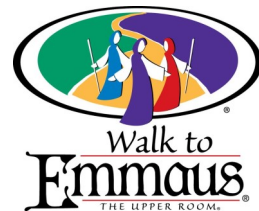


The following article for this week's newsletter contains information on the Walk to Emmaus, a great opportunity for our church to become involved in!

The Walk to Emmaus - A Journey with Christ



Mission: Empowering Leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ

Vision: Fourth Day Leaders Embodying Jesus Christ

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. - Luke 24:15

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Who should go to Emmaus?

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

What happens on the Emmaus Weekend?

You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and

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Our Mission

Connect - to God and neighbor

Equip - to disciple

Send - to serve

Our Vision

A vibrant faith community that reaches out with the love of Christ to every generation for the transformation of the world.

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Sunday Worship:

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

Serving Schedule:

Greeters July 16th

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers, Mike Krueger

11:00 a.m. Charles & Bonnie Cotten, Terry Richey

Ushers July 16th

D. Hughes, Captain, D. Andjulis, M. Lippman, B. Johnson

Technology July 16th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Greeters July 23rd

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers, Mike Krueger

Ushers July 23rd

H. Lane, Captain, M. Waldrip, B. Johnson, D. Hughes, K. Magness, J. Curry

Technology July 23rd

Media Computer Carolyn K.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

July 2nd, 2017:

9:00 62

11:00 82

Sunday School 39

July 9th, 2017:

9:00 67

11:00 109

Sunday School 48

Prayer Requests

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES:

Lois Holt
Gertrude Merrit
(Parks)

Mona Rogge
Wanda Stahl

Mary Jo Hill
Joy Bolding

PRAYERS FOR ASBURY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rev. Mark Anderson	Logan Gibbs	Freida Lane	Ervin Renacia
Ashton Ballard	Beth Gibbs	Ralph Lewis	Harold & Janice Rhea
Maverick Ballard	Amalia Gonzales	Kennedy Linch	Gleychaliz Rivera
J W Bowden	Julie Graham	Adi Lopez	Roger Smith
Jerry Branum Sr.	Ricky Griffin	Bill McPherson	Diane Thomas
Brian Brokaw	Sarah Griffin	Pat McPherson	Ted Tuminowski
Laura Buckingham	Anita Guinn	Paul Minton	Brenda Vicars
Casey Cates	Corinne Hefflin	Amanda Moss	Sandra Vickers
Jim Cornell	Joe Henager	Florenio Najar	Judy White
Adele Cortez	Minnie Henager	Jaynell Nash	Francis Wilbanks
Judy DeWeese	Gene & Jimmie Jeanette Hewitt	Jerri Nickel	Stella York
Libby Ellrich	Andy Hoefer	Jim Nickel	Sarah Young
Tommy Ervin	Nora Huerta	Dustin Orgen	Kaleb Zengher
Carrol Eustus	Lacrisa Hurst	Fred Pleasant	Nolan
Mark Farquhar	Angelina Jones	Molly Pruitt	Penny
Dorothy & Syl Gaisbauer	Sandra Jones	Lisa Ramirez	Christians in Malaysia
Dallas Garrett	Kay Kingon	Estella Ramos	Family of Ada Henry
Russell Garrett	Bill Lamb, Sr.	Edna Reed	

Sympathy: To family and friends of Tom Horton, who passed away on June 22nd, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

Sympathy: To family and friends of Clarence Stahl, who passed away on July 6th, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

Asbury UMC Offers Many Ways

To Give To God

- Sunday morning offering plate
- Electronic Giving on website: www.AsburyOdessa.org
- Text Giving: 432-231-0775
- Giving Kiosk (Located in Narthex)



Giving back to God

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 16TH: GENESIS 25:19-34, PSALM 119:105-112, ROMANS 8:1-11, MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 23RD: GENESIS 28:10-19, PSALM 139: 1-12, 23-24, ROMANS 8:12-25, MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

Announcements

Financial Update As of July 9th, 2017:

2017 Year to Date Income: \$189,208.24
 2017 Year to Date Expenses: \$191,265.86
 2017 Year to Date Shortfall of: \$-2,057.62

Fifth Sunday

Sunday, July 30th is a fifth Sunday! We will be having Sunday School as usual at 10:00 a.m. followed by **one traditional service only** at 11:00 a.m. There will be a potluck meal following the service in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite dish and join us as we enjoy a time of fellowship with our church family!

Vacation Bible School Work Days

We will be having two work days in preparation for Vacation Bible School on the following days:

Thursday, July 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us as we prepare for a full and fun week of Vacation Bible School!

We will also be taking down all Vacation Bible School decorations and sets on **Sunday, July 23rd at 2:00 p.m.** for those who would like to come and help out!

Thank you in advance for your hard work and dedication to making this year's Vacation Bible School another great one!

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 Pastor

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how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to understand more fully the body of Christ. You will experience God's grace through the prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Emmaus community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

What Happens After the Emmaus Weekend?

You are invited to have a closer walk with Christ for the rest of your life; this is called the Fourth Day. Those who attend a Walk to Emmaus are encouraged to:

- Expand their own spiritual lives through worship, study and active participation in their local church
- Become more active disciples of Christ in service to the world

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus movement offers specific opportunities. First, groups of four to six people meet weekly to reflect on their spiritual journey and encourage one another in accountable discipleship. Second, there are monthly community gatherings where Emmaus participants meet for fellowship, worship and instruction. Third, community members are regularly informed of the support needs of upcoming Walk to Emmaus weekends, and other opportunities for servant leadership.

Asbury Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 16th, 2017:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 10:00 a.m. New Member Class
 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship

Monday, July 17th, 2017:

9:00-Noon Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 18th, 2017:

9:00-Noon Vacation Bible School
 6:00 p.m. CPS, #110
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

Wednesday, July 19th, 2017:

9:00-Noon Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 20th, 2017:

9:00-Noon Vacation Bible School
 9:00 a.m. Stitches
 10:30 a.m. Parks Communion Service
 12:30-3:30 p.m. WTX Twilight Vision, #110
 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Program
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, July 21st, 2017:

9:00-Noon Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 22nd, 2017:

8:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Texas Tech Reading Program, #121

Sunday, July 23rd, 2017:

Pastor Russ & Stephanie Gone
 Charles Cotten Preaching
 8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
 9:30 a.m.- 6:15 p.m. Texas Tech Reading Program, #121
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship

Set Up for OMTA Camp

Monday, July 24th, 2017:

8:00 a.m.-Noon OMTA Camp
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 25th, 2017:

8:30 a.m.- Noon OMTA Camp
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

Wednesday, July 26th, 2017:

8:30 a.m.- Noon OMTA Camp
Thursday, July 27th, 2017:
 8:30 a.m.- Noon OMTA Camp
 9:00 a.m. Stitches
 11:30-1:00 p.m. The Well Board Meeting, Atkins Room
 12:30-3:30 WTX Twilight Vision, #110

6:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, July 29th, 2017:

9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Texas Tech Reading Program, #121

Sunday, July 30th, 2017:

Fifth Sunday- One Service Only

9:30 a.m.- 6:15 p.m. Texas Tech Reading Program, #121
 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 10:00 a.m. New Member Class
 11:00 a.m. Joint Traditional Service
 Potluck Meal Following Service

Vacation Bible School

Who: 4 years to 5th Grade

Where: Asbury UMC
 4001 E University Blvd.
 432-366-4455

When: July 17th-July 21st
 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Pre- Register at:

<http://vbspro.events/p/events/asburyodessa>



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