



# WALK TO EMMAUS

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Summer 2017

## Jackson Area Emmaus Newsletter

### Summer Picnic

August 12 1-5 p.m.

Vandercook Lake Park

- Take US-127 South to Floyd Avenue
- Turn right (West) on Floyd Avenue
- Floyd Avenue changes into Avenue C Street then turns left and becomes Echo Beach Drive



My name is Sindy Bradley, I took my walk Jan 1997 and sat at the table of Rebecca. I have been chosen to be the Women's Lay director taking

place Sept 21st-24th. It is truly an honor and a blessing to be God's instrument in this way.

The feeling of wanting to say yes and another feeling of asking myself "why me?" I have found myself in this position a few times and yet I hesitated. I put God in a box when I declined. He always puts me number 1 in his life, when was I going to reciprocate? Stepping out in faith is what he asked me to do and by saying yes I am finally able to say "Why Not Me!?"

This mother of two, Nana of 6 (yes they are precious in his sight) and Doug's wife of 45 years is only a small part of an Emmaus walk. From the moment the date is set prayer is lifted up. This sets the foundation. Each and every person that is a part of the Emmaus team has been hand-picked by God. It doesn't matter if it is the 5.00a.m person making the coffee to the last person turning off the lights, we are all Jesus hands and feet... "for such a time as this."

In a time of uncertainty we, as a body of believers, know who reigns on high. With the promises of returning to our home churches and using the methods we learned on our weekend - we are adding to our fourth days.

I truly feel blessed to be a part of a community where there is no discrimination. We are able to worship God in one accord. I am praying for each one of you to get involved in some way. Let this be your time to ask why not me? It takes many hands working together for the common good. The stigma we as humans put on each task is just that - it is a stigma. When I work a walk it doesn't matter what it is - I just want to give him a gift my own gift. He already knows my heart, I just need to put it into action.

During the weekend we all learned about our gifts. Won't you please use yours? Don't wait to be called, make the effort to call someone. Lists can get misplaced. No one's fault, we are all human. I am getting excited to see how he is going to use me! I know - DON'T ANTICIPATE.

## De Colores!!!

-Sindy Bradley

# Identity Theft

Identity Theft is one of the fastest increasing crimes in the land. Millions across the US have become victims of identity theft – whether it be a stolen tax return, or a compromised credit card, or people applying for credit under someone else’s name. The possibilities are numerous. This may have even happened to you.

There is another form of identity theft that has spread over the planet like wildfire. Let me just quote a scripture or two:

Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, In his own image created he him, male and female created he them.

What happened? What has changed? Did we lose our identity? So many people see themselves as powerless victims. This is especially disturbing when I hear Christians refer to themselves in this way. If we are created in God’s image, then what happened over the years, decades, and centuries? Sounds like a case of identity theft.

You can argue that Adam and Eve sinned and that’s how we lost our identity. But I pose that because of The Sacrifice of Jesus’ Blood that we (Christians) are new creations in Christ.

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

As a new creation, ‘in Christ’ we should have the same access, the same authority, the same righteousness, the same blessing, and the same victory.

In Christ we are:

### Triumphant:

2Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

### The righteousness of God

2Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

### Redeemed

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

### We have His Holy Spirit

#### inside of us.

**Romans 8:11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

-When I hear Christians say, “I’m just a lowly worm ...” I cringe because in Christ, I’ve been redeemed and I believe that He doesn’t have worms.

-When I hear Christians say, “I’m just an old sinner ...” I cringe because I’m in Christ and in Him, I’ve been made the Righteousness of God.

-When I hear Christians say, “I’m just a loser ...” I cringe because I’m in Christ. The Bible says that God always causes me to triumph in Christ. Maybe they’re fighting in the wrong arena.

**Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The Message Bible adds a little twist on this. It says ... “I identified myself completely with him.”

If we identify ourselves completely with Christ, then we realize that He’s the head of the Church and we are His Body.

As one pastor put it, when we go to open up a bank account, “we don’t open up one account for our head, and another account for our body, do we?”

The head and the body are one in the same, and we being in Christ have access to all He has for us.

**Remember, you are who God says you are!**

- Pastor Dave Goolsby  
JAE Spiritual Director

## Women’s Walk 2017

September 21-24

1st Presbyterian Church  
743 W. Michigan Jackson

Thursday:

Check in 6-7 (NO DINNER)

Sponsors Hour 7:30 PM

Saturday:

Candlelight 8:30 PM

Sunday:

Closing 4:30 PM

### Needed:

-Agape gifts—please bring to the church on Thursday evening.

-Inspirational books, CD’s, and DVDs for “free” table –bring on Thursday or Friday.

-Volunteers—contact Sue

Miller if you can help for a few hours or for the entire weekend.

