

Near the Cross Emmaus

June 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

August Gathering

12:00 PM
FUMC Jonesboro
Fellowship Hall
Saturday
August 5th

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

About Walk To Emmaus

The **Walk to Emmaus** or **Emmaus Walk** is a three day movement and Protestant version of the Roman Catholic Cursillo Movement. It started in the 1960s and 1970s when Episcopalians and Lutherans, and Tres Dias offered Cursillo.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

The Most Important Job of All

Although all areas of working a Walk to Emmaus is very important, what is the most important Job? **SPONSORSHIP!**

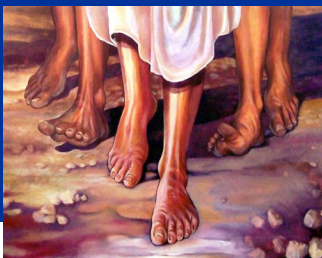
Sponsorship is the first act of Agape. Good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim embodying the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim. Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its true purpose: the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.

Why do we sponsor? What is Our aim?

It is NOT trying "to get all my friends to go" or to "fix people's problems" or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others. Rather, IT IS the aim of the Sponsor to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who, in turn, will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community. The AIM of sponsorship is to build up the Body of Christ.

Please visit 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 #44 and #45 Team Members.

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Welcome Our New Members of Near The Cross Walk to Emmaus

Men's Walk #43

Michael Arant
Mike Barber
Paul Blackwell
Cody Campbell
Tanner Cecil
Brice Conley
Darren Criss
Jay Early
James Hoover
Charlie Jones
Tyler Killough
Jeremy McKelroy
Billy Pierce
Greg Rockhill
Tom Roth
David Smith
Forrest Smith
Clay Thompson
Jonathon Toms
John Turner
Cole Vanhorn
David Yates

Women's Walk #44

Katie Vaught
Cindy Nichols
Shaina Morgan
Diana Derrington
Debi Piercy
Natasha Murray Norman
Diana Griffin
Kristin Beegle
Vye Watson
Jennifer Grow
Kathleen Byrd
Paula Thorpe
Dru Ferguson
Becky Ewart
Cindy Crum
Mae Versey
Elizabeth Hoskyn
Dorothy Hatfield
Victoria Childs



2017 Board Members and Term

Member	Position on the Board	Term Exp	Email	Phone
Emmett Smith	Community Spiritual Director	2017	arkie55p@gmail.com	870-335-7527
Grant McDaniel	Community LD/Team Selection/Training	2017	Grant.mac@suddenlink.net	870-219-5213
Teresa Branch	Agape	2019	tbranch@paragould.net	870-450-4656
Jeff Wicker	Treasurer	2019	jeffwicker71@gmail.com	870-761-0992
Joe Ferguson	Registrar	2018	Fergj30@gmail.com	870-340-6342
CH Overbay	Candlelight/Closing Secretary	2018	overbaych@gmail.com	870-919-1269
Kathy Murphy	Prayer/Send Off//Sponsor's Hour	2019	kwak2nd@aol.com	901-619-8139
Cory Pfeifer	Music Entertainment	2019	Cory.pfeifer@arumc.org	87-761-0978
Paula Hensley	Newsletter	2017	hensleyp1992@gmail.com	870-897-7055
Toy Morgan	Kitchen	2017	Toy.morgan@suddenlink.net	870.680.3838
Garry Brooks	Logistics Facilities	2019	glbrooks77@yahoo.com	870-919-6709
Dan Brand	Gatherings	2018	danbrand@artelco.com	870-692-4501
David Malone	Followup/Group Reunions	2017	da-vidmalone396@gmail.com	870-243-5720
Stacy West	Luggage/Transportation	2018	swest0371@gmail.com	870-243-5720
Brian Stahl	Literature	2018	brianwstahl@gmail.com	870-281-4187

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. Please contact our nominating committee with your Board Nominees. Ballots should be printed in the October Newsletter and distributed to the Community.

Board Meetings are held once a month.