



From The Bread of Life Walk to Emmaus

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**Words from the Community Lay Director**

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**Men's Walk #117**  
**March 12 – 15, 2015**  
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**Applications and  
sponsorship  
information available  
on the Bread of Life  
community website.**

We had some successful walks in Wichita and I would like to welcome the new pilgrims to the Bread of Life community. You know you are doing something good when you have to deal with issues the devil puts in front of you to try and stop what you are doing. The good news is though the devil tried to derail the walks, God won, and the walks went great.

We are still in need of board members and I thought that I would let you know what positions we have open so you can pray about it and see if God is leading you to be on the board. **The positions are: prayer room, Agape room, fourth day, kitchen, another snack person, and a facility person.** I might be missing a position but these are the ones I can think of right now. I have served on the board for three years and have been blessed every year. It is great to see the pilgrims after the walk ends and hear how it changed them. So please be in prayer and see if God leads you to the board. It is a true blessing.

I will be taking the position for team selection next year and then I will be off the board. I will miss being on the board but I have to focus on the churches the Lord has blessed me with. After that I would not hesitate to get back on the board.

I hope that the Lord is continually blessing you in your fourth days. Please pray, the board is looking at different solutions if we do not fill the positions so be in prayer that we do the will of God. This is the last article I will write as the board chair so I want to thank you for letting me serve as the chair; it has been a great blessing. I look forward to seeing all of you in Garden City. DeColores, Ted Stapleton

## **We welcome our newest community members!**

Guy Blankenship, Curtis Cherney, Russell Lovell, Shane Macy, Mac Manning, James Messing, Michael Sturgeon, Gail Biberstein, Linda Blakenship, Rachel Brockman, Betty Curtis, Lori Jensen, Juna Keever, Jamie Lovell, Beverly Manning, Janette Youngblood.

We are currently trying to update mailing addresses and current phone numbers. Please submit any changes to [emmausbread@cox.net](mailto:emmausbread@cox.net) or P.O. Box 47307, Wichita, KS 67201-7307.

## Facilities....Make the Choice

The Christian life is a daily decision to take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ (Matt. 16:24-26). We learned on our walk that the Christian life is a life lived in the shape of the cross - we must give the appropriate attention to our relationship with God and our relationships with others. Every day we are met with opportunities to sin. Sometimes the decision is simple and turning away is easy; other times we may attempt to rationalize having chosen a little gray area around the edge of the sin. Even other times, we completely turn to the ways of the world rather than the ways of our Lord. Know that we are all tempted. Know that we all fall short. But also know that there is ALWAYS more grace in God than there is sin in us (Rom. 5:20-21). Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:31, 38-39). In Christ, Thru Christ, With Christ, we can overcome EVERY obstacle to grace.

Remember your Walk! De Colores!

Nate Matt

## From the Snack Crew ...

A special thank you for all the snacks, monies, and time to work in this section. I thank God for these new pilgrims! I know that they experienced God's love in a new and different way as well as the love from the Walk to Emmaus community. To God be the Glory!

De Colores,  
Karen Oliver



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Community

## Literature...

Hello Everyone,

I am new to the board this round. I am in charge of literature and supplies and I just wanted to introduce myself as a board member. I am very grateful for this new opportunity to serve. Also, I wanted to make a plug for this upcoming Chrysalis flight. It will be Dec. 28-31<sup>st</sup> at First UMC in Wichita. We have had a real struggle in the past 3 or 4 flights with having enough agape. At the most recent one, we barely had enough to use 2 pieces at meal times. If any reunion groups would be willing to make a few extra, we are looking for 75-100 pieces for the flight. I would be more than happy to come pick anything up. Please just let me know! You can email me at [aprim167@gmail.com](mailto:aprim167@gmail.com). Would also love to see you there! Have a great week!

