

JANUARY  
2022

Billings  
Walk  
To  
Emmaus

# W2E Times



**Make a friend.  
Be a friend.  
Bring a friend  
to Christ.**

## Important Dates!

MEN's W2E, #80  
TBA

WOMEN's W2E, #81  
TBA

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## Christ is Counting on Us

After prayerful and heartfelt consideration, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the April, 2022 Walk to Emmaus weekends due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. Please join us in praying for successful, healthy Walk weekends in January, 2023.

May each of us stay close to our Savior in the months ahead and be His hands and feet as we reach out to love and serve others in our troubled world. This is the perfect time to share God's love in a world that is hurting and divisive. Fourth Dayers, we have received God's amazing gift of grace. Let's share that gift with others during this time.

♥ "Christ is counting on you." ♥

We are filled with joyful anticipation of the time when we will be able to gather again at our beloved Walk. What a joyful time it will be! God bless and keep you until that glorious day!

Billings Walk to Emmaus  
Board of Directors



## SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

IF YOU HAVE READ THE LAST PAGE OF THE BIBLE, YOU KNOW IT'S ALL GOING TO TURN OUT ALL RIGHT.

THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL CRISIS COMES WHEN A PERSON HAS TO MOVE A LITTLE FARTHER ON IN FAITH THAN THE BELIEFS HE HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED.

THE PROMISE OF CHANGE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN DOES NOT GUARANTEE A GREAT VELOCITY, BUT A GREAT DESTINATION.

THERE ARE THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO LET GO OF: JUDGING, CONTROLLING, AND BEING RIGHT.

IN GOD'S GARDEN OF GRACE EVEN A BROKEN TREE BEARS FRUIT.

THE GREATEST CRISIS WE EVER FACE IS THE SURRENDER OF OUR WILL.

FAITH DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN THAT GOD CHANGES YOUR SITUATION. SOMETIMES IT MEANS LIFE CHANGES YOU.

GOD DOESN'T DEMAND OUR PERFECTION...JUST OUR PURSUIT.

GOD IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE PARTS OF YOU THAT YOU THINK YOU NEED TO HIDE.

WHEN YOU GLANCE IN THE MIRROR EACH MORNING, ASK YOURSELF, "AM I READY TO LET OTHERS SEE JESUS IN ME TODAY—ALL DAY LONG?"

Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path.

Psalms 119:105



### A FLASHLIGHT OR A FLOODLIGHT

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FLASHLIGHT AND A FLOODLIGHT. A FLOODLIGHT ILLUMINATES A LARGE AREA, PERHAPS HUNDREDS OF FEET AHEAD OF YOU. A FLASHLIGHT DOES NOT ILLUMINATE EVERY STEP WE ARE GOING TO TAKE BETWEEN HERE AND OUR DESTINATION, BUT IT SHOWS US THE NEXT STEP WE NEED TO TAKE. THAT IS WHAT GOD DOES THROUGH HIS WORD. HE DOES NOT ALWAYS LAY OUT THE WHOLE PLAN FOR US, BUT HE SHOWS US THAT WE NEED TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP, AND THE NEXT STEP AND THE NEXT STEP. THAT IS THE BEAUTY OF THE DIRECTION THAT COMES FROM THE WORD OF GOD.



### THE PROFESSOR AND THE BALLOONS

A PROFESSOR GAVE A BALLOON TO EVERY STUDENT IN HIS CLASS OF 80, WHO THEN HAD TO INFLATE IT, WRITE THEIR NAME ON IT AND THROW IT IN THE HALLWAY. THE PROFESSOR THEN MIXED ALL THE BALLOONS. THE STUDENTS WERE GIVEN MINUTES TO FIND THEIR OWN BALLOON. DESPITE THE HECTIC SEARCH, NO ONE COULD FIND THEIR BALLOON. AT THAT POINT, THE PROFESSOR TOLD THE STUDENTS TO GRAB THE FIRST BALLOON THEY COULD. THE PROFESSOR THEN TOLD THE STUDENTS THAT "THESE BALLOONS ARE HAPPINESS. WE WILL NEVER FIND IT IF EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR THEIR OWN. BUT IF WE CARE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S HAPPINESS...WE WILL FIND OURS TOO. **BE THERE FOR OTHERS DURING THIS ROUGH TIME. YOU WILL BE SURPRISED BY THE POSITIVE OUTCOME.**

### BIG OR SMALL?

CAN YOU TELL ME WHY A \$10 BILL LOOKS SO SMALL AT THE GROCERY STORE BUT SO BIG AT CHURCH?

