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From The Bread of Life Walk to Emmaus

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Lay Director Mark Sanson

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A Word From Our Community Lay Director

Greetings everyone,

You have gone on the Walk to Emmaus. As you learned to say in Greeting and celebration with your fellow pilgrims: De Colores. You remember the decorations, the singing, the feast of fellowship at each meal, the talks, the spiritual growth and the worship of your Emmaus weekend.

If you are like me, you thought the Walk would be just another church program. You never guessed that the Walk to Emmaus would affect you so deeply. If you are typical of people who have attended the Walk, you know that through the Walk to Emmaus, God has changed your life. You were an active church member before you went on the Walk to Emmaus; and you still are, but with "a new and right spirit" within you (Psalm 51:10). You were probably a disciple of Jesus Christ before you went on the Walk to Emmaus; you tried to live your life to please God and to honor your commitment to Christ and his church. But something happened during your Walk to Emmaus that brought the gospel home to you. Maybe you understood the gospel in a deeper way because of a particular talk, or you were moved by an act of agape. Maybe you found meaning in a worship service or in knowing that people were praying for you. Whatever brought the gospel home to you – a particular experience of the whole program – you probably came away from the Walk a different person, a disciple with a renewed commitment to your faith, family, and congregation.

We all have old friends and acquaintances that we haven't seen in a while. Whatever happened to old so and so? We wonder momentarily, and then we move on with our lives. Occasionally, we may try to track down the person by phone or by mail.

I wonder if anyone could find Cleopas and his friend. They were the two followers who walked to Emmaus with Jesus. The Upper Room chose Luke 24 as the biblical theme for the Walk to Emmaus, hoping that what happened to Cleopas and his friend would happen to participants on the Walk to Emmaus. And it has.

What happened to the two disillusioned disciples? They met the risen Christ. They were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus into the setting sun. Why did they not recognize Jesus when he "came near and went with them" (24:15)? More than likely, they weren't expecting Jesus to be anywhere but in a grave. They certainly didn't expect him to be walking with them to Emmaus.

We don't know what happened to Cleopas and his friend, but we do know what happened to Jesus. The disciples ran back to Jerusalem to tell the apostles about their amazing experience and were surprised to learn from the eleven, "The Lord has risen, indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" No one doubted the authenticity of Cleopas' encounter with the risen Christ, but the Lord had appeared to the disciples as well. The story should remind us that the Walk to Emmaus is only one of many ways that Christ reveals his glory.

What happens to the Walk to Emmaus depends in large part on the way we return to our congregations after the Walk and on how we continue our spiritual journeys as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Contact your tablemates and have a reunion at the summer walks in Haviland. Sponsor friends who would like to participate in the Walks.

See you in Haviland

De Colores

Deb Hartman, Community Lay Director

Walk #48, Table of Sarah

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Pray for the Pilgrims for Walks #93 & #94...

Pilgrim (Sponsor): **JC & Terie Kelley** (*Beth Strickler*); **Mathew & Tessy Thykkuttathil** (*Annett Maitwe & Darla Daniels*); **John Bain** (*Don Janssen*); **Dale Scott Fessler** (*Tedry Winchell*); **William (Bill) Fitzgerald** (*Jack Smades*); **Michael Gardner** (*Ray & Dolores Dodge*); **Duane Nuzum** (*James Blanton*); **Scott Walls** (*Terry Winchell*); **Mary "Jane" Embree** (*Deb Hartman*); **Carolyn Hunter** (*Jim & Kris Fetty*); **June Janzen** (*Ellen Schraeder*); **Donna Newsom** (*Kay Carney*); **Vada Winger** (*Patricia Owens*).

For recent additions to this Pilgrims list, check us out on the web:
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Pray for Summer Walk Teams...

Men's Team: Lay Director: Jim Jarboe; Mark Sanson, Eric Strickler, Dave Daniels, Mel Rupp, Mark Ploger, Jim Haynes, Monte Rose, Ralph Goodnight, Jon Skelton, Kirk Hayden, Matt Allen, Bryce Beckett, Chris McNeil, Rick Dalke, Dennis Carter, Jeff Knighton, Bill Stapelton, Harry Cross, John Wright, Mel Meyer, Bill Crymble, Steve Davis, Seth Roe, Randy Vandenhoeck

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Just Rick...

I've always found it interesting that the mood of the two walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus matched the slope of the road on which they traveled – down. In Luke 24 we see that the faces of the two on the Emmaus road were downcast. Now when I think of "downcast" I think of depressed, sad, sorrowful, frustrated, tired, worn out, even hopeless. Surely none of you reading this have ever experienced any of these emotions. Remember, "Thou shalt not lie".

As we approach the next Walk to Emmaus in June at Haviland, I want to encourage you who have previously attended to remember how Jesus met you on your journey on your 72 hour weekend. Remember how He opened your eyes, refreshed you, energized you, and exchanged your downcast feelings with that of joy and hope? Ah yes, now you remember.