De Colores,  
Amanda Prim

## From Walk Activities...

We had a great set of walks in Wichita this fall! I would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Pilgrims on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday as well as those who were able to stop and help at any time during the weekends. A special thanks goes out to Kevin, Rod, Abby, and Mary for providing music for community Saturday and to the music teams for playing for us on Sunday. Community did an excellent job with the Saturday evening entertainment. I heard positive comments from team members and pilgrims alike. A couple of star chickens were born. We have a lot of talent in our community and I am looking for help when we are in Garden City in March for walk #117 and walk #118. If you would like to volunteer please let me know.

De Colores, John Huffman

### Registrar...

As we prepare for this holiday season, what a great time to welcome our new pilgrims from Walk 115 and Walk 116. God's love is so amazing and so apparent – we pray that each of you will remember your experience as we celebrate Jesus's birthday this Christmas!

Now is also the time to begin thinking about who we know that could attend the next Walks scheduled in Garden City. If you haven't had sponsorship training yet, please contact a Board member so you will be ready to sponsor a pilgrim for the spring walks in March. **The Men's Walk is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and the Women's Walk is set for March 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.** These dates – for the most part – are the beginning and end of many school Spring Breaks, so they could work well for many people.

We are grateful to the sponsors of all the pilgrims and for taking the responsibility to serve. There are many jobs behind the scenes that each sponsor and additional Emmaus workers contribute to. We urge you to consider your participation at Garden City and encourage everyone to help in the spring. Come be the hands and feet that serve. It truly is a gift to give!

Please check the website for access to applications and sponsorship forms. They can be mailed directly to me at my home address which is on the sponsorship form. You may also contact me by email or phone with any questions.  
Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Michelle Komlofske, Registrar

### Extra Special Thank You!

This goes out to the Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities surrounding Walks 115 and 116 in Wichita. We brought into the Emmaus Community a very special set of 4th Day Pilgrims. The walks themselves were small by all standards but the workload was the same as it always is - Daunting! The conference room teams certainly did their part with amazing guidance from our Lord evident in SO MANY ways!

Outside the conference room, though, the supporting cast was met with challenges that we hope not to encounter again anytime soon. Though scheduling issues with the facility complicated things a serious environmental clean-up was required as a result of flooding in our storage area ("the Cage") The Emmaus and Chrysalis communities were called on again and again to shuffle here, squeeze in there, and make due without the other... And we DID IT!

We made a set of walks happen with Pilgrims experiencing our Lord right where they were in their lives and never knowing ANYTHING about how "it was supposed to go" outside the conference room... Know that your effort was felt! Know that your effort was appreciated! and know that you helped bring about this amazing thing we all know as the Walk to Emmaus!

ACTIVELY Praise Him and De Colores,  
Nate Matt

## Got Agape?

I want to thank everyone for the agape that we were able to put out in Wichita. We had some really amazing pieces. We will be having walks in the spring in Garden City and will need to have agape for those walks as well. I have been on the board for three years and it seems like every year we get a little less agape for the pilgrims. I think that the agape the pilgrims receive is a great confirmation of God's love so please do not stop bringing it. As big as the Bread of Life community is we should flood the pilgrims with agape.

Garden City will need 70 pieces for men and 70 for women so let's get started making agape now so we are ready for two great walks in the spring. I am excited already for the next walks.

DeColores from the Agape room Ted Stapleton

### From the Prayer Room...

Due to family problems I am having to give up my position in the Prayer Room. I was very blessed by being in the prayer room for Walks 115 and 116 and want to thank Greg and Beth for their help . These Walks were not about numbers as God had chosen the pilgrims for these walks. For the Men's walk we had God's Magnificent Seven and I was totally touched by their stories during the closing. For the Women's Walk we had 13 and I felt we had God's dozen. The Spring Walks will be held in Garden City and I want to urge the Community to go to <http://www.breadoflifecommunity.com> and sign-up for the Prayer Vigil. God has provided a Miracle in my life and I will do my best to carry His word out to those who do not know him.

Del Rinehart

### Women's Walk...#116

Women's Walk #116 happened even though the devil tried really hard for it not to. God had other plans. He pulled together an awesome team and brought together pilgrims that needed to be on the walk. We started with thirteen pilgrims but two made the decision to leave on Saturday. Our prayers went with them with the hope that they gained something from their time on the walk.

