

Near the Cross Emmaus



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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

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Spiritual Team:
Dan Brand
Shane West
Rocky Starnes
Bob Burton
Jimmy Anderson

Board Representative:
Marion Fleming

Coordinator:
Mark Belk

Table Leaders:
Bud Kennedy
Jeremy Bennett
Rusty Young
Derek McCormick
Michael Mizell

Assistant Table Leaders:
Jim Dunton
Charles Coburn
John Harding
Chris Gardner
Joe Ferguson

Music:
David Belk
Bobby King

Prayer Team:
Dixie Owens
Glen Whitehead
Ruth Anne Brand

Kitchen:
Dewayne Crouse
Clay McDaniel
Catherine Mulhollen
Peggy Mizell
Byron McCrackin
Marjie Playter

Agape:
Allen Jones
Wendy Jones
Chad Duckworth
Tony Thomas
Lauryn Carr
Keith Milam
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TEAM MEMBERS FOR WOMEN'S WALK #30

Lay Director:
Casey Emery

Assistant Lay Directors:
Jill Belk
Amy Baker
Kathy Murphy

Spiritual Team:
Wayne Baldwin
Nan Nelson
Emmett Smith
Jeff Thomas
Donna Harvey

Board Representative:
Sara Frazier

Coordinator:
Ann Vaughn

Table Leaders:
Paula Hensley
Michelle Young
Jenna McDaniel
Shelly Fulks
Ann Faulkner

Assistant Table Leaders:
Ashley Day
Holly Woody
Melissa Russell
Tammy Freeze
Beth Kaiser

Music:
Courtney Hoffman
Starla Emery

Prayer Team:
Betty Waser
Kathy Ward
Katie Sanderson

Kitchen:
Pam Slaven
Mike Russell
Kim Couch
Brian Ibanez
Christy Grimes
Rachel Gillespie
Cory Pfeifer
Tim Gyngard
Randy Couch

Agape:
Becky Cosby
Dwight Whittenburg
Harmony West
Weston Jones
Kenneth Wahlgren
Jodie Baker

4th Day Talk

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Dewayne Crouse Speaks at August Gathering

Preparing for this talk, I went back and reviewed my packet I received that Sunday of my Walk. It was a good review. It brought back some things I had forgotten.

I didn't have any idea what the Walk was gonna be like. A similar weekend experience had me kind of nervous, but I survived. Emmaus was something new to me. I knew about the Emmaus road in the Bible, but not the Emmaus Walk. I thank my sponsor, John Schooley, for asking me to think about going. I learned that my walk was just the beginning of a journey.

Since my walk, the journey has taken me to help set up camp on each walk whether I worked it or not. I have worked on the Agape Team once and am excited to be working on the Kitchen Team for the next men's walk. I plan to help set up for the women's walk also.

Also on the journey, I have volunteered for the Arkansas Disaster Relief Team. I went to New York with the team last November to help victims of Hurricane Sandy, and stayed one week. That was quite an experience. I have experienced some lows and some highs, but the place that I really felt most comfortable was on the plains between the highs and the lows. The lows made me feel useless and alone. The highs made me feel like I was on top of the world, and when I feel that way I don't think I need anyone or anything, not even God. I don't like that feeling. I have become dependent on God for everything. Since I don't earn a pay check anymore, it is even more important. God is my source and He gives me strength to do what I need to do. Through the valleys, the miry clay, the darkness, up hills and on the mountain top, there is one thing that I know. I am not alone. Jesus has been there the whole time, but sometimes I was looking at myself and not Jesus. That is when I would say, "Oh me." When Jesus would finally get my attention, then I would say "I am sorry I gave up on you. Thank you for not giving up on me."

This journey is not close to being over. It will continue 'til God calls me home. I continue to praise Him and give Him the glory because He has made it all possible.

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**WALKS #29 & #30
PILGRIM APPLICATIONS
ARE NOW BEING
ACCEPTED**

When you finished your Walk to Emmaus with the Risen Lord, did you rush back to tell folks that "the Lord is risen indeed!?" It's not too late to spread the joy to those you know. Family members and friends should hear the Good News from you, and many of them deserve to share in the Emmaus experience as you did. Please consider providing Emmaus applications to those whom you know would benefit from the Walk to Emmaus weekend. Sponsor and Pilgrim applications can be found on our website www.nearthecrossemmaus.org.

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