

Near the Cross Emmaus



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UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Leadership Development Events are a critical part of the growth and continuity in the local leadership of the Emmaus and Chrysalis movements. These events provide an open forum to participate in ongoing training, discussing issues with other communities, fellowshiping with other Pilgrims and Caterpillars, and asking questions that you may have always wanted to ask but didn't know how to ask. We may not have the answer, but we will get you one.

Participation in the Leader Event is open to all members of the Fourth Day. Board members, by having signed the Covenant Agreement with the Upper Room, have committed to participate. We welcome any and all Pilgrims and Caterpillars.

The Leadership Development event will begin at 8:30am on Saturday, April 20th at FUMC Jonesboro with fellowship and light breakfast snacks. The actual presentations will begin at 9:00am and

conclude around 3:30pm.

There will be several communities present and we are excited they have chosen NEAR the Cross to host this regional event.

If you are interested in attending please fill out the registration form that is included at the end of the newsletter. Registration forms must be returned by April 13th. If you have any questions, contact Jim Markley at jmarkley_best@msn.com.

NEW NEAR THE CROSS SHIRTS AVAILABLE

After your Walk were you not so excited that you wanted to tell everyone you came in contact with about your experience at the Walk to Emmaus? Well here's a way to start conversation with many people you come in contact with everyday. By wearing a NEAR the Cross logo shirt you will not only be supporting the community but also might strike up conversations with others who

have yet to hear about Emmaus.

The new design will be on a red shirt with "NEAR the Cross Walk to Emmaus" across the front chest and "Ask me about my Fourth Day" across the back. The wording will be in multiple colors.

Please contact Pam Slaven to place an order for shirts at pam72403@yahoo.com or call her at 870-919-2149.

Pricing for the shirts:

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| Long Sleeve T-shirts Small-1X | \$17.00 |
| Long Sleeve T-shirts 2XL-3XL | \$19.00 |
| Short Sleeve T-shirts Small-1X | \$15.00 |
| Short Sleeve T-shirts 2XL-3XL | \$17.00 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

***NO Community Gathering
in March due to Walks***

Men's Walk #27
February 28-March 3

Women's Walk #28
March 7-10

**Community Gathering &
Follow Up Meeting for
Walks #27 & #28**
Saturday, April 6

Emmaus Regional Training
FUMC Jonesboro
April 20

Men's Walk #29
September 12-15

Women's Walk #30
September 19-22

Check us out on the web
www.nearthecrossemmaus.org

4th Day Talk

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Steve Fulks Speaks at Gathering

I attended the Walk to Emmaus on Walk #13 at NEAR the Cross, Table of Paul.

I am married to my wonderful wife, Shelly. And we have two precious daughters. Gracie is 10 years old and Amie was 16 when she had a tragic car accident four years ago.

I am a member of Connection Ministries in Blytheville and have two caring, dedicated pastors, Tim and Kim Fulks.

My first time to hear about Emmaus was about eight months after Amie had her accident and Shelly told me she was praying about going to the Walk to Emmaus. I asked her what the Walk was and she couldn't tell me one single thing about it, except she would be gone for three days. I thought this was the most ridiculous idea, and I certainly wasn't for her going. As a matter of fact, I was praying for her not to go. I was telling God all the reasons why Shelly didn't need to go.

Well, Shelly told me that she would be going on this three day walk. So, I figured I better get her a good pair of walking shoes.

This would be the very first time that Gracie would be separated from her mom. I thought Shelly was crazy!

Gracie and I are very close, but I could tell that I was not living up to the mommy role. Especially when it came to fixing her hair. It's amazing how easy I thought Shelly's job was of being a stay at home mom, until I was the one doing it.

I remember picking Shelly up Sunday, and I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God had performed another miracle. Shelly was full of life and the Lord. She reminded me of an old song, "Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory."

On the way home, Shelly was excited about me going on the walk but I had no intentions of going. Especially because she still couldn't tell me one thing about it. What is amazing is I could see God's miracle work pouring out of Shelly and I still wanted to make excuses not to go. A few days later, I informed Shelly I would go on the next Men's Walk. I tried pulling out several times but did end up going.

I ran into Bob Rogers on the Walk and he asked if I had gotten a note from my wife under my pillow. I told him no, I didn't have a pillow. Thursday night when I went into my room all the beds were taken except one empty bed on the top bunk. I thought my stuff had been

misplaced or actually that Shelly had forgotten to pack it. But after talking with Bob, I realized I had gotten into the wrong bed. You see my bed was all made up waiting on me and I didn't even recognize my own bedding. It made me appreciate my stuff so much more on Friday!

It was such a blessing for the Lord to allow me to go on the Walk to Emmaus. I have worked two and I am now in training to work my third walk. I am looking forward to many more blessings.

Shelly and I have sponsored eight people to go and be blessed by what the Lord does through the Walk to Emmaus.

I have been accepted into the Gideons International. We meet every week to read scripture, fellowship, pass out bibles and much more that I still have to learn.

To some, my 4th Day may not seem like a big deal, but the Lord, through Emmaus, has been life changing for me and my family. I am thankful for the opportunities that have come my way and for the future. The Lord has brought me life-long friends and has made my 4th Day easier to face with courage and confidence.

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JOIN US FOR SPRING WALKS

Men's Walk #27

February 28th– March 3rd

Send Off : 2/28/13 at 7:00pm

FUMC Jonesboro

Candlelight: 3/2/13 at 7:00pm

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Closing: 3/3/13 at 4:45pm

FUMC Jonesboro

Women's Walk #28

March 7th-10th

Send Off : 3/7/13 at 7:00pm

FUMC Jonesboro

Candlelight: 3/9/13 at 7:00pm

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Closing: 3/10/13 at 4:45pm

FUMC Jonesboro

REGISTRATION
For
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Please register before April 13, 2013

Date of Training: Saturday, April 20, 2013

Location of Training: (City/State) First United Methodist Church, 801 South Main Street, Jonesboro Arkansas

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip _____

Phone (area code) _____ Number _____

Are you currently working in an Emmaus or Chrysalis Community? _____

What year did you take your Walk /Flight/Journey? CIRCLE ONE _____ year

What Community are you now involved with?

Name: _____ State _____

Clergy _____ Laity _____

Are you interested in clergy training on Friday, April 19th or Saturday, April 20th? _____ (indicate which date)

Your Title or position on the Board (if applicable): _____

Year/s on the Board: (ie 1st 2nd etc) _____

Please email this completed form to carleena@tmumc.org or cookie@hpcserv.com or simply drop me an email indicating your willingness to attend.