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Billings
Walk
To
Emmaus

W2E Times

RICHLY BLESSED!



Hello "Walk" Fam!!!
Whoo-hoo! What a ride!!!

I have decided that an "ant hill" portrays the Walk to Emmaus weekends! I'm talking those GREAT BIG ant hills you see on occasion rested on the side of a barn, shop, or out-building...you know, those BIG ant-complexes!

The excitement and energy in Wesley Hall is what the "top" of the hill looks like...supported and held up by God and His people--- all the inner strength of the GIANT community below! Thank you to each and every person in our loving background community. 💖

The Women's weekend was masterfully led by our capable, beautiful, Sherry Dompier with enthusiastic bell-ringing support from Becky Muller, and ever sincere "taskmaster" Bunnie Weikum. The Team and 18 Pilgrims journeyed ever closer to Jesus from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. Talks were executed FLAWLESSLY, joining our ladies in new relationships with each other and refreshing our relationship with our Lord Jesus. 💖

Every opportunity I have had to join this amazing "family" on weekends in January--- I go in thinking, "I'm gonna GET to help someone!" And sure enough, I come out saying "That sure helped ME!" or "I needed to let go of THAT!" or "I can change and do better!" OR "That was just the BEST weekend EVER!" (Suzie Garcia 💖)

The music was fabulous! I bet I'm not the only one who gets in her vehicle Sunday afternoon after "closing" and searches for a radio station that plays Suzie, Carolyn, and Sherry music, ---Dave Oltrogge, Clark Martin, and Tim Hathaway, Karen Poling, and Margaret McGillvray & Kate Hansen tunes...and to my dismay I find NO station that satisfies. 💖 So I leave the radio off and for 50 miles on the way home, I rehearse the weekend in my heart.

Times of laughter, joy, conversation, food, song, solitude, prayer, mail, snacks, water bottles, more amazing food, tears, and yes, some heart change and growth---hope and encouragement. Hugs, LOTS of hugs, silliness and fellowship with new sisters, and a community we GET to claim as our "family". 💖

No wonder I'm tired! I just lived THIRTY days in THREE days! 😊

To all those who work seamlessly in the background undergirding Wesley Hall---setting up and tearing down, to the W2E board of directors, to the Clergy that serves tirelessly, to every mopper and scrubber, ---every STEP of stairway at FUMC ---the luxurious sleeping accommodations and the fresh crew that comes in bright and early Sunday morning--- for every meal cooked, snack prepared, and the gentle hands that wash every dish---for the sleeping servants at Saturday's fiesta, the candle lighters, and the candle extinguishers---and ALL the valuable prayer warriors throughout the city of Billings and around the WORLD! Thank you. 💖

Praise our Good God, for His people, and for a beautiful weekend spent in His grace! 💖
May everyone get rested up and begin writing names of folks you might ask to join us January 2026! Be praying over these souls and by November/December have your candidates signed up!!! It's gonna be a GREAT year!

God's peace be with you always. DeColores my treasured family!

Laurie Swartz

SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

Faith—an unshakable belief that God will do what He promised to do.

Empathy is your pain in my heart.

Comparison is the thief of joy.

We can't change what we experience, but we can choose how the experience changes us.

Biblical hope is a confident expectation of a guaranteed result.

A sin is not simply the bad things we do, but also the good things we do not do.

The single greatest proof that we belong to God is our obedience to Him.

It is not our first response to God's call that is important but our final response.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."
Jim Elliot

Comments from our new Fourth Dayers

The experience was healing and brought me hope. The agape that was so unselfishly given warmed my heart. The blessings I received this weekend are priceless and I am so grateful for this experience.

I want to spread the message of God's grace and love.

This has been such a beautiful experience. I have felt so loved, special and cared for. I truly feel a deeper relationship with Jesus. I am now aware I can do life with Christ.

It was a very fun and Christ-centered experience. It was amazing to meet these wonderful ladies.

I loved all the talks.

The relaxed, easy-going atmosphere created an opportunity for all to build camaraderie in the spirit of fun. Everyone really enjoyed their time together.

I expanded my understanding of grace while enjoying fellowship with new friends.

Grace and love!

My joy was restored.

I learned about grace, where it comes from and how to see it.

**Opening hearts and sharing God's love and compassion.
Glory be to God!**

I have learned so much more about the grace and love that the Father gives each and every one of us as long as we are willing to accept it.

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Potluck

Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

The annual
POTLUCK
to welcome
our new Fourth
Dayers was a
HUGE
success!



THANK YOU
to everyone
who attended!
There was an
abundance of
food, laughter,
smiles, hugs,
music, and JOY!!



Welcome, New Fourth Dayers!

*Mary Abrahams, Katherine Albert,
Robert Archuleta, Max Author, John Champ,
Christina Christiansen, Jody Coble, Kelly Crowe,
Laura Dahlweiner, Darby Dierman, Sue Farrell,
Angela Foster, Aja Gillis, Sandi Hansen,
Eric Hoff, Kim Holub, Kathleen Johnson,
Jerry Lantis, Troy Dee Lantis, Paul Lose,
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May the Spirit of the Lord be Upon You