## BIBLE TRIVIA (HAIR APPARENT)

1. WHAT APOSTLE, ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER MEN, PURIFIED HIMSELF BY SHAVING HIS HEAD?  
HINT: ACTS 21:23-26

2. WHO IS MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS AS BEING VERY HAIRY?  
HINT: GENESIS 25:24-26

3. WHAT PROPHET WAS DESCRIBED AS A VERY HAIRY MAN?  
HINT: 2 KINGS 1:8

4. WHO WAS FORBIDDEN TO "ROUND THE CORNERS OF YOUR HEADS"?  
HINT: LEVITICUS 19:27

5. WHO WAS THE ONLY MAN IN THE BIBLE REFERRED TO AS BEING NATURALLY BALD?  
HINT: 2 KINGS 2:22-23

6. WHAT TYPE OF PERSON HAD TO SHAVE ALL HIS HAIR TWICE, SIX DAYS APART?  
HINT: LEVITICUS 14:7-9

7. WHAT TYPE OF PERSON COULD NEITHER SHAVE THEIR HEADS NOR LET THEIR HAIR GROW LONG?  
HINT: EZEKIEL 44:15-20

## LIVE AMONG BELIEVERS

A COWBOY WAS DRIVING DOWN A DIRT ROAD LATE AT NIGHT IN HIS PICKUP TRUCK WITH HIS HORSE RIDING IN THE TRAILER BEHIND. HE FAILED TO NEGOTIATE A CURVE AND HIS TRUCK TIPPED OVER AND LANDED IN A DITCH KNOCKING THE COWBOY UNCONSCIOUS.

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, HE AWOKE TO THE FLASHING LIGHTS OF A HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER. THE OFFICER WALKED UP TO THE HORSE, SAW HIS LEG WAS BROKEN, AND DID WHAT ONLY HE COULD DO. HE PULLED OUT HIS SERVICE REVOLVER AND PUT THE HORSE OUT OF HIS MISERY.

THE COWBOY HEARD EVERYTHING AND FELT TERRIBLE ABOUT LOSING HIS HORSE. BUT MORE PAINFUL WAS WHAT HE FELT FROM HIS OWN LEG, WHICH WAS SURELY BROKEN. THE OFFICER WALKED UP TO THE COWBOY AND ASKED, "ARE YOU OKAY?" THE COWBOY TOOK A LOOK AT THE SMOKING REVOLVER IN THE TROOPER'S HAND AND QUICKLY REPLIED, "NEVER FELT BETTER."

THAT STORY IS A PICTURE OF A STARK REALITY FOR MANY CHRISTIANS. THEY WALK AROUND BROKEN. AND YET WHEN THEY ARE ASKED BY A FELLOW BELIEVER HOW THEY'RE DOING, THEY PUT ON THEIR BEST SUNDAY SCHOOL SMILE AND SAY "NEVER FELT BETTER!"

**THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS MEANT TO BE LIVED AMONG BELIEVERS WHO ARE OPEN AND HONEST ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. SO DON'T EVER FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO PUT ON A HAPPY FACE. FIND SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST, SHARE WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON, AND YOU'LL BUILD AN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH AROUND YOU. ISN'T THAT WHAT OUR "WALK TO EMMAUS" IS ALL ABOUT?**



## HOPE DELIVERS US FROM DESPAIR

THE REVEREND BEN PATTERSON ONCE SAID, "HOPE DELIVERS US FROM THE DESPAIR THAT NOTHING WE DO MATTERS AND ENABLES US TO TACKLE EVEN THE MOST MENIAL JOB WITH VIGOR." HE GOES ON TO SHARE AN ILLUSTRATION FROM WORLD WAR II...

*A B-17 BOMBER FLYING OVER GERMANY DURING THE LATTER DAYS OF THE WAR WAS HIT SEVERAL TIMES BY FLAK AND SHELLS, EVEN TAKING DIRECT HITS ON ITS FUEL TANK. MIRACULOUSLY, THE BOMBER DID NOT EXPLODE. WHEN IT FINALLY LANDED, SEVERAL OF THE CREW INVESTIGATED THE UNEXPLODED SHELLS LODGED IN THE AIRCRAFT FUSELAGE. DISMANTLING THE SHELLS, THEY WERE AMAZED TO DISCOVER THAT THEY WERE EMPTY. THAT IS, EXCEPT FOR A NOTE WRITTEN IN CZECH, WHICH READ, "THIS IS ALL WE CAN DO FOR YOU NOW." THOSE MEN AND WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OTHERS OWED THEIR LIVES TO A MEMBER OF THE CZECH UNDERGROUND, QUIETLY WORKING DAY AFTER DAY AT AN ASSEMBLY LINE—HOPING HIS EFFORTS WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.*

IT'S EASY TO GET DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR BEST YEARS ARE BEHIND YOU. BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT AS A BELIEVER, YOUR BEST OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALWAYS NOW.

**YOU CARRY A HOPE INSIDE YOU THAT THE GOD WHO SAVED YOU WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU. YOU ARE FOREVER RELEVANT TO HIM. AND THAT MEANS WHAT YOU DO RIGHT NOW FOR HIS KINGDOM MATTERS IMMENSELY. LET'S CONTINUE TO WITNESS AS FOURTH DAYERS...AND BE READY IN THE LATTER PART OF THIS YEAR TO ASK SOMEONE TO ATTEND THE "WALK TO EMMAUS."**