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CROSSROADS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.

Matthew 28:6



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As of now, we have seven men who will spend time in God's presence here--developing a deeper understanding of Jesus' work on the Cross, and a personal relationship with His Savior.

We also have three pending applications, but friends, we need at least 20 men registered.

While our deadline to make this walk is only four days away,
we trust God and continue to do His work.

We could apply our "earthly" math and think, *"That's impossible!"*

OR

we can trust God's math.

Remember what Jesus did with five loaves and two fish?

God's math creates miracles. There are at least 10 men waiting for your invitation.

God knows his name, but he waits for your invitation.

Be God's hand and feet—get that pilgrim application in his hand and get him registered

by April 12th so we can witness ***God make Big Things Happen Here!***

Note: Due to time sensitivity, please notify our Emmaus Registrar, Kim Wood, if you have pilgrims that you are working on getting registered. Kim can be reached at 979-578-2253.

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Men's Walk #85

April 26-29, 2018

Lay Director: Paul Gordon

Spiritual Director: Rev. Richard Young

Board Representative: Mike Myers

Women's Walk #86

June 21-24, 2018

Lay Director: Neta Ripple

Spiritual Director: Rev. Richard Young

Board Representative: Linda Alderson

Both walks will be held at the Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria.

Registration fees - \$225

Registration Fee Assistance guidelines are attached and also available on our website.

Checklist for Crossroads Emmaus Community:

- ✓ Register your pilgrims! The deadline to make the Men's Walk is April 12, 2018. There's more time for the Women's Walk, but why wait? A registration form is attached and can also be found online at www.cremmaus.org
- ✓ Distribute the information flyer attached to this newsletter to share this opportunity!
- ✓ Pray for the team meetings. Both teams are in full preparation mode!
- ✓ Visit with your friends, family, and loved ones about attending a Walk.
- ✓ Go online to www.cremmaus.org and sign up for the Prayer Vigil and agape for the walks. Plenty of spots and needs remain!
- ✓ Pray for the leadership and all activities of the Crossroads Emmaus community.
- ✓ Be still and spend some time with our awesome God!

WOMEN'S WALK UPDATE: 3 PILGRIMS REGISTERED AS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

UPCOMING TEAM MEETINGS: APRIL 21ST AT FUMC-EL CAMPO
MAY 5TH AT VICTORIA GRACE PRESBYTERIAN
JUNE 2ND AT FUMC-EL CAMPO

PLEASE KEEP THESE WOMEN AND THIS WALK COVERED IN PRAYER!

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Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

GATHERINGS:

April 20, 2018

Louise United Methodist Church
(Men's Team Commissioning)

May 18, 2018

FUMC-El Campo
(Men's Walk Babe Chicks meet at 6:00 p.m.)

June 15, 2018

Salem Lutheran-Port Lavaca
(Women's Team Commissioning)

July 13, 2018

FUMC-El Campo
(Women's Walk Babe Chicks meet at 6:00 p.m.)

Potluck dinners begin at 6:30 PM!

Board Meetings:

Monday, April 9, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Board meetings are held at the Jackson Electric Coop,
8925 State Highway 111 South, Ganado, Texas 77962

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<i>Lay Director:</i>	Mike Myers	<u><i>Class of 2020:</i></u>
<i>Asst. Lay Director:</i>	Jesse Avendano	Linda Alderson
<i>Secretary:</i>	Steve Bales	Daniel & Kelly Lockey
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Daniel & Kelly Lockey	Rick Graff
<i>Team Selection Chair:</i>	Carolyn Gordon	Ron Langford
<i>Immediate Past Lay Director:</i>	Tyanne Rakowitz	
<i>FDG Spiritual Director:</i>	Rev. Richard Young	<u><i>Class of 2019:</i></u>
<i>FDG Asst. Spiritual Directors:</i>	Rev. Mark Smith	Steve Bales
	Rev. Dan Zellmer	Clint Mitchell
<i>Prayer Vigils:</i>	Bo Raz	Cheryl Worley
<i>Agape Chair:</i>	Cheryl Worley	Carolyn Gordon
<i>Trailer:</i>	Sharing the Love of Christ Men's Reunion Group, Port Lavaca	
<i>Music:</i>	Linda Alderson	
<i>Candlelight:</i>	Mike Kinsey	<u><i>Class of 2018:</i></u>
<i>Reunion Groups:</i>	Bo Raz	Jesse Avendano
<i>Fundraising:</i>	Jesse Avendano & Ron Langford	Kim Wood Mike Myers
<i>Newsletter:</i>	Monica Bard	
<i>Website:</i>	Bill Rakowitz	
<i>Emmaus Registrar:</i>	Kim Wood	
<i>Community Trainers:</i>	Neta & Gerald Ripple	
<i>2018 Women's Walk Lay Director:</i>	Neta Ripple	
<i>2018 Men's Walk Lay Director:</i>	Paul Gordon	



