

Near the Cross Emmaus



May 2021 Newsletter

A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

In the movie, "Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan", Spock and Kirk have a conversation. Kirk asks Spock how the cadets he is overseeing on the training mission will respond under real pressure. Spock responds, "As with all living things, each according to his gifts." Later in that same conversation he states that logic clearly dictates that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. We later hear part of the conversation play out again as Spock is dying. Kirk this time is the one who states that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." Spock responds with "or the one."

I am a big fan of all things Star Trek, but in this case, I can't agree. We have the example of the Parable of the Lost Sheep that

teaches us differently. Matthew 22:12-13 states, *"What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?"* *"And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray."* We also have the example of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 where the father rejoiced at the one son came back. A celebration ensued over the one who had been lost. The needs of the one, in the eyes of God, is quite important. So much so that we can see that the needs of the one and the needs of the many are both important to God.

We often seem to hang our faith and our understanding on things

of this world, almost like we are living in an episode from Star Trek or one of their Hollywood produced movies. However, we should be letting our faith reside in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in God through the power of the Holy Spirit. What are the needs that you have that only God and touch? Pray. Pray! Pray!!! God will hear you because you are important. But remember that your desired answer and God's answer may not be the same.

Oh, and by the way, don't forget that we each respond according to our own gifts, meaning, we each have something to give.

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Rev. Angie Gage,
2021 Community Director

MAY, 01, 2021



Virtual Gathering

<https://zoom.us/j/99500392318>

Meeting ID: 995 0039 2318

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Todd's Morning Tradition was a HUGE success. Numerous family, friends, and Near the Cross Community members attended the gathering. The affair featured live music, praise and worship, and fellowship. The event raised approximately \$2,700.00 to fund pilgrims of future Near the Cross Walks. Thanks to Todd's daughter Summer and the entire Turman family.

15 Years of Near the Cross

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the 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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JOIN US APRIL 3 AT 9 A.M. AT CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK PAVILION 1 FOR

TODD'S MORNING TRADITION

a devotional led by Jeff Brantley
by Central Baptist Church
Coffee
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praise led by Cory Epps.
"My father... because it was an or... father's heart and it greatly... My father led many people... living to continue his legacy."
Summer Turman

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Save the Date for Fall 2021
Walk to Emmaus

Sept. 30-Oct. 3: Men
Oct. 7-10: Women



It's time for membership updates!

We need to update our membership list. Please following [this link](#) to update your current information. You will need to open the form using Adobe Acrobat or another PDF reader. Once you complete the form, simply click the "Submit Form" button located at the top. It should automatically send. You may then close the form.

If you cannot submit the form using the link, you may save a copy of the file to your computer and then email it to: info@nearthecross.org