

Near the Cross Emmaus



December, 2021 Newsletter

“Willie Frazier, Noah’s of Ark, Walk to Emmaus 118, Table of Mark.” 🙌

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

"Thanksgiving" is behind us. That just doesn't sound right, let me try again. The national holiday called Thanksgiving is behind us. As Christians we know that we should be giving thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18). I am so thankful for the Emmaus community. As I hear the news; local, national, and world. I think about the "Changing Our World" talk. The four fields of ministry mentioned in the talk were; 1st yourself, 2nd others, 3rd local community, 4th the world. If you are like me I spend most of my time on the first one, working on that plank. Because of this thinking, wanting to change the world from their sinful ways, I often have to ask myself "why" do I want someone to change. Sometimes, to be honest, my flesh is the reason. If someone is a thief my flesh can easily use the Bible to tell that person that stealing is wrong, because I want to keep my stuff. If I loved that person, my stuff wouldn't matter to me as much as their soul. This is the way God wants me and you to see everyone. So this doesn't mean that we should allow the thief to continue in his or her sin. True love protects, knowing that sin separates us from God, it should make us more determined to help the lost. When we

are trying to change the world we must remember we first have to start with ourselves, but no matter how far we go; others, local community, or the world. Without LOVE it means NOTHING (1 Cor.13:1-3). We know that this world is not our home and there will always be division between us. The world will always be against The Body of Christ, but we should not be divided. We shall follow Christ Jesus, the head.

This is what I love about the Near The Cross community. That we the Body of Christ can come together despite our differences and share the Love of God with each other. To show agape love to each pilgrim that goes on a walk. To realize the joy that comes from serving others and putting God first. Where you can share without fear of condemnation. I truly wish everyone in my local church could attend the Walk to Emmaus. I'm sure you do also, so become a sponsor, they will love you for it. Hope to see you December 4th at the Gathering.

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Willie Frazier

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Merry Christmas

December Gathering!

Saturday, December 04, 2021

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First United Methodist, Jonesboro
801 South Main, St.

Bring your own lunch

The Purpose of Emmaus

“Emmaus will inspire, challenge, and equip participants for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work.”



15 Years of Near the Cross

This year marks the 15th anniversary of our Emmaus Community. In celebration of this milestone, the Board is asking all members to make a \$15.00 donation. All donations will go toward scholarships and the upkeep of Mt. Zion

Make checks payable to Near the Cross

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Save the Date for 2022 Spring Walks

**April 21-24
Men's Walk**



**April 28-May 1
Women's Walk**