

Near the Cross Emmaus



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14

Community Gathering
FUMC Jonesboro
At Noon

July

There will not be a
Community Gathering
due to the 4th of July
Holiday

August 2

Community Gathering
FUMC Jonesboro
At Noon

October 2-5

Men's Walk #33

October 9-12

Women's Walk #34

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There are several qualities in a pilgrim that you should look for. First, the prospective Pilgrim should already be on a pilgrimage, willing to grow and move forward in his or her journey of faith. Second, the person should have a Christian fervor. The Pilgrim knows God can make and has made a difference in their life. Third, the prospective Pilgrim is not so consumed by other situations that he or she will not be able to give full attention to the message and experience of the Walk to Emmaus during the 72 hour experience or follow-up activities.

When you have someone in mind you would like to sponsor, follow these suggested steps:

- **Pray.** Prayer should be focused on how this person can become a more vitally alive Christian in helping bring God's kingdom into his or her natural environments rather than on how you can get this person to attend a weekend.
- **Make an appointment.** Casual conversation about your experience with Emmaus is helpful, but if you are serious about asking someone to become a part of Emmaus, make an appointment to make the invitation. If the person is married, share with both spouses. Do not recruit one and expect that person to recruit their spouse.
- **Invite.** Share your experience. Make sure the person knows that your invitation is to a more vitally alive relationship with Jesus Christ, not just to attend a weekend retreat. The three days are just a part of a whole new way of life. Explain group reunion, gatherings, walk weekend teams and formation and the renewed interest in serving one's church.
- **The Commitment.** Have a registration form with you and ask the prospective Pilgrim to fill it out in your presence, answering questions he/she may have. If the person is married, get an application from the spouse at the same time. Complete the form and mail to the registrar with the fee.

Now, the fun begins. Pray for your pilgrim and stay close to him or her. Collect agape letters from family, friends and pastor. As the weekend begins, stay in contact with your Pilgrim's family, offering assistance. Attend Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing. Help your Pilgrim find a reunion group. This is so vital. Stay in touch and in prayer as they find their ministry within their church. Help the pilgrim to sponsor appropriately. And always **pray, pray, pray...**

PILGRIM APPLICATIONS

Pilgrim applications will not be considered complete unless:

- 1) There is a signed application from the pilgrim.
- 2) There is a completed sponsor sheet from the sponsor for that pilgrim.
- 3) The Walk Fee is paid or application for scholarship has been filled out and approved.

If at all possible please send these all in at the same time to ensure that our lists are up to date and accurate.

