
SHOW ME THE WAY

Emmaus Community

of Southwest Missouri

Newsletter

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Sustaining the Spirit of the Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a structured, disciplined ecumenical experience in spiritual renewal, operative both in the life of the individual and of the church. Because of its life-transforming potential, Emmaus calls for excellence in team preparation and performance. This excellence is manifest in the spirit of humility and servanthood that characterizes the ministry of Emmaus—the same spirit modeled in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. In order to sustain the spirit of Emmaus, team members must, first of all, be committed to personal spiritual growth. Secondly, they are called to remain faithful to the spirit and structure of the Walk to Emmaus that has been entrusted to them by obedience to the authority and direction under which the Walk to Emmaus is conducted.

If you are asked to be a member of an Emmaus team, unquestionably, you will be looking forward to the joy, excitement, and spiritual renewal with both new and old friends in the Emmaus community. However, the role to which you will be called is unlike any other you may have had. Your selection, as well as your decision to serve as a team member, will be undergirded by prayer. You are called to be an intercessor in a spiritual experience through which lives will be touched and changed. **Your ministry as an Emmaus team member may be one of the most significant spiritual leadership opportunities of your life.**

In order to adequately fulfill this role, you will find it necessary to have a thorough understanding of the goals of the Emmaus weekend and a clear perception of its rhythm and dynamics. You will be called upon to sustain the character and spirit of Emmaus—to embrace and absorb your role with a keen awareness of and commitment to Christian servanthood. Sustaining the spirit of Emmaus requires your surrender to the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit. You, along with the other members of the Emmaus team, will be an instrument through which God can work mighty acts in the lives of pilgrims. As an Emmaus team, it is important that you encourage one another as you seek to be formed spiritually into instruments of God. Only that mutual encouragement and personal surrender to Christ can ensure that it will indeed be the Holy Spirit, not the team, who reaches hearts during the Walk to Emmaus.

It is important to bear in mind that an Emmaus team is only an instrument of God. In a continual attitude of prayer, submit the self that you find to God's spirit and guidance in all things. Then, the Walk to Emmaus will continue to be an authentic work of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God. On the basis of this understanding, it is hoped that if you are asked to serve on a team and accept, that you will encourage an atmosphere during the weekend that will enable the Holy Spirit to work freely in the lives of those whom God has called to the Walk to Emmaus.

Excerpt from *Sustaining the Spirit*
William F. Gusey

Sponsor someone on a Walk to Emmaus

Sponsorship is the act of your revisiting the Walk to Emmaus experience with the person whom God has laid on your heart. Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of the Walk to Emmaus. Do not take its responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning and follow-through.

The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of that community's recruiting practices. A sponsor should commit to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church.

For the Walk to Emmaus to be effective, individual congregations must know how to use the program. Emmaus is not a place where a local church sends its problem members to get them "straightened out," nor is it an evangelistic tool to "make new Christians." Emmaus is meant to strengthen church leaders...the Walk to Emmaus cannot do everything; instead it has narrowed its focus to the spiritual renewal of church leaders.... Our sole purpose in recruiting new Pilgrims should be the strengthening of our own congregations.

We urge you to remember this focus as you consider sponsorship. Viewing the walk to Emmaus as a hospital to cure all ills will weaken the community. Pray and work to strengthen and renew the church.

As sponsors we need to follow the scriptural principles of praying, being open to God, and then calling people by name to attend the Walk to Emmaus. Remember that the walk is not for everyone. Be certain that the individual you invite is right for Emmaus and that Emmaus is right for that individual.

One of the vital elements of the Emmaus Movement and one of the pillars of strength

of each Emmaus community is wise sponsorship. Our community offers sponsorship training to help persons understand their role as sponsor. Contact Dorothy Harsen at 417. 889.7757.

If you visited several Emmaus communities and asked members to state the most important job in Emmaus, you probably would receive a long list of answers. If several people in your sample listed sponsorship as number one, you would be blessed. If everyone from a specific community listed sponsorship as number one, you would have found a treasure—a community that is strong, vital, and an effective force in Christianizing their environment as well as being a solid pillar in the renewal movement. *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus* states that "sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus." Sponsorship has far-reaching implications. It affects not only the sponsor and the pilgrim. It has a direct bearing on the health of the Emmaus movement and impacts the church affected by the movement.

Paul's letter to the Galatians contains some poignant words that apply to sponsorship. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of the Spirit, which is fruit that should result from your sponsorship. Persons undertaking sponsorship might find the words of Galatians 6:7-8 about reaping what you sow an appropriate consideration. The person you sponsor is the seed you are sowing for the future of Emmaus and for future church leadership.

-Excerpt from *Sponsorship*
The Emmaus Library

Sponsor's form can be found on our web site at www.showway.org. Download the sponsor's form and print it – fill it out and submit it with the Pilgrim's application to Registrar Terry Hatridge whose address is on the bottom of the form.

Fall Walks Are Coming Up!

