

Near the Cross Emmaus



December 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Gathering

12:00 PM

FUMC Jonesboro
Fellowship Hall
Saturday, January 7

Community Lay
Leader

Grant McDaniel

Community Spiritual
Dir.

Dan Brand

Treasurer

Melissa Russell

Secretary

C H Overbay

Registrar

Joe Ferguson

Newsletter Editor

Colleen Wise



“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders, and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

May we be mindful during this blessed season that these words were given by God to Isaiah more than 700 years before Jesus was born.

God has a plan, may we rejoice and be thankful!

On the Emmaus Upper Room Website, It says, “We are Praying for you”.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

What a Beautiful Prayer! Please know that we are indeed praying for you!



December Board Notes

We are sad to say DeWayne Crouse has resigned the Board position due to health issues. DeWayne has been a faithful servant to the Emmaus Community. He has always been willing to jump in and help wherever and whenever he can. We pray for him and Alice as they walk this difficult road together. May they feel the many, many prayers being lifted up for them from the Emmaus Community.

Due to the resignation of DeWayne Crouse the Board unanimously voted to replace the vacant position to Jeff Wicker, CPA. Jeff will be a valuable asset to the community with his expertise in the accounting area and will replace Melissa Russell who has served the community excellently. Thank you Melissa for your servant heart.

Board Chair Grant McDaniel discussed the need for a "Vision Committee" He reported that Kevin Lawrence has agreed to be the Chairman, and other members are Gundel Martin, Dan Brand, Beth Kaiser, and C H Overbay.

Grant also informed the Board that the Team Selection Committee has been formed and are in the process of selecting possible team members for all walks held in 2017, striving to adhere to the 1/3 rule as required by the Upper Room. (Meaning 1/3 will be new team members in the conference room, 1/3 will be second or third time members in the conference room and 1/3 will be team veterans.) The same 1/3 rule will be applied to the Outside Team. Also, all new Pilgrims from this past Spring and Fall Walks will be given preference when Team selection sets up possible applicants for next year's Walks.

This guide-line helps a community avoid using the same "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.



*Merry Christmas from your
Emmaus Family!*

