



WALK TO
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Newsletter

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KAREN GLASER

Brookside United Methodist Church has been a vital partner in Jackson Area Emmaus for several years. It has been our host church for board meetings, gatherings, and leadership trainings. This fall, it will be the site for our Women's Walk on September 9 -12. Karen Glaser has agreed to serve as lay director for this walk. Please be in prayer for Karen as she meets and readies the conference room team for this exciting weekend. Team meetings will be held right at the church, 4000 Francis St. in Jackson. Meetings begin with a potluck fellowship breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by devotions and communion in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. The dates are June 26th, July 17th and 24th, August 7th and 28th.

Anyone wanting to serve behind the scenes during the walk can contact Mary Wood through Facebook or by calling 517-392-6257. If Mary can't be reached, call Sue Miller at 517-524-2414.

The dates are swiftly approaching—the time to get those pilgrims signed up and begin gathering Agape gifts is NOW!



Spirit, Soul, and Body

The scripture below contains a very accurate description of who we are. The Apostle Paul mentions the 3 essential parts of man, or mankind.

1Th. 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole **spirit, soul** and **body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So according to Paul, man consists of 3 parts:

Spirit—Soul—Body

Let me put it this way. Man is a spirit, he has a soul, and he lives in a body. You ain't no body. Your spirit should be #1

Your spirit is the part of you that is most like God, Himself.

John 4:24 says that **God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.**

Your spirit is designed to be fueled by The Word of God

Jesus said in John 6:63 that **The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.**

Your spirit should be leading you.

Rom. 8:14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

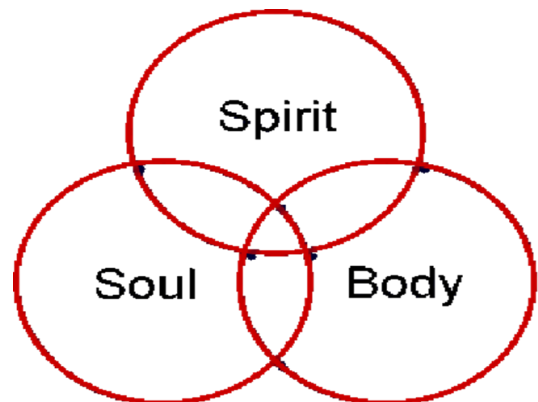
You have a soul. It consists of your mind, will, and emotions. There is no way that your soul should be leading you.

Your emotions should not be leading you. Emotions change. They go up and down erratically.

Your will should not be leading you. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus put His will aside to do the will of His Father when He said, **“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”**

Your mind should not be leading you. How often do we change our minds within a day? Changed by every wind of doctrine.

Your flesh should not be leading you. Our flesh gets us into trouble, especially when it comes to the opposite sex. It leads us to make these wild-eyed 2:00 AM, beer-goggle decisions.



As we come upon another Emmaus Walk, please make sure that you are led by The Spirit as you pray for the team, that we would be led by The Spirit because that is the part of us that is most like God, Himself.

Decolores!

Pastor Dave Goolsby, Spiritual Director



This is Kim Miller, our new Emmaus Registrar. She is eagerly awaiting an influx of registrations for the Women's Walk, to be held September 9-13.

For an application, go to the Emmaus website—jacksonemmaus.org and click on "Application for the Walk to Emmaus." Print out the application, then sit down with your pilgrim and go over the questions, filling out the first page together. The second page is for you, the sponsor to complete on your own.

If you cannot get an application from the website, call Sueny Miller at 517-358-8752 and she will mail one to you. Sueny will also arrange sponsorship training for you, if needed.

Send the completed application and registration fee to Kim (address on the form).

Registrations are due by mid-August, so don't delay!

The second Saturday of each month is the designated gathering time for Jackson Area Emmaus community members.

The Gatherings are usually potluck dinners beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by a time of worship and communion. They normally conclude by around 7:00 p.m. When the second Saturday falls during an Emmaus Walk, there is no potluck and the community gathers for worship and communion at the walk location.

The schedule of Gatherings is:

July—Rivertree Community church, 3113 Lansing Ave. Jackson (outside in pavilion)



August—picnic at Vandercook Lake Park (this event will be held at noon)

September—gather at the Brookside UMC, 4000 Francis St., Jackson for worship, communion, and candlelight at 8 p.m.

October forward—Brookside UMC, 4000 Francis St. at 5 p.m.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out!



Brian and Mary Wood

I am married to Brian Wood- we have been together since we were 14 years old. "I love being my husband's wife." Just saying~

We have three adult daughters and eight grandchildren. I am a high school history teacher for @ risk high school students. I love my job- "Teenagers are my favorite people." I love Jesus, my husband, and family.

I am from a large family, the 11th of 12 children. When my father died at 96- he had 56 grandkids, not sure how many great, and great great, but I do know he had one great great great on the way, there were over 256 grandchildren to celebrate his life when he passed away and left us for heaven. I am blessed!

I am new to the board, and as the new auxiliary I am really excited to be a part of helping grow our community. I took my walk in 2010, and have sat back for a few years, helping whenever - well... almost whenever asked. I have watched Emmaus for the past several years, honestly thinking it's ok- but not for me, I thought to myself I am glad my husband loves it- but it's not really my thing.

Then during a women's weekend while serving a little more intimately- my whole outlook changed. Behind the scenes, watching the ladies practice their speeches, and then delivering what God laid upon their hearts; I got to see God move in the servants' lives and witness firsthand what a joy it was to see such dedication and love poured out to literal strangers, not to mention the feedback and responses from their talks- touching each others lives in a weekend; WOW! That walk in Marshall, Michigan stirred in me a desire for more. I did not want to lose sight of the weekend- I could have stayed in the worship that last night for another week- I mean that with all my heart, the Holy Spirit was flowing.

