

# Near the Cross Emmaus



September 2013  
Volume 8, Issue 9

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*No Gathering in  
September due to  
upcoming Walks!*

### September 12-15

**Men's Walk #29**

LD: Travis Emery

### September 19-22

**Women's Walk #30**

LD: Casey Emery

### Saturday, October 5

**Community Gathering**

FUMC Jonesboro  
South Annex Bldg  
12:00 pm

## LAY DIRECTORS BLESSED DURING WALK PREPARATION

Travis and Casey Emery have spent the past several months preparing for Walks #29 and #30. Although the Upper Room outlines the specific details for the Walk Week-end itself and also the material that needs to be covered in each talk, there are many phone calls to be made asking community members to serve, meal planning for trainings, organization of trainings, room assignments during the Walk Weekend and so much more. But the Emery's have embraced what God called them to do a little over a year ago, which was to serve Him and our community by serving as Lay Directors for the Fall Walks.

Travis and Casey, now married 10 years, both attended the Walk to Emmaus in the Spring of 2007 at NEAR the Cross. "Our lives have changed drastically since we attended the Walk to Emmaus," states Travis.

Travis went on to serve on teams in the Prayer Room, Kitchen and Conference Room after his Walk. Casey has served on the Kitchen Team, Agape Team, Music Team and Conference Room. Travis is currently serving the community as a member of our Board of Directors.

They have also served by sponsoring several pilgrims who have followed in their

sponsors' footsteps by serving on several Emmaus teams.

"Our marriage has strengthened greatly and we feel that we have learned from Emmaus has helped us to be better parents for our two year old daughter Ava. We feel so blessed to be part of the NEAR the Cross Community/Family. I'm not sure where we would be now had we not taken that journey!" Casey says.

Their preparation for the Fall Walks has been a beautiful experience for them with a strong presence of the Holy Spirit. They state that it has been time well spent doing God's work so that future pilgrims can receive God's amazing gifts.

## 2013 FALL WALK INFORMATION

### COMMUNITY LAY LEADER

Jim Markley  
jmarkley\_best@msn.com

### COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIR.

Jimmy Anderson  
jwa36@juno.com

### TREASURER

Sherri Slaven  
sherrislaven@yahoo.com

### SECRETARY

Sara Frazier  
wsfrazier@live.com

### REGISTRAR

Pam Slaven  
pam72403@yahoo.com

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Haley Mitchell  
haley\_jo\_01@yahoo.com

### **Men's Walk #29 September 12-15**

#### **Send Off**

FUMC-Jonesboro  
in Wesley Hall

Thursday, Sept. 12

6:30 pm—Community Gathers

7:00 pm—Send Off

\*Sponsors Hour Immediately  
Following Send Off

#### **Candlelight**

Saturday, Sept. 14  
Mt Zion Baptist Church  
7:00 p.m.

#### **Closing**

Sunday, Sept. 15  
FUMC-Jonesboro  
In Wesley Hall  
4:45 pm—Community Gathers



### AGAPE NEEDED

Due to unforeseen circumstances the board has approved 27 pilgrims for Women's Walk #30. The board is putting in place measures to keep this from happening again in the future. Please adjust any agape made for Walk #30 to 28 pieces for pilgrims.

### **Women's Walk #30 September 19-22**

#### **Send Off**

FUMC-Jonesboro  
in Wesley Hall

Thursday, Sept. 19

6:30 pm—Community Gathers

7:00 pm—Send Off

\*Sponsors Hour Immediately  
Following Send Off

#### **Candlelight**

Saturday, Sept. 21  
Mt Zion Baptist Church  
7:00 p.m.

#### **Closing**

Sunday, Sept. 22  
FUMC-Jonesboro  
In Wesley Hall  
4:45 pm—Community Gathers

# PRAYER FOR 72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Emmaus and Chrysalis community members often state they have trouble identifying specific things to pray for, especially if they have committed to a full hour of prayer.

Just move down this list in your prayers, or start at any point and let the Spirit lead you from that point forward (Romans 8:26, 27). Regardless of how you go about it, just do it. Pilgrims and the team members are counting on you. More importantly, Christ is counting on you!

