

Near the Cross Emmaus



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58 New Members Brimming with God's Spirit

Men's Spring 2011 Walk

God's Holy Spirit prevailed as 28 Pilgrims joined 25 leaders to fill the conference room with renditions of *It is Well With My Soul* and *Amazing Grace*. The men sang together, ate together, prayed together, laughed together and praised God for His abundant grace as He lifted their spirits into communion with Him.

The time-honored Emmaus plan provided a platform for the Holy Spirit to work in the men's lives, drawing them closer to Christ and to each other. The Emmaus plan allowed plenty of free time for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of the Pilgrims.

At the Closing, many Pilgrims expressed their new-found Spirit and dedicated themselves to lead their families and their churches as never before.

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Dear Mr. Rogers,

I just wanted to let you know that all those prayers and all the hard work that went into Near the Cross, Walk to Emmaus #20, were not in vain! The physical fatigue after those intense four days has diminished for me now, but the warm glow in my soul remains.

Thank you, thank you, to everyone who participated in big or small ways to bring this experience into my life. I shall never forget it and will strive to be worthy of the efforts you and so many others put into this incredible gathering.

In Christ,

Diane Smithey

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Dear Diane,

The entire Emmaus community prays for a hedge of protection around you, the teams, your family and theirs as we respond to God's blessings in both the men's and women's walks.

This is a time to refresh and renew our spiritual journeys with our Resurrected Redeemer, Jesus, in our service to Him, to our churches and to our communities.

In Christ's Love,
Bob Rogers

Welcome New Members!

Men's Walk #19

David Agnew
Bobby Brown
Joe Carr
Robbie Cline
Kevin Downs
Ron Elchesen
Craig Escue
Clayton Fletcher
Brian Fulks
Michael Givens
Colby Golden
Jim Haney
David Inman
Bill Jackson
Jack Jones
Darin Kincannon
John Lehman
Jeremy Mann
Jamey McFadden
John Michael III
Jeremy Mullins
George Nasteplniak
Danny Parsons
Bill Pearson
Josh Pickle
Garrick Price
Jake Rice III
Chad Yarbrough

Women's Walk #20

Judi Andrews
Mary Beall
Glenda Bowers
Lauryn Carr
Jennifer Clack
Lori A. Formon
Ashleigh Givens
Tammy Hayes
Paige Hubbard
Terri Inman
Kathy Johnson
Jill Kincannon
Kathy Lynn Lang
Belinda Mann
Jessie Mann
Lorrie McClure
Melody Mooney
Stephanie Patterson
Beth Perry
Amy L. Pinkston
Kathy Price
Diane Smithey
Aimee Spencer
Tracey Steele
Megan Sullivan
Tywanda Thomas
Ann Walmsley
Teresa Whatley
Sandy West
Stacy West

Women's Spring 2011 Walk

Nearly the largest class in the five-year history of Near the Cross Emmaus filled Mt. Zion Camp with 30 Pilgrims and 41 workers during the week of April 7-10. They returned to a near capacity group of Emmaus members at Sunday's Closing in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

When the entire group joined hands to sing *Bind us Together*, the circle overflowed into the altar area. Some of the pioneers who organized Near the Cross, guided by the Holy Spirit, joyously see a time when we will need two circles to join all of the participants.

In the Pilgrims' response time at the lectern, some were tearful, some were humorous and all were spontaneous in relating their experiences as Jesus touched their lives in a new way.

"He restoreth my soul," one of the Pilgrims exclaimed.

"I would like to love people the way these ladies loved me in these three days," another said.

"It's not about me. It's about the Great I Am. From this time on, I refuse to let somebody else do what I was called to do."

"I didn't know it was possible to be so loved. So, okay, I set my sights too low. The affirmation was beyond belief."

"I was one of the doubters about coming. I'm not the person who came three days ago. It made me a new person."

"Knock on the door and it will open. Seek and you will find. This weekend showed me that God wants to find a relationship with me. What I plan to do about it is to disciple others."

"I should have gone sooner!."

"My sponsor said it was the greatest gift she could pass on to me."

"For a long time, I've been searching but I didn't know what I was searching for. Now I fully trust God and know God truly loves me."

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"Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation.

The old has gone! The new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)

In the two spring walks,
there were Pilgrims from
27 churches in 17 towns.

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FOLLOWUP

For all Pilgrims & Sponsors
11:00 am, May 7

GATHERING

Noon, May 7
1st United Methodist,
Jonesboro

BOARD MEETING

8:30 am, May 7

President

Candy Wray

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Work applications,

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Reunion Groups

Blytheville

**Delta Doves*
2nd Thursdays
atcoleman@sbcglobal.net

**Couples for Christ*
6:30 PM Mondays
Joyce Skelton 623-1274

Cherokee Village

**Spirit Sisters*
5:30 PM Wednesdays
Amy Buckingham 847-1173

Caraway

**Kingdom Seekers*
boatman@bscn.com

Heber Springs

**Pam/Charlie Evans*
362-6113

Pocahontas

**Rivers of Joy*
6:00 PM Sundays
wsfrazier@live.com

Jonesboro

**Walnut St. Baptist*
5:00 PM Wednesdays
pam72403@yahoo.com

**Central Baptist*
6 AM Tuesdays
Jeff Wicker 761-0992

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**Daughters of The King*
5:30 PM Tuesdays
Cornerstone Methodist,
Michelle Young

**Hebrews 10:25*
Wednesdays
Lisa Lawrence
kleivsian@hotmail.com

**The Sheep*
12:30 PM Wednesdays
Tamolly's Restaurant,
Perry Hope 935-7916

**Revelation 411*
Noon Tuesdays @ CWL
400 E. Monroe, Jonesboro
Kevin Lawrence
@kleivsian@hotmail.com

**"Iron Sharpens Iron"*
Noon Wednesdays, CWL
400 E. Monroe, Jonesboro
Bob Reddell 933-6360

**"Sons of Thunder"*
7:30 PM Wed. @ CWL
400 E. Monroe, Jonesboro
grant.mac@suddenlink.net

**The R.I.C.H. Women*
8:30 AM Sunday
FUMC Jonesboro

Fall Walk Dates

Men's Walk #21

Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2011
LD: Andy Slaven

Women's Walk #22

Oct. 6-9, 2011
LD: Wendy Jones

2011 Gatherings

May 7
June 4
July—no meeting
August 6
Sept. 10
October—no meeting
Nov. 5
Dec. 3

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