

Near the Cross Emmaus



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 6

Community Gathering
FUMC Jonesboro
Fellowship Hall at Noon

December

Team Selection Committee
Will meet to begin team selections
for Spring 2015 Walks

Saturday, January 3

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FUMC Jonesboro
Fellowship Hall at Noon

**Spring Walk #35 and
Walk #36 Dates will be
announced in January**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM WALKS #33 AND #34

Walk #33

Scott Beck	Mountain View, AR
James Bourassa	Jonesboro, AR
Dick Carr	Jonesboro, AR
Justin Cook	Lake City, AR
David Cunningham	Paragould, AR
James Dunivan	Jonesboro, AR
Dustin Finch	Jonesboro, AR
Dustin George	Jonesboro, AR
Jim Lamb	Cherokee Village, AR
Jeff Priest	Lake City, AR
Bob Southard	Bay, AR
Phillip Walker	Paragould, AR

Walk #34

Alice Jane Blankenship	Mt. Home, AR
Stephanie Boyd	Marmaduke, AR
Roxie Bradley	Edgemont, AR
Becky Brooks	Caraway, AR
Carol Brown	Gamaliel, AR
Margie Brown	Rector, AR
Judy Carr	Jonesboro, AR
Stephanie Cole	Metamora, IL
Kandace Cook	Lake City, AR
Vicki Doolin	Mt. View, AR
Candace Eubanks	Obion, TN
Marilyn Faulkner	Caraway, AR
Nancy Fowlkes	Mt. View, AR
Lisa Girard	Pocahontas, AR
Edith Hancock	Tuckerman, AR
Valarie Hilson	Jonesboro, AR
Pip Jackson	Jonesboro, AR
Barbara Lowrance	Paragould, AR
Shirley McCall	Jonesboro, AR
Victoria Overton	Blytheville, AR
Meagan Priest	Lake City, AR
Christy Rose	Pocahontas, AR
Tammy Tatum	Jonesboro, AR
Laura Woods	Walnut Ridge, AR



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NEAR THE CROSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We welcome the following members to the NEAR the Cross Board of Directors:

Clergy:	Emmett Smith
Lay Persons:	Lauryn Carr
	Sara Culbreath
	Grant McDaniel
	Toy Morgan

We would like to thank these people for their willingness to serve our Emmaus Community. Welcome to the Board!

We also wish to thank Clergy: Marion Fleming and Lay Persons: Travis Emery, Sara Frazier and Haley Mitchell for their wonderful service as board members to the NEAR the Cross Community. They have given invaluable time and efforts on behalf of the entire Community. Well done, good and faithful servants.

TEAM SELECTION FOR SPRING 2015 WALKS

The Team Selection Committee will be meeting in December to begin reviewing Worker Applications for the Spring 2015 Walks.

Progressive Servanthood is what the Team Selection Committee will strive to fill as they review applications. The purpose of an established progression of responsibilities for Emmaus community members is twofold: leadership training and spiritual development. A person's readiness to carry out his or her particular assignment effectively often depends on and is always enhanced by prior experience in another position. The progression of responsibilities starts with support roles (agape, kitchen, set-up) and then moves into the conference room. Entry positions for the Conference Room Team are either Assistant Table Leader (and possible speaker) or Table Leader (possible

speaker). Experience in both positions is necessary before progressing to Assistant Lay Director. The role of Music Leader requires sufficient team experience to know the place of music in the weekend and to have served as an Assistant Music Leader on a previous team. Having served in one position does not assure that the person will move to the next step in the progression.

Emmaus leadership begins and ends with anonymous positions of servanthood, such as working in the kitchen, praying in the chapel, sorting letters in the agape room, and cleaning bathrooms. This kind of sacrifice and servanthood is the heart of Emmaus and is where the development of Christian leadership begins.

The Team Selection Committee will also follow the "One-third Rule"

presented by the Upper Room. The rule means the committee will strive to staff each team with approximately one-third new conference room team members, one-third second- or third-time team members, and one-third team veterans. This guideline helps a community avoid using the same "old hands" team after team and expands the leadership base of the community. Each Walk becomes an opportunity to incorporate new persons into teams and gradually to move those with some experience into other leadership positions.

If you are interested in serving on upcoming Walks, fill out a Worker Application form that can be found on our website www.nearthecrossemmaus.org and return to Marvin Day as soon as possible.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the model for Sponsorship for Emmaus is found in the Book of Luke?

Read Luke 24:13-35 and you will find why we encourage friends to join us in this Walk to Emmaus

1. Re-explain faith: Jesus walked with two people who were believers. What better place to share this sacred time with our friends.
2. Re-experienced faith: AGAPE — These are unplanned sacred moments, and communion. What better place to experience this and show your Christian love than through these moments.
3. Disciples returned to their faith community. The Emmaus community encourages all of us to return to our faith communities. We can continue our Walk with those we sponsor as we mentor them as they invite others to share this experience.



Find us on
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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.

Merry Christmas!

