

From The Bread of Life

Walk to Emmaus



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Upcoming Walks to Emmaus

Walk #93 June 18th - 21st
Haviland, KS

Lay Director Jim Jarboe

Walk #94 June 25th - 28th
Haviland, KS

Lay Director Denise Unruh

Walk #95 Oct. 15th - 18th
Wichita FUMC

Lay Director Mark Sanson

Walk #96 Oct. 22nd - 25th,
Wichita FUMC

Lay Director Diana Stapleton



A Word From Our Community Lay Director

Greetings,

One of my favorite scriptures is Hebrews 1:1. "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

It is with prayer and faith, that we as board members begin each new team selection process. It is with prayer and faith that each new Lay Director begins making phone calls and contacts. It is with prayer and faith that Barry begins to plan the meals, that Donna and Lori begin to plan the snacks and that Del begins to assemble the pieces of agape. Also it is in faith that the Bread of Life Board and Lay Directors, Jim Jarboe and Denise Unruh begin to plan Walk to Emmaus numbers 93 and 94.

In Matthew chapter 13, Jesus tells the story about the farmer who went out to plant his seed. Some fell by the roadside, some on rocky ground and some fell among the thorny weeds. Some other seed fell on good ground where it grew and produced a crop.

We are like the farmer planting seeds. We talk to our friends, our families and the church community about the Walk to Emmaus. We tell them a little about what to expect: a little food, a little spiritual fun, and a time to think about their relationship with Jesus.

We have planted the seeds. Some will need to think about it, some will say no thanks and some will be ready to experience the Walk to Emmaus. It is not our job to convince people to go on the walks. It is our job to plant the seeds and watch and wait for them to grow.

The Lay Directors have been selected, the teams are being called, and with prayer and faith we are moving forward. We know that God is calling those He wants to attend the June walks. It is now time to pray and listen for those whom God is calling you to sponsor. Please be God's servant and encourage others to participate in the Walk to Emmaus.

DeColores,
Deb Hartman, Community Lay Director
Walk #48, Table of Sarah



Fly with Christ in 2009 ♦ Cross Winds Chrysalis Flight No. 34 ♦ West Heights UMC, Wichita

July 15-18, 2009 (Wed. through Sat.) ♦ www.crosswindschrysalis.org

For youth who are Sophomores in high school to Freshmen in college.



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Please Pray For Our Teams...

Keep these faithful servants in your prayers as they prepare for Walks #93 & #94 in Haviland this June.

Men's Team:

Lay Director: *Jim Jarboe*

Assistant Lay Directors: *Mark Sanson, Eric Strickler, and Dave Daniels*

Table Leaders: *Mel Rupp, Mark Ploger, Jim Haynes, Monte Rose, Ralph Goodnight, Jon Skelton*

Assistant Table Leaders: *Kirk Hayden, Matt Allen, Bryce Beckett, Chris McNeil, Bucky Moore, Rick Dalke*

Spiritual Director: *Dennis Carter*

Assistant Spiritual Directors: *Jeff Knighton, Bill Stapelton, Harry Cross, John Wright*

Board Rep: *Mel Meyer*

Women's Team:

Lay Director: *Denise Unruh*

Assistant Lay Directors: *Diana Stapleton, Malieta Davis, Suzan Haynes*

Table Leaders: *Debbie Bell, Jeanette Mericle, Joan Bohart, Rhonda Newby, Lois Kendall.*

Assistant Table Leaders: *Julie Hedrick, Linda Henderson, Sidney Worf*

Music Team: *Donna Shelite, Mary Stackhouse, Tami Morse*

Spiritual Director: *Bill Salmon*



Just Rick...

As I write this I realize that Easter is less than two weeks away. What a wonderful joy it is to know that we as Christians can celebrate in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And how great is it to know that our lives can be resurrected from the hopelessness and despair that we so often face – all because of faith in the risen Lord. Yet, too many people find themselves stuck in the dark and gloom of Good Friday. Many find themselves like the two walking to Emmaus – faces downcast and feeling downtrodden. Do you know of anyone like that?

Then why not sponsor them on the upcoming Walk to Emmaus that will be held in June at Haviland? Why not offer them an experience that can move them from the struggles and heartaches that they may be facing? Why not give them the opportunity to lift up their faces, to feel their hearts burn with the presence of Christ, to recognize Jesus in a new and fresh way?

You can be a part of helping others experience resurrection as you encourage them on their spiritual journey by sponsoring them on this most wonderful tool used by God called Walk to Emmaus. "It is true! The Lord has risen..." (Luke 24:34).

De Colores!

Rev. Rick Just, Table of John, Walk 57

An Invitation From Lay Directors of Summer Walks...

Dear Emmaus Community,

Please take a moment to reflect on your Walk to Emmaus experience. Was it the overwhelming sight of a sanctuary filled with candlelight that sunk God's love deep into your heart or was it the brokenness you experienced at Dying Moments, or all of the food and agape that was shared with you? Have you thought about sharing the Emmaus Walk experience with others by sponsoring them on a Walk?