Pray:

- for each pilgrim by name, and ask God to help them forget the outside world for the weekend
  - that God will be with each pilgrim who may be resisting the Spirit's call
  - that each pilgrim will enter into table discussions and freely give of her/himself when it comes to responding to questions, etc.
  - for peace of mind for each pilgrim so that s/he will hear the messages shared by each speaker
  - that each pilgrim will faithfully die out to some obstacle in their life during Dying Moments Communion, and really examine their life during other chapel services
  - for each pilgrim by name that, if s/he doesn't know the Lord Jesus as personal Savior, s/he will ask Him into his or her heart
  - that each pilgrim will feel the love of Christ in a very special way that s/he has never felt before and that s/he will accept it, then take this love back home to be shared with others
  - that each letter and each piece of agape will warm the heart of each pilgrim
  - that the letters of agape received from other communities will show them how far and wide God's love reaches
  - that the Holy Spirit will work in each pilgrim's life at the Closing service and into all of their Fourth days
  - for each pilgrim that, when s/he returns home at the end of the Walk, s/he will be able to go back to work without too much difficulty making up the work they may have missed on days of the Walk
  - that each pilgrim will walk closely with Lord Jesus and keep His name on their lips, and His Spirit in their heart at all times
  - for each team member by name, and ask God to help them forget the outside world for the weekend and to concentrate their total effort on serving Lord Jesus through their interactions with the pilgrims
  - that all family members of each pilgrim and team member who was left at home during the weekend will be protected from harm and be maintained in good health
  - that God will grant good health and restful sleep to each pilgrim and team member throughout the weekend
  - for each pilgrim and team member that they will be able to "Let go and let God" in all they think or do this weekend
  - that gifts of agape to pilgrims and team members will be accepted with love for the donor(s), knowing they were Christ-inspired
-

**(continued)**

- for the Spiritual Directors that Lord Jesus will continue to bless them, and that through them, the Lord's Gospel will be clarified and His name will be glorified
- for the Lay Director that Lord Jesus will continue to bless them, and that through them the Lord's Gospel will be clarified and His name will be glorified
- for the Lay Director-in-Training that Lord Jesus will continue to bless them, and that through them, the Lord's Gospel in this Walk and the next one will be clarified and His name will be glorified
- for the Music Directors that Lord Jesus will continue to bless them, and that through them and their gift of music the Lord's Gospel will be clarified and His name will be glorified
- for the Asst. Lay Directors that Lord Jesus will continue to bless them, and that through them, the Lord's Gospel will be clarified and His name will be glorified
- for the Table Leaders that Lord Jesus will continue to bless them, and that through them, the Lord's Gospel will be clarified and His name will be glorified
- for the Asst. Table Leaders that Lord Jesus will continue to bless them, and that through them, the Lord's Gospel will be clarified and His name will be glorified
- for the Board Representative that Lord Jesus will continue to bless them, and that through them the Lord will be glorified
- for each Speaker that the Lord will speak to pilgrims through them and that each talk will be a blessing to all those who will hear it
- for those who are preparing the food and helping serve it to each pilgrim and team member, asking God to bless them, and to use the food to nourish each person in the manner God intends
- for each Sponsor who loved the pilgrim so much that s/he made this Walk possible for the pilgrim
- that there will be no problems encountered in matters that compromise the safety or comfort of the pilgrims and team members, such as fire, break-ins, theft, etc.
- that Lord Jesus will reap a harvest of souls due to the efforts of these new Fourth Day members as they establish their own ministries
- that our Lord will be blessed by all that is done in His name throughout the weekend
- that all which is done over the weekend will be done in our Lord's name
- that the Lord will remind me to continue praying faithfully throughout the weekend that His will shall be done

Amen

 Find us on  
**Facebook**

**This is a closed group to keep in touch and share our 4th Day experiences, study material, prayer requests and praises. This is not an official page of the NEAR the Cross Board of Directors.**



*Sign up for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil for Walks #29 and #30 on our website  
[www.nearthecrossemmaus.org](http://www.nearthecrossemmaus.org)*