(517-358-8752)

-Musicians (for candlelight & closing)—contact Bea Furman for more information. (517) 789-6061

Prayer support—contact Karen Mink to be added to the prayer vigil roster. (517) 688-9604



## Jackson Area Emmaus welcomes new community members— Men's Walk #60—Spring 2017



## Women's Walk News and Schedule

With the fall women's walk just around the corner, it is time to get those registrations in! Please contact Jean Herrick (517) 262-3333 [goldberry@herrickmi.us](mailto:goldberry@herrickmi.us) for an application, pray about who the Lord would like you to sponsor, and get going!

If you haven't had sponsorship training, you may do so at the July 8th Gathering.

Please be in prayer for the team as they prepare their talks, make arrangements for the weekend, and attend team meetings. Team members are: LD—Sindy Bradley; ALDs—Shiela MdEldowney, Tammy Melcher, and Kim Norton; TLs—Johnie Campbell, Kathy Alexander, Nancy Norris, Amy Schmitz, Debbie Tuckey, Robin Brigham, ATL's—Christine Glynn, Beth Kilburn, Deanna Baird, Michelle Coats, and Amy Korman. Board Rep—Carolyn Lindley, Musicians—Dawn Hatch and Kellie Kitchen. J.D. and Cyndi Murphy will be in the prayer room.

The Spiritual Director for this walk is Rochelle Ray, Assistant Spiritual Directors include Rachel Woods, Deb Cole, Lisa Button and Nelson Ray.

Team meetings will be held on following Saturdays:

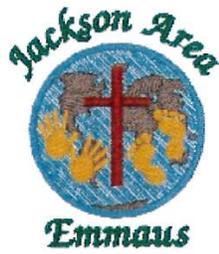
July 29th First Presbyterian Church, Jackson

Aug. 5th Cornerstone Christian, Jackson

Aug. 19th First Presbyterian Church, Jackson

Sept. 16th First Presbyterian Church, Jackson

Breakfast potluck will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by Devotions and Communion in the church sanctuary. Then the auxiliary will work on projects together while the conference room team practices the talks. Many hands are needed in preparing agape gifts for the walk. You don't need to be a participant in the weekend to come and help. Don't wait to be asked—come and enjoy a good time of fellowship and support the team!



# Clothing Order Form



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ITEM DESCRIPTION	COLOR (Circle One)	SIZE (Circle One)	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
 <p><b>Women's Polo Shirt</b> Material is 65/35</p>	Red	S M L XL		\$19.00	
	Banana	2 XL		\$20.00	
	Black	3 XL		\$22.00	
	Light Blue	4 XL		\$23.00	
 <p><b>Men's Polo Shirt</b> Material is 65/35</p>	Red	S M L XL		\$19.00	
	Black	2 XL		\$20.00	
	Banana	3 XL		\$22.00	
	Light Blue	4 XL		\$23.00	
	Red	LG & XL TALL		\$21.00	
	Black	2 XL TALL		\$22.00	
	Banana	3 XL TALL		\$24.00	
Light Blue	4 XL TALL		\$25.00		
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	Black	2 XL		\$20.00	
	Maroon	3 XL		\$21.00	
	Light Blue	4 XL		\$21.00	
 <p><b>Hoodies</b> Material is 50/50</p>	Ash Grey	S M L XL		\$21.00	
	Gold	2 XL		\$24.00	
	Black	3 XL		\$25.00	
	Purple	4 XL		\$26.00	
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 Prices include the cost of embroidery and sales tax.  
 Thank you for your support of Jackson Area Emmaus.

## Email Prayer Chain Available

We have reestablished the Emmaus Email Prayer Chain.

If you wish to join the Emmaus Prayer Warrior team, contact Bea Furman and she will add you to the group. The requests will be unfiltered, so please be discreet in what you share.

Email: [healingsomg@gmail.com](mailto:healingsomg@gmail.com)

Subject: Emmaus Prayer Team



## Discouraged?

Doing the work of the church or the Emmaus community can be very rewarding—but there are times when our labor seems to be unappreciated or we find ourselves working side-by-side with someone who says or does something that upsets us or hurts our feelings. It is times like this that we are tempted to throw in the towel and just quit.

Gal 6:9 says “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

At the end of our Emmaus gatherings we sing “Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken” - and yet so often we hear of someone deciding not to participate anymore because of offense at a new ruling by the Upper Room, a board decision, or a conflict with another person.



Jesus prayed that His followers would be as one so that the world would see and believe.

If you have been hurt, offended, or disagree with what is going on in your church or with Emmaus—don't give up!

Eph 4:32: Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

Remember that your service is for the Lord and not to please man, as Col. 3:23 states. So hang in there, and work heartily—as unto the Lord!

## JAE Board of Directors

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### Candlelight/Closing:

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Jim Justin (517) 563-8799  
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Positions to be filled:

There will be several board positions open this fall, as terms expire in December.

**Contact Jeff Sweet if you are interested in filling one of these posts**