As we prepare for the Summer Walk to Emmaus in Haviland, KS, please look around to see who you might sponsor on the Summer Walk. We all know it is in God's timing that people attend Emmaus, but first, they have to be asked - maybe asked several times. Will you ask? I hope so.

There is nothing like seeing your pilgrim's face as he or she comes down the aisle at candlelight. There is nothing like hearing their Emmaus story at Closing. Sponsoring a pilgrim is a gift that you give that circles right back to you.

The Summer Bread of Life Walk to Emmaus will be held in Haviland, KS at the Haviland Friends Church Youth Center, 210 N. Kingman St. The Men's Walk will be June 18-21, 2009 and the Women's Walk will be June 25-28, 2009.

DeColores,

Denise Unruh
Lay Director, Women's Walk #93
Bread of Life Walk to Emmaus

Jim Jarboe
Lay Director, Men's Walk #94
Bread of Life Walk to Emmaus



Sponsorship. . . Without it we would have no pilgrims for our walks. Do you have someone you would like to sponsor? Now is the time! We have less than 3 months before the walks in Haviland. If you need sponsorship training or have questions about sponsorship training please contact me. I can send you a packet with all the information that you need to sponsor a pilgrim. If you feel overwhelmed with sponsorship, ask a friend to co-sponsor with you the first time. I will help you with all your questions to get your pilgrim sponsored. Haviland is a great place for our Emmaus Walks, so be in prayer about who God wants you to sponsor. Send me an email at sfcm1m86@gbta.net. De Colores, Mel Meyer, Walk #71, Table of Matthew



Snacks. . . The summer walks are closing in fast and they will be here before we know it. I hope your all gearing up for a blessed weekend at Haviland. As you know I will be asking for snacks. I will be sending out sign up sheets to all the communities, but you can contact me anytime and let me know what you want to bring. I will also be sending out suggestions of snacks. You can call me at 316.640.7522 or email me dschrag1@cox.net. Blessings to you - Donna Schrag



FROM THE AGAPE GUY: Agape is a very important part of the Walk to Emmaus. As the new Agape person I found I have very limited agape items. God is very gracious and I know that he will touch reunion groups to provide needed items. If you can help me, God and I would appreciate any help. I want to thank Donna Schrag for volunteering to help me get started and keep me from sinking. I am kind of like Peter, I get out of the boat and take my eyes off Jesus and start sinking, but Jesus always has his hands out ready to pull me up. My e-mail is deldeb31@aol.com. DeClores, Del Rinehart

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER - Lori Richards, Walk # 40, Table of Sarah

Lori is from Haysville and now lives in Neosho Falls. Lori is married to James and has three children, one granddaughter and a son-in-law. Lori has been very active in Emmaus since her walk and has spent time leading music, serving on teams, and has also spent much time in the Kitchen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Board Member Del Rinehart, Walk #73 (Wichita), Table of Paul

Del and his lovely wife Debby celebrate 40 years of marriage on April 5th. They have two wonderful children, Crystal who married Shane Albrecht and Jamie who married Tammy. Del and Debby have 5 wonderful grandchildren: James 14 yrs, John 13 yrs, Jaydon 5 yrs, Tristen 12 yrs, and Maddy 8yrs.



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The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action
in their home, churches, and places of work.*

. . . Monthly Gatherings of the Emmaus Community. . .

Ark City/Walnut Valley Community - Contact Sylvia McAlister, 620-442-7685 or rmcalister1@cox.net -
- (3rd Sat.) - agape at 5:30, potluck, gather at 6:00 p.m.

Cunningham - Contact Bill Stapleton, 620.324.5328 or wasj@gbta.net

Edwards County - Kinsley UMC or Lewis UMC- (3rd Thurs.)- Alternates between Kinsley & Lewis; meet at 7:00 pm
Call 620.659.2273 for more information.

Garden City - 1st UMC - (3rd Sat.) - meet at 7 pm Contact Sidney Worf, 620.275.0543

Great Bend - Trinity UMC - (1st Tues.) - meet 6 pm for worship followed by fellowship meal at 7pm

Haysville - Contact Pamela Turkle, 316.524.3771

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

Lakin - Lakin UMC - (3rd Wed.) - meet at 8 pm; bring snacks; Contact Jim Jarboe@620-355-6204

Larned - (3rd Mon.) - meet at 6 pm for worship followed by fellowship. Contact Leigh Anne Stelter, 620.285.6694 or
Karren Skelton, 620.285.2909

Leoti - (twice a month) - contact Rick Just for time and locations. 620.375.4554

Marion County - Valley UMC - Contact Bob or Anita Brookens, 620.382.3556 or Gary or Jo Ella Hett, 620.382.3887

Salina/Lindsborg - Trinity UMC, 901 E. Neal - (2nd Sun.) - meet from 4 pm to 6 pm; contact Pastor Bill

Topeka/Sonflower Emmaus Community - (2nd Sat.) - Location varies; for further info. Contact
sonfloweremmaus@cox.net

Wichita Community - currently not active; Contact Kathy Adkins