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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Time is critical for MEN'S WALK #85-2018

As of publication, there are *four pilgrims* registered for the Men's Walk.

We must have 20 pilgrims registered and paid by October 4th to make the walk.

What happens if this walk doesn't make?

- † 20 men miss the opportunity to spend 72 hours basked in God's love.
- † 20 men miss the opportunity to strengthen their personal relationship with God.
- † 20 men miss the opportunity to become stronger and more effective church leaders.
- † The Men's team misses the opportunity to share their love for Christ with others.
- † The Men's team misses the opportunity to share God's message through those 15 talks.
- † Our community misses the opportunity to grow and share the love of God with others.
 - † Our community misses the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.
 - † Our community misses the opportunity to use over \$2,000 in funds to serve God's kingdom. Sweet community, this is difficult but it is reality. Our community will lose over \$2,000 if this walk is cancelled. Precious community, we are each called to be the hands and feet of Christ, both individually and as a community. The loss of this money ultimately results in reaching fewer men and women with the good news of our Savior.

All these *missed opportunities*—are we going to let this happen?

The **Pilgrim application** is included with this newsletter.

*Collectively we pray for this Men's Walk and we trust in God's will and plans,
but you are called to be Christ's hands and feet on earth.*

Let's get to work, sweet friends in Christ!

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Precious friends in Christ,

Back-to-school, it's an annual tradition for kids and parents alike. After the fun of a carefree summer, parents reinstate bed time curfews and calendars begin to fill with school and extracurricular schedules. Those relaxed and carefree days of summer fade away to organization and schedules. Routines. From preschoolers to grandparents, the annual trek back-to-school marks the return of routine for everyone.

But did you include God in your routine?

As pilgrims we were encouraged to pursue our relationship with God on a deeper level to become stronger and more effective church leaders. As the days draw shorter and I transition to fall, I ponder my own routine and one Emmaus talk comes to mind.

Life in Piety.

Maybe you recall it this way--the first leg of that three-legged stool.

I didn't know the speaker, but she spoke of living our whole life with God. Not momentary, but wholly living a life of genuine openness to God. **Choosing a relationship with God as our priority.** I was mesmerized. She spoke quietly, but her message was filled with such certainty. I sensed she didn't just speak those words; she actually lived those words. I wanted to be just like her.

"A life in piety becomes a life joyfully lived in God's grace," she urged.

I wanted what she had.

Sitting in that conference room, we all learned that a life in piety is pursued through prayer, searching the Scriptures, meditation, worship, communion, spiritual direction, and journaling. Each of these activities allow us to personally relate to God and results in a life centered on Christ. That list sounds long and it may feel overwhelming, but here's the key.

Establish a routine.

If your routine doesn't include time with God, now is the perfect time to revise your back-to-school routine to schedule that time and plan those activities. When you carve time into your routine for these Christ-focused activities, you're pursuing a life in piety. You'll soon begin to experience a life **joyfully** lived in God's grace.

De Colores!

Monica

excerpts from "Is God in Your Back-to-School Routine?"

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MEN'S WALK #85-2018

Calling all Community!

Visit our website

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*Sign up for the remaining slots
on the*

Prayer Vigil & Agape

for the

Men's Walk!

YOU are NEEDED.

Christ is Counting on Y-O-U!

WHEN: October 18 – 21, 2018

WHERE: Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria

REGISTRATION: \$225

HOW: Pilgrim application is included with this newsletter and is also available on the website.

LAY DIRECTOR: Paul Gordon

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Rev. Richard Young

BOARD REP: Mike Myers

GATHERINGS

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There is NO GATHERING in September!

October 12, 2018

United Methodist Church, Seadrift
(Men's Team Commissioning)

November 16, 2018

John Wesley UMC, Victoria
(Babe Chicks meet at 6:00 PM)

POTLUCK DINNERS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM!

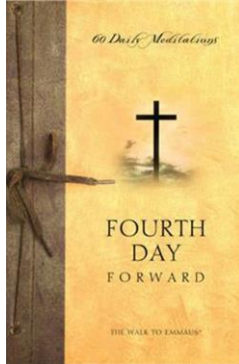
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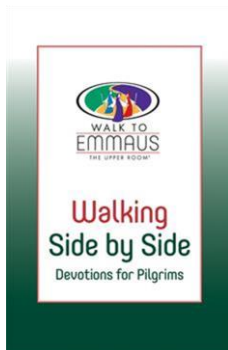
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RESOURCES FOR YOUR FOURTH DAY



<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/1047/fourth-day-forward.aspx>



<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/880/walking-side-by-side.aspx>

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, September 17, 2018

7:00 PM

Jackson Electric Coop
8925 State Highway 111 South
Ganado, TX 77962

One of the unique aspects of The Walk to Emmaus is that it asks you to give your undivided attention for seventy-two hours.

Many situations could be changed if a person willingly devoted seventy-two hours of concentrated attention to them. Quality time changes things.

"Day Four" by Robert Wood

Upper Room Books 2004

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Do you receive the newsletter in your inbox?

Sign up to receive the newsletter, Prayer Circle, and all the latest news on our website. Click on this link:

<http://cremmaus.org/sign-up-for-notifications>

Click the blue "**Sign me up!**" tab at the bottom left of this screen and let us know that you would like to sign up for the electronic notification of Emmaus events, needs and concerns!

Don't forget this important ministry!

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Men's Kairos @ Stevenson Unit, Cuero

November 1-4, 2018

Women's Kairos @ Lockhart Unit, Lockhart

October 11-14, 2018

More information and prayer chain signup for Women's Kairos at Lockhart Unit can be found at: <http://www.kairoslockhart.com/index.html>

Check out this link for General information and Calendar for Kairos activities in Texas:

<https://www.kairostexas.org/index.html>

Financial support is always welcome and needed for this important ministry. Please reach out to Jack Tudor if you'd like to support Kairos!

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



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.