Why not be intentional in the next day or so and think of those that you could sponsor on this next walk? Think of those who may be facing difficult times. I'm sure there are those you know who are frustrated, worn out, sad, or even feeling a sense of hopelessness. Then why not give them a call and offer them a weekend that could change their lives forever – a walk with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ Himself. Pick up the phone and make the call. Do it for your friends. And do it on behalf of Jesus who has given you inexplicable joy.

De Colores!

Rev. Rick Just, Table of John, Walk 57



...Save the Date - August 29...

You won't want to miss the **Emmaus Fair, August 29**. It will be at First United Methodist Church in Wichita from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Enjoy being with the community as you experience all the areas of a walk. Get new agape ideas and help prepare for the upcoming walks. We'll end the afternoon with worship and communion, celebrating the body of Christ in Emmaus. More information to come in the next *Crumbs*.

...Calling All Servants...



From The Kitchen Dude;

I am asking for one and all to come and join us at the summer walks in Haviland, much help is needed in order to make the walk run smoothly. Any one who is ready, willing and able to help will be much appreciated during these 4 days. There are rooms for rent at \$25 a night on campus and I look forward to seeing many of my old friends and hopefully some new ones will come to help. **For any one who is looking for something to do, please come to the kitchen and we will make sure you are sent in the right direction. There is always work to be done in the areas of Agape, Snacks, Prayer and yes of course the Kitchen.** If any one has questions or needs directions, please call my cell phone 316-990-9914. I will be happy to help if I can.

Sincerely,

Barry "The Kitchen Dude" Park

P.S. ~ If you have any snacks that you would like to send for the snack kitchen, please contact me to make arrangements.



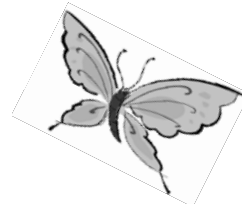
DeColores Pilgrims and Butterflies!

What a difference a year makes!!! This will definitely be a year to remember for us, the Clark family and also for many members of our church family as well. We are so blessed to have Jesus Christ in our lives to guide us through difficult times, to give us strength in times of loss, and to give Him the praise, glory, and honor for the gifts we receive.

We have suffered much death and grief within our church family this past year. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who have lost loved ones. With the strength that only God can provide, they were able to get through it. We are reminded in 1st Peter 1:3-7 "In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance kept in heaven for you. In this you greatly rejoice, though you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These come so that your faith may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." Well the faith in our community has been proved genuine. I honestly believe that it is a close relationship with God, strengthened by experiences such as Emmaus, which has carried these individuals through these trials. God bless you all.

"O Lord you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago." (Isaiah 25:1) My wife said it best when she stated that we would always remember 2009. It is funny how one situation makes you realize how everything that has happened in the last 17 years was "things planned long ago." When my wife and I married, she brought into the relationship a beautiful 3-year-old daughter. We accepted her as our only child when the next few years revealed to us that we could not have children together. Then God brought to us six years ago 3 more beautiful children; my niece and her twin brothers. Isn't it ironic how this all may have been "things planned long ago." And now, that one situation I mentioned earlier that puts it all into perspective, my wife is pregnant! Is there something to be said about how God may have "things planned long ago?" 2009; that 3 year old is now 20 and getting married in June; my niece and twin nephews - the adoption will be final anytime now; the new baby - He will arrive in September. What a difference a year makes!!! Give thanks to Him and praise His name. (Psalm 100)

DeColores - May God Bless You As He Has Blessed Us
Kevin Clark - Leoti, KS
Table of John, Walk #87





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in their home, churches, and places of work.*

...Summer Walk Activities in Haviland...

Men's Walk #93 - June 18-21; Women's Walk #94 - June 25-28

Sendoff: Thursday, June 18 and June 25 - 7:00 pm, Haviland Friends Church Fellowship Hall (basement) -
205 N. Kingman (1 block N of railroad tracks on Main and 1 block E.)

Registration: Broadhurst Student Center at Barclay College, 512 N. Kingman, Haviland (4 blocks N. of railroad
tracks on Main and 1 block E.)

Sponsor's Hour: (immediately following Sendoff): Haviland Friends Church Sanctuary, 205 N. Kingman (1
block N of railroad tracks on Main and 1 block E.)

Sponsorship Training: Saturday, June 20 and June 27 - 6:30 pm, prior to Candlelight in the Sanctuary of
Haviland Friends Church

Community Gathering: Saturday, June 20 and June 27 - 7:00 pm, Haviland Friends Church Fellowship Hall
(basement)

Candlelight: Saturday, June 20 and June 27 - approximately 9:30 pm, Haviland Friends Church Sanctuary.

Closing: Sunday, June 21 and June 28 - 3 pm - Haviland Friends Church Sanctuary.

Child Care: Child care will be provided for Sendoff and Closing (contact David Cloud.)