Men's Walk #56 will be at Baptist Hill Assembly, Mt. Vernon, Thursday, October 7th through Sunday, October 10th. Kevin Manary will form the Men's conference room team and lead as Weekend Lay Director.



Women's Walk #57 will be at Baptist Hill October 14th through Sunday, October 17th, under the leadership of Jean Wetzels who will form and lead the Women's conference room team.



The Team Selection Committee will meet May 22nd to select team members for both Fall Walks. You may let one of the LDs for the fall walks know that you would like to serve on their team but the **LDs may not promise you any position on any team – team selection is under the authority of the Team Selection Committee exclusively** and once that committee has selected the teams for the Fall Walks, those selections must be approved by the Board of Directors. Only then do the Lay Directors have the authority to contact approved selections for the various team positions.

Please note that only the SMTW Board can select teams through the Board's Team Selection Committee and that slate of suggested team members for the Walks must then be approved by the Board. Lay Directors may not select team members.

Attendance at Emmaus Functions

All gatherings and anointing services are open to members of the community and guests — including children.

Candlelight and Closing Services may be attended only by those that have attended a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, Camino,

Chrysalis, or equivalent teen or adult weekend. It is the policy of the International Emmaus movement that these services are not appropriate for children because of their serious personal qualities.

What is an Emmaus Group Reunion?

The Emmaus group reunion is a small accountability group of two to six persons who have usually participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus and who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action.

Persons may call their group reunions by different names: "reunion groups," "fourth day groups," "accountability groups," "share groups," "discipleship groups," "journey groups," and "Christian support groups." Irrespective of name, group reunions have a common purpose: to help us persevere in grace. Group reunions undergird our desire to carry those aspects of the three-day experience that we most value and that are fundamental to our formation as faithful Christian disciples into our everyday lives.

How do we persevere in grace? The talk on Perseverance tells us that the key is regular contact with Christ and with other Christians who share the vision of life lived wholly in the grace of God. The group reunion then becomes a dynamic means of support and maintenance of meaningful contact with Christ and other Christian friends for the long haul. The spiritual companionship of the group reunion encourage us in our practice of the means of grace—the ways

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Christ instructed and modeled for us to stay in touch with him, to share his life and mind, and to grow in his love and likeness.

Group reunions meet at regular times, usually weekly for an hour. The meeting consists of persons' sharing the stories of their walk with Christ during the past week. A pattern provided on the group reunion card, which everybody receives on the third day of their Emmaus weekend, guides the sharing:

1. Each person reviews the manner in which he sought to walk with Christ through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action.
2. Each person reflects on the ways they experienced Christ's walking with them in holy moments and in calls to service.
3. Each person shares plans for living out his or her discipleship in the week to come.

The meeting concludes with announcements and closing prayers.

Members listen to one another, celebrate the grace of God in each person's life, and reinforce each one's core commitment to living in union with Christ in all facets of daily life. Members express that reinforcement through gentle accountability, encouragement, and support of one's stated discipline and plans.

Men and women commonly form separate groups. This separation is partly an outgrowth of friendships made in separate men's and women's Emmaus weekends. Persons may feel the groups of mixed gender inhibit their personal sharing. But many groups form without regard to gender. Some people prefer groups that include men and women. Still others enjoy the advantages of meeting as married couples. Most groups are all laity, some include clergy, and a few are all clergy.

Emmaus groups that effectively support

Christian growth do not come about by our human effort alone. We certainly do our part: we get together, practice our discipline, and go to the meetings. But it is the Holy Spirit who opens our hearts to God and to one another, who makes us spiritual friends, who weaves us together and prompts us with ways to watch over one another in love. The Holy Spirit connects us with others like ourselves who are ready for such a group and whose gifts will blend. For this reason, forming groups requires earnest prayer and openness to God's little surprises. Sometimes the last persons we would have chosen for our groups show up there and turn out to be the best for us. And sometimes the first persons we would have chosen simply do not work out.

Excerpt from *The Group Reunion*,
The Emmaus Library

Calendar

- May 1 – Saturday, 5:30pm: South Gathering, Kimberling City UMC
- May 7 – Friday, 6:30pm: SON Gathering, King's Way UMC, Springfield
- May 22 – Saturday, 9:00am: Board meeting and training of Fall Lay Directors, Kings Way UMC, Springfield
- May 22 -- Saturday, 1:00pm: Team Selection Committee meeting for Fall Walks, Kings Way UMC
- June 5 – Saturday, 5:30pm: South Gathering, Branson UMC, Branson
- June 11 – Friday, 6:30pm: SON gathering
- June 12 – Saturday, 9:00am: Board meeting to approve Fall Walks teams, Ozark UMC
- July 10 – Saturday, 5:30pm: South Gathering, Kimberling City UMC
- July 24 – Saturday, 9:00am: Board meeting

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July 24 -- 11:30am: Community Gathering, location to be announced.