I began to volunteer for more opportunities and after our last walk as I watched so many personalities mixed together to make a weekend happen, I was amazed. As I was in the sanctuary toward the end of our weekend, the sun was shining through the stained glass, as I sat there meditating I thought about heaven, and what it's going to be like- and for a moment I thought to myself I wonder if this is what Keith Green felt like when- when he spoke about "Heaven Practice."

God has been speaking to me about Emmaus - asking me to serve with him and encourage others to get involved- every little bit helps. Every part of the body is needed, what will it take for you to get involved? I encourage you to get involved with this Walk to Emmaus adventure, when we all work together there is synergy to make things happen. God Moves- in and through his people, are you ready?

- Mary Wood
Auxiliary Char



“Prayer is the key to Heaven, and faith unlocks the door” are the lyrics to an old song stressing the importance of prayer.

As we all know, prayer is a key element to the Emmaus weekend experience. Prayer time before, during, and after each talk has proven time and again to be effective in enabling the speakers to overcome their anxieties and apprehensions about speaking in front of a group, and to more effectively communicate their message. The Prayer Room is the “power” space at every walk.

But the Prayer Vigil—the 72-hour non-stop supplication to God for the pilgrims, team, and auxiliary is the other half of the equation. The community coming together before the Throne of God on behalf of the Emmaus Weekend sets the tone for everything that happens in the conference room and behind the scenes.

For the past few years, Karen Mink has been our Prayer Vigil coordinator, and she has done a tremendous job in getting all of the time slots filled—especially those difficult middle of the night time slots. .



Maranda Stoner

Maranda Stoner has stepped up to serve as the new Prayer Vigil coordinator. Please help her out by emailing and signing up for a one-hour prayer session during the women’s walk. Her email address is :

marandahanks@yahoo.com

Annual Jackson Area Emmaus Picnic AUGUST 14th



Noon—?? Potluck (we have electricity in Pavilion)

Vandercook Lake Park 407 Parkway St. Jackson

Bring: Passing dish, your own beverage, lawn chairs, games (corn hole and ladder golf provided). Playground is available for the kids, and water activities are optional (swimming, kayaking, etc.)

JAE—Surviving and Thriving!

2020 brought its share of challenges—including the survival of Jackson Area Emmaus.

The board made a bold decision to go ahead with a women's walk in the fall in spite of the pandemic. Faith Over Fear was the theme and extra precautions were made to ensure the safety of those in attendance.

Some of the gatherings had to be cancelled, but thanks to a few willing churches a few of the gatherings and the women's reunion took place.

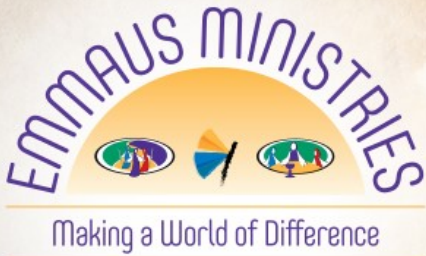
Unfortunately, the men's walk this spring had to be called off due to low registration numbers. But God has been faithful and will continue to bless our community as we place our trust in Him!!

You may recognize this guy as a faithful servant in the kitchen at the Emmaus Walks, but he's not just another pretty face.



Butch Walker is serving his second term on the JAE board. His responsibilities include site selection and set up for all of the walks.

He scours the area and makes contact with pastors and church leaders to arrange our weekends—visiting the facilities to ensure that we have the space and accommodations needed for a successful weekend. Way to go, Butch—thank you for serving!



100 DAYS OF GIVING

FROM THE UPPER ROOM:

Emmaus Ministries is currently engaged in a giving campaign—**Emmaus Ministries: Making a World of Difference, 100 Days of Giving**. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in 100 days to help offset the operational deficit caused by the cancellation of more than 500 weekend events due to COVID-19. We are grateful for your generosity.

The Gift Fund

A love offering for emerging communities around the world.

In all of the Emmaus program ministries, participants are called to consider new ways to live out Christian action by making Christ's love real in the world. One way to respond is by contributing to "The GIFT," a fundraising initiative led by the Emmaus Ministries International Office of The Upper Room. "The GIFT" ensures that Christians throughout the world can enjoy the fruits of these transformative experiences. When you contribute to "The GIFT" fund, you help others respond to their call to Christian leadership. Your financial support assists emerging communities with start-up needs such as leadership training, program resources, and more. Join fellow pilgrims and butterflies in sustaining and growing this meaningful ministry.

Did you know?

- More than one million Christians in 39 countries have experienced a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend.
- Emmaus Ministries is funded by participant fees, resource sales, and generous donations to "The GIFT" and Fourth Day funds. Emmaus Ministries does not receive any apportionment funds from The United Methodist Church or any church denomination.

Your Gift Funds at Work . . .

In 2019 the first Walks to Emmaus were held in Argentina with leadership being provided from several international communities, and even from Bolivia who has been hosting Walks since 2016.

If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to respond to "The GIFT" of grace that you received on your weekend, make your check payable to: **"Emmaus Ministries" and send your offering of love to:**

Emmaus Ministries Office of The Upper Room
1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203

If you have questions you may call
1-877-899-2780 Ext. 7113.

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Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month at Brookside UMC - 6:30 pm. We are normally out by 8:00 pm.

OPEN BOARD POSITONS

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve a three-year term on the Jackson area Emmaus board. The following positions are currently open:

Secretary, 4th Day/Gathering coordinator, Suppy Trailer manager (store and resupply the trailer)

Contact: Sueny Miller

Also open for pastor/clergy—Community Spiritual Director

Contact: Pastor Dave Goolsby