PILGRIM APPLICATION

- ALL PORTIONS AND PAYMENT IN FULL ARE REQUIRED BEFORE APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED
- THE PILGRIM, SPONSOR, AND PASTOR MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THEIR RESPECTIVE SECTIONS
- PILGRIM CANDIDATES WITH INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PLACED ON THE WAITING LIST AND THEIR PAPERWORK RETURNED UNTIL A COMPLETE APPLICATION, INCLUDING FULL PAYMENT, IS RECEIVED.
- RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR, SO THEY MAY FILL IN THEIR SECTION
- CONFIRM WITH YOUR REGISTRAR THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS COMPLETE

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE FOURTH DAY GROUP HOSTING THE WALK FOR PAYMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION.

Walk# _____ Date _____ Cost \$ _____ Location _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Name Tag: _____

Male Female Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell/Other: _____

Church Name & Address presently attending: _____

Marital Status: _____ Number of Children: _____ Do you smoke? Yes No

Ordained Clergy? Yes No Occupation: _____

Has the Walk been fully explained to you? Yes No Has Post-Walk follow up been explained? Yes No

Name of local Emmaus 4th Day Group for Post Walk gatherings that you will be attending (check with your sponsor if unclear what the name is): _____

Do you have any Special Dietary needs? Yes* No

If YES* Please explain: _____

Do you have any special health problems or physical needs? Yes* No

If YES* Please explain: _____

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION/CHANGE/REFUND POLICY:

All changes (changes in information, walk dates, cancellations or requests for a refund) in Walk Registration must be submitted to the Emmaus Office in writing (by email/fax/mail). Registration fees can be transferred in full to another event or pilgrim before the cancellation deadline. Full refunds must be issued to the payer of the registration fee minus a \$25 processing fee.

Pilgrim Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail completed **Crossroads Emmaus Community – 208 Ave. F, El Campo TX 77437 .**
Application Packet to: **Email: REGISTRAR@CREMMAUS.org Fax: (361) 771-4191 .**
Make Check Payable to: **Crossroads Emmaus Community .**

*****CLERGY INFORMATION*****

(See #2 Instructions)

Your Pastor's Name: _____ Church Name & Address: _____

Your Pastor's Signature: _____

Have you attended Emmaus, Cursillo, Tres Dias or any other recognized 3-day Weekend? Yes # _____ No

*****SPONSORS INFORMATION*****

(See #3 Instructions)

Sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus movement, and the Church in which the Pilgrim will serve. Thank you for your dedication and effort to promote the Emmaus vision of developing Christian leaders who will strengthen the local Church. It is important for the success of this Pilgrim's Walk for you to be a fully participating Sponsor. *If you cannot answer YES to all of the following, then please reconsider whether you are best suited to act as this applicant's Sponsor.*

Where did you attend your Emmaus/Cursillo (or other recognized 3-day experience)?

When? _____ Walk# _____

Yes No Are you in a reunion group? (If not active in a reunion or accountability group, please make every effort to join one soon. This is an essential part of the weekend experience.)

Yes No Are you active in your local Church?

Yes No Are you praying for your candidate?

Yes No Will you personally bring your candidate to the Emmaus site on Thursday night?

Yes No Will you care for the needs of your Candidates spouse? (Ex: Mow the lawn, help with emergency tasks, offer childcare, help the family get to church, etc.?)

Yes No If the candidate is married, have you discussed the Walk with their spouse?

Yes No Have you informed the candidate and spouse that they should expect to have no contact during the weekend, except in case of emergency?

Yes No Has candidate suffered from a loss (death, divorce, etc.) this past year?

Yes No Is the candidate emotionally ready to attend?

Yes No Are you able and willing to assist the candidate to get into a reunion group?

Yes No Have you explained the post-Walk follow-up meeting?

Yes No Will you bring agape food & gifts?