The bonding at the tables was evident early on. As we learned about each other it was awesome to see how God put the right people together. As Lay Director it was an amazing feeling to realize that God had used me to share in this experience with fellow believers. To watch Him touch the lives of EVERYONE in the conference room was a privilege and a memory I will forever carry in my heart.

On Saturday night at the end of the presentations by the tables another table had a special presentation. The Table of Servants presented a special dance, the famous "Chicken Dance." In the end, the whole conference room was up dancing!

My personal thanks to the Bread of Life Emmaus Board of Directors for asking me to be a part of Women's Walk #116.

Lee Humphrey, Lay Director

### Miscellaneous Items...

LD's please get any IOU's to Linda as soon as possible so all books may be cleared before the end of the year.



I would like to thank Patty Huffman and Makaila Stapleton for filling in for the Wichita walks. They both did a great job running the kitchen and as all of you know it is not easy. I also thank all the people that showed up and helped behind the scenes. It takes a lot of us to make the walks happen and we did it so Thank You!

All for Gods glory, Ted Stapleton

**We're on the web and on Facebook:**

[www.breadoflifecommunity.com](http://www.breadoflifecommunity.com)

<http://www.facebook.com/BreadOfLifeWalkToEmmausCommunity>

**Monthly Gatherings of the Emmaus Community**

**Ark City/Walnut Valley Community** – contact Sylvia McAlister, 620-442-7685 or [rmcalister1@cox.net](mailto:rmcalister1@cox.net).  
Potluck, gather at 6:00 p.m.

**Cunningham** – contact Kathy Albers at [kalbers49@cox.net](mailto:kalbers49@cox.net) or 620-298-2725

**Douglass** – Spirit & Truth Community – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 6:30 p.m., 316-746-2913, Journey Christian Fellowship,  
311 S. Hwy 77. [firstchurch99@yahoo.com](mailto:firstchurch99@yahoo.com)

**Edwards County – Kinsley UMC or Lewis UMC** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. Alternates between Kinsley and Lewis; meet at  
7:00 p.m. 620-659-2273

**Garden City** – 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Main and Kansas Avenue. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. – Meet at 7:00 p.m. upstairs room 214.

**Norton** – 1<sup>st</sup> UMC 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 6:00 p.m., contact Pastor Lyn Lind.

**Halstead** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Contact Bryce Beckett 316-259-6861

**Haysville** – After Services 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Contact Sandy Stout at [swstout@cox.net](mailto:swstout@cox.net)

**Haviland** – Haviland Friends Church – currently not active. Contact Logan Vandenhook, 620-862-5617

**Hutchinson** – times and locations vary. Contact Barbara Gray, 620-664-6560 or [baelgray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baelgray@sbcglobal.net)

**Lakin – Lakin UMC** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Meet at 8 p.m. Bring snacks. Contact Jim Jarboe @ 620-355-6204

**Larned** – 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. 6 p.m. at the Larned United Methodist Church. Fellowship to follow. Contact Rev.  
Bethann Black (620) 285-3183 or at [revbethann@cox.net](mailto:revbethann@cox.net)

**Leoti** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6:00 p.m., Leoti UMC. Contact Shad Mehl at [mehlbox@fairpoint.net](mailto:mehlbox@fairpoint.net)

**Marion County – Valley UMC** – Contact Bob or Anita Brookens, 620-382-3556 or Gary or Jo Ella Hett,  
620-382-3887

**Quivira Community – Alden-Ellinwood** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:00 p.m., alternating locations. Contact Pam Beck  
at 620-564-3720

**Salina/Lindsborg** – Trinity UMC, 901 E. Neal – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Meet from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Pastor Bill

**Topeka/Sonflower Emmaus Community** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Location varies; for further info, contact  
[sonfloweremmaus@cox.net](mailto:sonfloweremmaus@cox.net)