

Near the Cross Emmaus

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1-4

Men's Walk #37

LD: Willie Frazier

Send off

Thursday 10/1 at 7pm
FUMC

Candlelight

Saturday 10/3 at 7pm
Mt. Zion

Closing

Sunday 10/4 at 4:45
FUMC

October 8-11

Women's Walk #38

LD: Teresa Branch

Send off

Thursday 10/8 at 7pm
FUMC

Candlelight

Saturday 10/10 at 7pm
Mt. Zion

Closing

Sunday 10/11 at 4:45pm
FUMC

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WELCOME NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Spring Men's Walk #35

Daniel Smith	Jonesboro
Gene Haney	Heber Springs
Keaton Mulvaney	Dyersburg, TN
Matthew Ziegler	Jonesboro
David Sellers	Caraway
Jack Runsick	Wynne
Marty Spears	Searcy
Randy Nelson	Jonesboro
Jim Medlock	Paragould
Matt Penny	Jonesboro
Randy Roberson	Judsonia
Eddie Rose	Pocahontas
Jim Davis	Corning
Jimmy Campbell	Jonesboro
Ty Keller	Jonesboro
Victor Hill	Jonesboro
Andy Adams	Jonesboro
Patrick Hilson	Jonesboro
Steve Towery	Mountain Home
Wade Boyd	Marmaduke

Spring Women's Walk #36

Lynda Boatman	Caraway
Shelly Burton	Jonesboro
Emily Chaffin	Jonesboro
Carol Coffman	Henderson
Susie Cook	Paragould
Natalie Eskew	Jonesboro
Ashley Goad	Lake City
Kacee Hardy	Dyersburg, TN
Pam Henry	Dyersburg, TN
Dianne Hulse	Pocahontas
Jeanetta Jackson	Paragould
Mary Dawn McKnight	Wynne
Lisa Nolen	Jonesboro
Cora Parson	Cherokee Village
Shannon Powell	Trimble
Glenda Spears	Searcy
Ronda Sullins	Jonesboro
Kelby Taylor	Lake City
Meagan Treece	Paragould
Cheryl Wright	Jonesboro

PREPARATION FOR FALL WALKS 2015

After our 2015 Spring Walks came to a close in March, plans began underway immediately for our 2015 Fall Walks. Lay Directors Willie Frazier and Teresa Branch will be meeting with the Team Selection Committee very soon to start piecing together teams to serve on Walks #37 and #38. If you are interested in serving on the Fall Walks visit our website at www.nearthecrossemmaus.org

and download a worker application. Please fill out and mail back to our Registrar Lauryn Carr as soon as possible. If you cannot work a full walk weekend but still would like to help with luggage, transportation, Candlelight, etc. please visit our website and contact the board member responsible for that area. Any help is very much needed and greatly appreciated.

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 re-union, 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..**

**WALKS #37 & #38
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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