

Near the Cross Emmaus



September 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Emmaus Gathering

Saturday
Oct 7th, 12:00 pm
FUMC
Fellowship Hall

NTC Fall Walks

Men's Walk # 45
Sept 28-Oct 1st

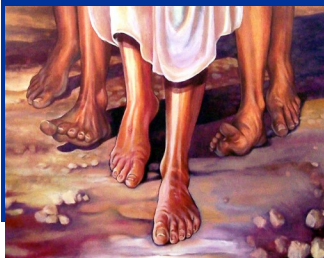
Lay Director
Bud Kennedy

Spiritual Director
Dan Brand

Women's Walk #46
Oct 5th-8th

Lay Director
Jenna McDaniel

Spiritual Director
Emmett Smith



Exciting News!



DB Chuck Wagon

September Emmaus Gathering will be a blast from the past, *Chuck Wagon* style. Danny and Alice Blankenship will lead us on a passage through time. Please join us September 2nd, 12:00 pm at the Caraway United Methodist Church. This will be a fun time of fellowship.

Visit the Near the Cross website and sign up for the prayer vigil for these upcoming walks. Remember to be in prayer for the Pilgrims, Lay Directors, and Walk #45 and #46 Team Members.

nearthecrossemmaus.org

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Near the Cross Walk To Emmaus Board voted on a First Time Sponsor Scholarship at the August Board Meeting. We now have this scholarship available. If you have never sponsored a pilgrim this is a great time to start. Please contact Grant McDaniel at (870) 219-5213 or Paula Hensley (870) 897-7055 if you are a first time sponsor and have a pilgrim.

Pilgrim and Sponsorship Applications are on our website www.nearthecrossemmaus.org. These forms are also made available for you at the Emmaus Gatherings.

Please be in prayer about sponsoring a pilgrim, without the pilgrims there would be NO walk. To sponsor a pilgrim you will need to turn in the applications with the \$95.00 registration fee. God already knows –He is just waiting on us.

The prayer vigil is ready for the Emmaus Community Prayer Warriors to sign up. Choose a date and time to be in prayer for the Men's #45 and Women's #46 walks. The prayer vigil is on the website listed above. Please contact Kathy Murphy at (901) 619-8139 if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

Brian Stahl has ordered new literature for the pilgrims and new Emmaus brochures. The "What is Emmaus" booklet is now available to give to pilgrims before they attend the walk.

Walk #45 and #46 Lay Directors, Bud Kennedy and Jenna McDaniel have been working very hard for these upcoming walks. Please remember them in your prayers as well as the Spiritual Directors, Dan Brand and Emmett Smith. Pray also for the conference room team and the outside team as they prepare spiritual, physically, and mentally to serve as a disciple of Christ.

Be encouraged!

John 13:14-17 "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things **you will be blessed** if you do them."

Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, **you did for me.**



2017 Board Members and Term

| Member | Position on the Board | Term Exp | Email | Phone |
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The Community Board of Directors

The local Emmaus Board of Directors is the body that governs the local Emmaus movement and oversees the quality of the program. The Board of Directors is the link between the local Emmaus community and Upper Room Ministries and is responsible for fulfilling the covenant with Upper Room Ministries as stated in the Letter of Agreement. Detailed information about the Board of Directors, responsibilities of board members, and accountability functions of the board can be found in the book of The Board of Directors.

The Emmaus community elects the board by voting each year on members of a new class from among nominees selected by a nominating committee and approved by the board. Voting ballots must be mailed or by email.

The board has a Team Selection Committee and a Nominating Committee (or Team Selection Chair) and a Nominating Committee. CH Overbay, Mark Belk, and Pam Slaven have been selected as the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections. Ballots should be printed in the October Newsletter and distributed to the Community.

Board Meetings are held once a month except for the month of July.