Aug 7 – Saturday, 5:30pm: South Gathering, Branson UMC

Aug 14 – Saturday, 9:00am: Board meeting and training of Spring Lay Directors

Aug 14 – Saturday, 1:00pm: Team Selection Committee meeting for Spring Walks' teams

Aug 21 – Saturday, 8:30am: Orientation of Fall Walks' teams and first training session – All Teams

Sept 10 – Friday, 6:30pm: SON Gathering

Sept 11 – Saturday, 9:00am: Board meeting and approval of Spring Teams -- Nominating Committee report for 2011 Board positions

Sept 11 – Saturday, 5:30pm: South Gathering, Kimberling City UMC

Sept 18 – Saturday, 8:30am: 2nd team training session - Conference Team

Sept 25 – Saturday, 8:30am: 3rd team training session – Conference Team

Oct 2 – Saturday, 8:30am: 4th team training session and anointing service – All Teams

Oct 7-10 – Thursday-Sunday, Men's Walk #56, Baptist Hill Assembly, Mt. Vernon

Oct 9 -- Saturday, 7:00pm: Men's Candlelight Service

Oct 10 -- Sunday, 4:00pm: Men's Closing Ceremony

Oct 14-17 – Thursday-Sunday, Women's Walk #57, Baptist Hill Assembly, Mt. Vernon

Oct 9 -- Saturday, 7:00pm: Women's Candlelight Service

Oct 10 -- Sunday, 4:00pm: Women's Closing Ceremony

Oct 23 – Saturday, 9:00am: Board meeting and 4th Day Review of Walks

Oct 23 – Saturday, 11:30am: Community Gathering, location to be announced

Oct 25 – Monday: Ballots mailed to community for Board of Directors' election

Nov 6 – Saturday, 5:30pm: South Gathering, Kimberling City UMC

Nov 15 – Monday: Last day to receive voted ballots for Board election.

Dec 4 – Saturday, 9:00am: Board meeting

Dec 4 – Saturday, 5:30pm: South Gathering, Branson UMC

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Jan 8 – Saturday, 9:00am: Board meeting and orientation with newly elected Board members

Jan 8 – Saturday, 5:30pm: South Gathering

March 3-6 – Thursday-Sunday: Men's Walk #58, Baptist Hill Assembly, Mt. Vernon

March 10-13 – Thursday-Sunday: Women's Walk #59, Baptist Hill Assembly, Mt. Vernon

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The 15 Talks—Three Day Overview

Friday

Proclamation/Call Divine Invitation The Love of God

1 - “Priority”

Given by an ALD

*Choose this day whom you will serve.
(Joshua 24:15)*

*And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, to love kindness, and to
walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*

2 - “Prevenient Grace”

Given by a clergy person

*I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my
faithfulness to you. (Jeremiah 31:3)*

3 - “Priesthood of All Believers”

Given by a lay person

*You are... a royal priesthood... God’s own
people, in order that you may proclaim
the mighty acts of him who called you out
of darkness into his marvelous light.
(1 Peter 2:9)*

4 - “Justifying Grace”

Given by a clergy person

*The spirit he poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that,
having been justified by his grace, we
might become heirs according to the hope
of eternal life. (Titus 3:6-7)*

5 - “Life of Piety”

Given by a lay person

My soul thirsts for God. (Psalm 42:2)

Saturday

Conversion/Our Response The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

6 - “Growth Through Study”

Given by a lay person

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your
minds, so that you may discern what is
the will of God—what is good and
acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)*

7 - “Means of Grace”

“Dying Moments” Service

Given by a clergy person

I am the bread of life. (John 6:35)

8 - “Christian Action”

Given by a lay person

*Now in Joppa, there was a disciple whose
name was Tabitha, which in Greek is
Dorcas. She was devoted to good works
and acts of charity. (Acts 9:36)*

9 - “Obstacles to Grace”

Given by a clergy person

*If any want to be my followers, let them
deny themselves and take up their cross
daily and follow me. For those who want
to save their life will lose it, and those
who lose their life for my sake will save
it. (Luke 9:23-24)*

10 - “Discipleship”

Given by a lay person

*The gifts he gave were that some would
be apostles, some prophets, some
evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to
equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ....
(Ephesians 4:11-13)*

Sunday

Consecration/Insertion Christian Mission Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

11 - “Changing our World”

Given by a lay person

*Very truly I tell you, the one who believes
in me will also do the works that I do
and, in fact, will do greater works than
these.... (John 14:12)*

12 - “Sanctifying Grace”

Given by a clergy person

*In this you rejoice, even if now for a little
while you have had to suffer various
trials, so that the gentleness of your
faith...may be found to result in praise
and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is
revealed. (1 Peter 1:6)*

13 - “Body of Christ”

Given by a lay person

*We have gifts that differ according to the
grace given to us. (Roman 12:6)*

14 - “Perseverance”

Given by the Lay Director

*Not that I have already obtained this or
have already reached the goal; but I
press on to make it my own, because
Christ Jesus has made me his own.... I
press on toward the goal for the prize of
the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 3:12-14)*

15 - “Fourth Day”

Given by an ALD

*The king will answer them, “Truly I tell
you, just as you did it to the one of the
least of these who are members of my
family, you did it to me.” (Matt. 25:40)*

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