Yes No Can you fulfill Sponsor responsibilities if your candidate attends on short notice?

As Sponsor you are responsible to participate in these events. Please indicate the events you will attend?

Registration Sponsor's Hour Worship
 Closing Follow-up Meeting First Gathering

PLEASE PRINT: Please check if this is a new address

Sponsor's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell/Other: _____

Email Address: _____

How long have you known this candidate? _____ Is this candidate active in their local Church? _____

If you were on the team would you be encouraged to have this person as a candidate? _____

What characteristics does the candidate demonstrate that exhibits his/her commitment to Christ? _____

To **your** knowledge, does this candidate have an addiction that would prevent full participation? Yes No

****If answered 'yes' to the last question, it is advisable to wait to sponsor this candidate until the issues are resolved.****

As a sponsor, I say YES to Christ. I will fulfill my responsibilities in such a way that His grace and love are revealed to this candidate through my Christian Action. My signature on this application indicates my commitment to the high calling of servanthood.

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE
WALK TO EMMAUS PILGRIM APPLICATION**

Please take special note of the following questions on this Pilgrim Application. All information must be complete.

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Because Emmaus is not intended to make disciples, but rather strengthen those who are already disciples, persons accepted for a Walk to Emmaus are expected to be ACTIVE members of a Christian congregation. **ALL EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY** must be approved in advance by the Community's Spiritual Director. Please make note of this before you submit your application; otherwise the packet may be returned.

Persons who are members of one congregation but are actively attending another congregation should reconcile the issue of where God is calling them to service and make a commitment to one community before applying for Walk to Emmaus. This enables the Pilgrim to participate FULLY in that community upon their return from the Walk to Emmaus.

HAS THE WALK TO EMMAUS BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU? Make sure you are fully aware of what the Walk to Emmaus is all about. If you have questions, ask your Sponsor for more information. Your Sponsor should not sign this form until he/she has explained Emmaus and the events after the Walk weekend to you and, if applicable, your significant other.

IF THE WALK IS CANCELLED OR PILGRIM CANNOT ATTEND...the Sponsor, Pilgrim and/or Lay Director may (a) request a refund or (b) request for a transfer to a future Emmaus Walk. If the pilgrim is paid in full and the application is on file, you will not need to submit a new application. Requests for a transfer or a refund must be made in WRITING either through email, fax or regular mail to the Registrar. Refunds are issued to the original payer.

INFORMATION ON SPECIAL NEEDS... It is especially important to know if you have any special needs or challenges. It is rare that any such need cannot be met; however, we must know in advance to prepare for your full participation fully the Walk to Emmaus activities. Please let us know as far in advance as possible. **NONE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED EXCEPT TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING YOUR PHYSICAL, MEDICAL OR DIETARY NEEDS.**

SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THE FORM... There are three (3) signatures that are REQUIRED for reservation. All three need to be present or the form will be returned for completion, which may result in a delay of your registration. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE **SPONSOR** TO SEE THAT ALL THREE SIGNATURES ARE PRESENT!

- 1. YOUR SIGNATURE** – This is your free commitment to accept God's invitation to attend the Walk to Emmaus. Therefore, the form must be signed by you personally - not your sponsor, spouse, friend, or parent (they cannot make such a free commitment for you).
- 2. YOUR PASTOR'S SIGNATURE** – This signature is the commitment of the clergy member of the congregation that you serve and worship in to work with you in developing your service to God after the Walk. The Clergy member does not have to have been on a walk him/herself; however, the Walk is not intended to bypass or usurp the authority of the pastor of your congregation in any way. If your pastor is opposed to your attending a Walk, it will be difficult for you to serve effectively in your church after your Walk and you may feel frustrated and discouraged. Your Sponsor or the Spiritual Director of the Fourth Day Group or of the Community may contact the clergy member if he/she is hesitant or uncertain. IT IS MEANINGLESS TO HAVE ANY MINISTER OTHER THAN YOUR OWN SIGN THIS FORM, SINCE THAT WOULD COMPLETELY DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PASTOR'S SIGNATURE.
- 3. YOUR SPONSOR SIGNATURE** – This is your sponsor's commitment to both you and to the Emmaus Community - that he/she is willing to help you prepare for your walk, care for your family while you are away, and help you become more active in service after the Walk weekend. This signature emphasizes the great importance the Walk to Emmaus places on your sponsor.