

**November
2023**

Billings
Walk
To
Emmaus

W2E Times

Important Dates!

CHRISTMAS SING

December 14, 2023
7:00 pm

RETREAT

January 13, 2024
9:00 am

MEN's W2E, #82

January 18-21, 2024

WOMEN's W2E, #83

January 25-28, 2024

POTLUCK

February 3, 2024
5:00 pm

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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Gifts We Don't Ask For



Have you ever asked for something you wanted? Have you ever been given something you didn't ask for? Attending the Walk weekend in 2018 was not something I asked for, but through the persistence of my sponsor and my choice to attend, the result was a meaningful experience I very much needed and it created a lasting impact!

I have two daughters, aged 10 and 8. The one thing that they, along with other children, are very good at is always asking for what they want. They don't always get what they want and additionally there are things I cannot give them or are not in their best interest to have. Most things they simply don't need. When I think about this with regards to our heavenly Father, I feel it's the same for us. We're all his children and have wants and needs. He wants us to be happy and find enrichment in our lives through his teachings and gifts.

Recently Cora my 10-year-old daughter was given a silver spoon with her name engraved in the handle. The gift was from a member of the Walk community and the spoon had been in their family for generations. They no longer had a "Cora" in their family but shared as much history about it as was known. It was a custom that a spoon be given to children celebrating their baptism and to wish new-born children happiness and prosperity throughout life. This is an example of sharing something special and meaningful in your life with someone who was not expecting it.

Romans 14:19 says "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification", meaning that we improve morally and intellectually by building up others. It's self-sacrifice, sharing our gifts and resources to lift up others. That impact is something that may require persistence, but the enrichment of the lives of others will be well worth the effort.

With Christmas fast approaching, (I know Thanksgiving isn't here yet) please think of making a Christmas list of what you want and would ask Santa Clause for. Kids do this and mail their lists to the North Pole. As mentioned above, there are some things we ask for and don't receive. Other times in life we receive gifts that we never asked for or didn't expect.

This year instead of making the above list for Santa Clause, how would your list look if you made it for Jesus? Would it contain material items like toys, electronic gadgets, or clothes? Or would it include prayers for healing, health, salvation and goodwill towards others?

Proverbs 16:9... "In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

One important theme we hear throughout the weekend is to share all good things. At one point all of us trusted our sponsors and made the decision to attend the Walk to Emmaus. I, like many others, could find any excuse not to attend. We're all busy. I won't dive into the decision-making process and psychology of how to influence people, but without us asking others, they will not be able to make a decision that could change their life.

Hebrews 13:16... "Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." This is the verse Cora chose on her own to include in the thank you card she wrote for the silver spoon with her name on it.

I encourage everyone to scroll through the contact list in your phone, make your list to God, pray, and then reach out. Ask for what you want and give the gift they didn't ask for but may need or have been praying for! We all hope many friends and family members will trust you and commit to attending the Walk to Emmaus.

DeColores, Ryan Wittman

**NAME ABOVE
ALL NAMES**
(cont. from last month)

In GALATIANS
He redeems us from
the law.

In EPHESIANS
He is our
Unsearchable Riches

In PHILIPPIANS
He is the Supplier of
Our Every Need

In COLOSSIANS
He is the Fullness of
the Godhead Bodily

In 1ST & 2ND
THESSALONIANS
He is our
Soon Coming King

In 1ST & 2ND TIMOTHY
He is the
Mediator Between
God and Man

In TITUS
He is our
Blessed Hope

(cont. next month)

SING AT THE WOMEN'S PRISON

HOMEWARD BOUND is a prison ministry that conducts a weekend much like the Walk to Emmaus. This blessed weekend will take place at the Women's Prison, November 3, 4 and 5. Please gather with your 4th day friends at the fence on the south side of the prison on South 27th Street (near the Post Office) **Saturday, November 4th at 5:30 pm** where we will sing to the candidates. It is a very touching experience for the pilgrims as well as the singers.

PRAYER VIGIL

Have you signed up to participate in the 96-hour prayer vigil during our Walk to Emmaus weekends? Your prayers will be a wonderful blessing to all of the participants. You can sign up for ½ hour slots on our website, billingsemmaus.com. Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the page and click "SUBMIT" in order to save your selections. You can pray in the privacy of your home or wherever you go about your day. Call Carol & Dennis (406) 860-5252 if you need assistance.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for Walk to Emmaus pilgrims and sponsors must be completed online. Go to our website billingsemmaus.com and click on these tabs...



Complete the required information and click on "SUBMIT".
If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Becky at
WTE1982@outlook.com or (406) 672-1194.

PSALMS 111:1

Happy THANKSGIVING

*I will give thanks to the Lord with
all my heart...*



O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others.

Amen.

REMINDER:

Be sure to put the annual Walk to Emmaus CHRISTMAS SING on your calendars. We will gather at First United Methodist Church, December 14th at 7:00 pm for a special evening of carols, scriptures, inspiring messages, special music and communion. Come and prepare your heart for the birth of our Savior.