "The Emmaus movement is

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Sponsorship

Welcome to the Cross Point Emmaus Community. Clinta Taylor is your Cross Point Emmaus Registrar, and now is the time to be in prayer of who God places on your heart to be a sponsor. Sponsoring is not a position to be taken lightly and without much prayer. Let God work through you, to lead you to those that He has a plan to be leaders in the church.

Sponsorship forms are available on the Cross Point website along with addresses, email info. If you don't have access to the internet, someone at your church or public library can help.

April Gathering

The April gathering will be held on April 12th at **6:00 pm. At Wynnewood UMC.** You can find it and a [map](#) at the website: crosspointemmaus.org Click the "MAP" link on the left and click the church or look in the April Newsletter.

Gatherings are always a blessing! They begin with fellowship/eating (bring your favorite dish, snack, or just yourself!), then praise & worship songs, laity witness, and Holy Communion. Gatherings are how we are re-united on a regular basis with everyone on our walk as well as the rest of the Emmaus Community!

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intended to be...a leavening influence in the life of the church."(2) We are called to be witnesses of the vitality of the Holy Spirit in our lives through our participation and leadership in the local church.

Local pastors are sometimes threatened by the renewed vigor and enthusiasm of the Emmaus pilgrim when that pilgrim wants the church to become like Emmaus. The best way to allow the pastor to appreciate the Walk to Emmaus is to offer yourself in service to the church! That will surely get the pastor's attention. Every pastor is looking for willing and capable laity to carry the message and mission of the church within the congregation and into the world. We are encouraged in the Fourth Day Talk not to act like we have all the answers for the church or to act like the church is irrelevant to our spiritual growth. We are to be the "leaven in the loaf" bringing God's amazing grace to a hurting world through our witness of faith, hope and love.

The Church needs Emmaus as a source of training and encouraging discipleship IN the local church. BE THAT WITNESS and resource to your church!

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Rev. David Daniel— Gatherings
Steve Russell — Fourth Day
Rev. Temple Diehl— Candlelight | Sponsors Hour

Fall 2014 -Walks

Men's: #95 - Sept 18-21st
Women's: #96 -Sept 25-28

Volunteer sign-up forms are now posted on the community website. Go to crosspointemmaus.org and click on "FORMS" on the left side and then "Team Volunteer" to view and print the form. Please return your completed form to:

Donna Young
1849 Tumbleweed Rd
Ardmore, OK 73401

For your Cross Point Emmaus Board of Directors, we want to welcome the new pilgrims...er...Members(!), to the community. By now you realize at least some of the work that goes into preparing and staging a Walk.

Between walks there is also a lot of activity: volunteer applications must be received, teams selected, previous walks evaluated, leaders chosen, and preparations made for all the food, decorations, talks, agape, and logistics that it takes to "put on a walk."

There is also fellowship. That begins with your Fourth Day, and continues with monthly gatherings. Gatherings are a time to share experiences, worship together, share food and friendship. We hold gatherings the second Saturday every month.

At www.crosspointemmaus.org, you

can find volunteer forms, sponsor forms, maps, board member addresses, as well as all the community members under MyContact.

We have added electronic sign-up sheets for the prayer vigils and for food agape.

The regular newsletter comes out monthly, usually the first week of the month, and announces the gathering and contains other articles/testimony/pictures that have been sent to the editor using info@crosspointemmaus.org or you can use my mail/email address: joydouthit@yahoo.com or mail at: 737 14th Ave NW Ardmore, OK 73401. So, if you have anything you would like to add to next newsletter, I look forward to hearing from you!

Your Newsletter Lady,

Joy Douthit!