

Near the Cross Emmaus

September 2016



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6-9

Men's Walk #41

LD: Matt Hoffman

Send off

Thursday 10/6 at 7pm
FUMC

Candlelight

Saturday 10/8 at 7pm
Mt. Zion

Closing

Sunday 10/9 at 4:45
FUMC

October 13-16

Women's Walk #42

LD: Paula Hensley

Send off

Thursday 10/13 at 7pm
FUMC

Candlelight

Saturday 10/15 at 7pm
Mt. Zion

Closing

Sunday 10/16 at 4:45pm
FUMC

Walk Follow-up

Saturday November 5 at 11AM
FUMC

November Gathering

Saturday November 5 at noon
FUMC

COMMUNITY LAY LEADER
Marvin Day

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIR.
Shane West

TREASURER
Melissa Russell

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PRAYER NEEDED FOR FALL WALKS

One of the wonderful blessings of an Emmaus Weekend is the covering of **PRAYER** from the Community - **all the time - night and day**. Some we know and most we do not but all know Christ and His Saving Grace. The Prayer Vigil is set out on Friday afternoon of the Walk as a real and tangible sign to the Pilgrims of the loving support of many on their behalf, especially when they recognize the names of persons who have pledged to interrupt their schedules or get up at various hours of the night to pray for them. Consider praying hymns, praise songs, and Scripture. Think about your own Walk and pray in the order of what happens on the Walk. (Example) If you are praying on Thursday at 7 p.m., pray for the Team to welcome the Pilgrims in the hospitality of Jesus Christ. Continue thinking through the Weekend as you pray. If you are praying on Saturday afternoon, you might pray for the Pilgrims to see Jesus clearly at the dinner and Candlelight. The Team welcomes your prayers for Holy Spirit power and for strength and endurance in service. Your purple Worship Booklet has many good prayers and Biblical prayer references, so use it! **Go to our website www.nearthecrossemmaus.org, click on the Prayer Vigil tab and find Walks #41 and #42 to sign up for your prayer time. See**

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AGAPE NEEDED FOR UPCOMING WALKS

Table & Bedtime Agape Do's and Don'ts

Walk Agape refers to the many different little gifts that appear at each person's place on the dining tables at mealtimes, or on each person's bed, starting on Friday of the Walk. Giving **Agape** is a wonderful way to show God's love for the pilgrims and for the team on a Walk weekend. However, there are some things that need to be remembered:

DON'T feel that the Agape gifts' must be expensive or complicated. **DO** let God & your creativity be your guide. Please **DON'T** list the givers' individual names on the Agape (this implies you want recognition or thanks) -- but **DO** list the Reunion Group name or church name if you wish.

DO provide enough pieces of Bedtime Agape as follows: if the Agape is for the Pilgrims only, plan on 26 pieces if it is a full Walk (i.e. the number of Pilgrims); if the Agape is to go to everyone (including the conference room team and the outside team), plan on 70 pieces (i.e. the number of Pilgrims and team members plus several extra).

DON'T make special Table or Bedtime Agape for ANY individual Pilgrim. Pilgrim agape must be the same for every Pilgrim and CANNOT be person-specific.

Please **DON'T** deliver any Pilgrim or Team Bedtime Agape yourself. All Agape is to be distributed by the Agape Team; Community members should not enter the sleeping areas while the Walk is in progress.

DON'T put individual recipients' names on Bedtime Agape for Pilgrims, even if you are providing enough.

Near the Cross Emmaus



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Board
Election
Ballots
in the Mail
next month!**



TEAM MEMBERS FOR MEN'S WALK #41

Lay Director
Matt Hoffman

Assistant Lay Directors
Chad Duckworth
Chris James
Bud Kennedy
Dwight Whittenburg

Spiritual Team
Herschel Richardson
Dustin Finch
Jim Markley
Cory Pfeifer
Casey Turner

Board Representative
Jerry Martin

Walk Coordinator
Mark Belk

Table Leaders
Robert Bradley
Allen Craig
Travis Emery
Phillip Horton
Richy Slaven

Assistant Table Leaders
Garry Brooks
Ty Keller
Donald Mayes
Randy Nelson
Jaye Playter

Music:
Joe Carr
Kevin Walters

Prayer Team
Teresa Branch
Lauryn Carr
Jenny Keller

Kitchen
Waylan Deen
Michael Givens
Jamie Mulligan
Marjie Playter
Bob Reddell
Robbie Robbins

Agape
Brian Graf
Dianne Hulse
Kristy McLaughlin
Jeff Ramsey
Kathy Roberson
Randy Roberson

TEAM MEMBERS FOR WOMEN'S WALK #42

Lay Director
Paula Hensley

Assistant Lay Directors
Lisa Lawrence
Holly Whittenburg
Jenna McDaniel
Michelle Young

Spiritual Team
Emmett Smith
Carol Moore
Wayne Baldwin
George Odell
Jim Maddlock

Board Representative
Beth Kaiser

Walk Coordinators
Sara & Willie Frazier

Table Leaders:
Cindy Craig
Susan Meredith
Kathy Price
Jennifer Clack
Colleen Wise

Assistant Table Leaders
Lisa Redding
Angela Newby
Meghan Preist
Casie Horton
Haley Mitchell

Music
Diane Medlock
Shelly Fulks

Prayer Team
Lois Anderson
Ruth Anne Brand
Cheryl Head

Kitchen
Stacy West
Jamie Stahl
Aaron Arnell
Eddie Rose
Christy Rose
Alice Crouse
Roxie Bradley
Garry Brooks

Agape
Keith Churchill
Rebecca Cosbey
David Toombs
Jessica Halk
Ronnie Martin
Dot Digirolamo
Mitchell Hensley

THINGS TO PRAY FOR DURING 72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

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.
- that when appropriate each pilgrim will thank their sponsor sincerely for their support of the Walk .
- 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.
- 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.