



Cross Point Emmaus

Pilgrim Welcome Edition

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Welcome Pilgrims of Walks # 83 and # 84 to our Cross Point Emmaus Community! I do hope you enjoyed the Walk to Emmaus, as much as we enjoyed serving you! When we all come to Cross Point Camp, we experience the Holy Spirit's presence in many different ways - through service, prayer, nature, silence, and humility.

As Christ's servants, we empty ourselves so we may be filled with His Spirit and become the tools He uses to minister to you. **You** are the reason God has called us to this place of servant-hood, and through our obedience to His call, we are richly rewarded with your friendship and fellowship.

As you journey through your 4th day, we will be with you - sharing laughter, tears, smiles, hugs, prayers, praises, and most of all, our love of Jesus Christ. I am honored to be in Cross Point Emmaus Community with YOU!

Kelly Shannon

Community Lay Director

Kairos Ministry

Kairos is a sister organization to Emmaus and like Emmaus they conduct a 4 day weekend in prisons with approximately 42 inmates. The goal of Kairos is to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with the incarcerated and their families. Currently in our area there is a men's Kairos weekend in the Davis correctional facility in Holdenville, Ok. There are several men in the area working in this ministry. Also the women attend have spring and fall 4 Day weekend at Mabel Bassett correctional facility in McCloud.

Many of you that attend the closing on an Emmaus weekend know what an impact is made on believers during the 4 day weekend. Likewise in the prison we have similar dramatic results although many of the participants do not know Christ prior to the weekend.

We extend an invitation to you- the men and women in the Cross Point Emmaus community to join us in a Kairos weekend to reach out to the lonely and forgotten part of our society.

Hebrews 13:3 Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill treated, since you yourselves are also in the body. (NASV)

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Mabel Bassett Kairos # 33 Oct. 20-23rd, 2011

The following is a letter of a mother:

My son is an inmate at Dick Conner Correctional Center in Hominy, Ok. - Last weekend a Kairos team visited them. My son, Richard, told me that every day of the weekend was like Thanksgiving or Christmas. He said that he was waited on, pampered, and treated like the human being that he is.

He saw angry, hard men stumble in on Sunday.....exhausted from lack of sleep. They had lain awake all Saturday night, their souls changing without them even realizing what was happening.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving Rickie a time he will never forget. I hope you know that when you gave my son that gift, you also gave it to me.

Dear Emmaus Community,

My wife Sue Newman had already been diagnosed with cancer when we went on our walks of 65 and 66. It was a very emotional for me on my walk, as I had not shed a tear since getting her call. You know I thought I was being strong like men are supposed to be. Well I will tell you when the tears came at dying moments I thought I would pass out. What a great experience that weekend was for me and very much needed!!

After my walk on the Fourth Day meeting we threw our group together not expecting anything or knowing what we were doing. We call ourselves The DOC and it's a pleasure to host the meeting. What I did NOT expect was for these guys to have healing prayer meetings with Sue and for her. To constantly check on me, Sue and my two girls 13 & 11 now. They were there anytime 24-7.

Sue lost her battle with cancer 1-8-09, they were there at the Hospital, and they stayed with me that weekend. Helped clean the house, took care of everyone that visited, brought food, picked out music for the service and so much more. **Mark pg 2**

Sponsorship

Welcome to the Cross Point Emmaus Community. I am Jeannie Owens, Cross Point Emmaus Registrar, and now is the time to be in prayer of who God places on your heart to be a sponsor. Sponsoring is not a position to be taken lightly and without much prayer. Let God work through you, to lead you to those that He has a plan to be leaders in the church.

DeColores,

Jeannie Owens

November Gathering

The November gathering will be held November 12th at Sulphur United Methodist Church, W. 14th and Williams Drive, Sulphur at **6:00 pm**. You can find a [map](#) at the website: crosspointemmaus.org Click the "MAP" link on the left and click Sulphur at the bottom.

First fellowship/eating (bring your favorite dish), then praise & worship songs, laity witness, and Holy Communion.

Board Member Karen Black will present her testimony. Please come and re-united with Emmaus members!

Mark from pg 1

I had them as Honorary Pallbearers. We had put a wooden hand cross in our group that someone would ask to have for the week or we would give to them if we felt it was needed. Before Sue's funeral service we went into a small chapel in First Church, they prayed over me and when I went into the service I held that wooden cross for peace. My discipleship was to not break down in the service so everyone would KNOW that I KNEW Sue was out of pain and in perfect form in Heaven. We had very uplifting music that day and my group of course helped me every step of the way.

I have one blood brother, but I can share that everyone in my Emmaus DOC group is thought of equally. I know anytime I can call them for anything and they also know they can call me for anything anytime.

I hope all groups are like that, I feel they are. I just wanted to share how important the fourth day weekly groups are, or certainly could or should be for each of us. Because, you never know when, YOU, may get the call that completely changes your life.

DeColores!

Mark Newman
Walk #65,
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Rev. P J Stewart | Fourth Day
Rev. Tony Caro Candlelight | Sponsors Hour

Spring Walks

Mens: #85 April 19-22
Womens: #86 April 26-29
Volunteer sign-up forms are now posted on the community website. Go to crosspointemmaus.org and click on "FORMS" on the left side and then "Team Volunteer" to view and print the form. Please return your completed form to:

Nancy Smith
112 Mayfair Way
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For your Cross Point Emmaus Board of Directors, we want to welcome the new pilgrims...Members(!), to the community. By now you realize at least some of the work that goes into preparing and staging a Walk.

Between walks there is also a lot of activity: volunteer applications must be received, teams selected, previous walks evaluated, leaders chosen, and preparations made for all the food, decorations, talks, agape, and logistics that it takes to "put on a walk."

There is also fellowship. That begins with your Fourth Day, and continues with monthly gatherings. Gatherings are a time to share experiences, worship together, share food and friendship. We hold gatherings the second Saturday every month except the month of a walk (usually following the women's walk.)

On the website you can find volunteer forms, sponsor forms, maps, and board member addresses. We have added electronic sign-up sheets for the prayer vigils and for food agape.

The newsletter comes out monthly, usually the first week of the month, and announces the gathering and contains other articles/testimony/pictures that have been sent to the editor: info@crosspointemmaus.org or you can use my mail/ email on page 6.

Rick Drummond

Note: If you have anything to add to next month's newsletter, send your copy or photos to Rick Drummond at crdiii@sbcglobal.net or mail to: 1331 Crestpark, Ada OK 74820.