

**November
2021**

**Billings
Walk
To
Emmaus**

W2E Times

Important Dates!

MEN's W2E, #80
April 21-24, 2022

WOMEN's W2E, #81
April 28-May 1, 2022

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Billings Walk to Emmaus
invites you to join us for a special evening
of carols, scriptures, inspiring messages,
special music and communion.



The annual
"Christmas Sing"
will take place at
First United Methodist Church

7:00 p.m.
Thursday,
December 9, 2021

♥ Please wear a mask. ♥

Please join us as we worship
together and prepare our
hearts for the birth of our
Savior.

If you are unable to attend,
the event can be viewed on our
website
billingsemmaus.com

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Billings "Walk to Emmaus"

Bible Trivia (In the Military)

1. Who was sleeping between two soldiers when miraculously rescued from prison?

Hint: Acts 12:5-8

2. What leper commanded Syrian troops?

Hint: 2 Kings 5:1

3. Where was Jesus when a Roman officer asked Him to heal his faithful servant?

Hint: Luke 7:1-5

4. What Roman soldier was kind to Paul on Paul's voyage to Rome?

Hint: Acts 27:1-3

5. What soldier supported David during Absalom's rebellion?

Hint: 2 Samuel 15:14-22

6. What soldier led a revolt against King Elah and made himself the new king?

Hint: 11 Kings 16:8-10

7. Who commanded the rebel army when Absalom rebelled against David?

Hint: 2 Samuel 17:25

Seasons of Change

Change...we all have seasons of change. I think it depends on our heart's attitude and what exactly that change is, as to how we view and respond to it. Do you see change as something to be feared, that life as you know it is gone and that's a bad thing? Do you view change as an adventure - a means to growing and experiencing all the things God has planned for you in your life? Are you prepared when change comes? How do you prepare for change, whether expected or not?

As we are entering a time of moving from one season to the next, I have spent a great deal of time contemplating change. My husband and I took our last camping trip for the year at the end of September. It had been three weeks since our previous trip to the mountains, and we noticed a lot of changes. Most obvious were the trees, going from green to beautiful colors of yellow, orange and red. The big black wood beetles that had been flying in masses three weeks earlier were now gone. The fishing had become almost non-existent, and the chipmunks were busy preparing for the coming winter. There were also a lot less people running around in the mountains. All sure signs that fall was here, and change was in the air.

Then comes November...the leaves are off all of the trees and grass is starting to turn brown. Flowerpots have been emptied, corn in the fields has been chopped down and the geese begin to fly south. Signs again of a change in seasons.

Since the last Walk to Emmaus weekend in January of 2020, I have faced several significant changes in my life. It all began with the thing we have been struggling to survive...an uncertain issue called a "pandemic." My business was forced to close, and I had no income coming in. My youngest, a senior in high school, lost out on the last half of what was supposed to be the best year. No prom, no sports, no concerts, turmoil around graduation and no senior grad night. God brought an incredible man into my life, we "covid dated", got engaged and married. I gained two more fun-loving teenagers and my youngest moved out...taking one of our dogs with him. In May of 2021 God began working in our lives preparing the way for me to retire from one career and enter into a new one that started the middle of September. I have gained incredible relationships and have had some terribly fractured or even severed in unexpected and heartbreaking ways. Some dear friends are now in the arms of our Lord, and some have brought new little lives into the world. Ofta...what a wild ride the last 20 months! Change can be scary and unwanted, it can bring blessings, joy, sadness, heart wrenching despair and an overwhelming tide of emotions, and yet it is a huge part of this life on earth.

I tell you all of this to encourage you that while change happens, and while we have to walk through it, either by our own choice or by the choices of others...we have an incredible God who walks through it with us. In our times of uncertainty, excitement, exhaustion, or fear we can stand firm on the fact that God, who is unchangeable, is the one who is standing with us. He may even be carrying us through our time of change! You see, we have access to the one and only God who is always with us, hears us when we pray or cry out, speaks to us, moves with us in all circumstances, performs miracles even if we don't see them, fights for us, knows us, loves us and never leaves us! So, no matter the change you are facing, know that God has you in His mighty arms. Know too that you have a

Spiritual Thoughts

It's hard to forgive if you have never felt forgiven.

Friends are people who know you really well and like you anyway.

Five years from now the only changes that will happen are from the people we are around and the books we have read.

Faith in God means that God is going to do what he promised to do even when all evidence is to the contrary.

Failure is not an event. It is a judgement about an event.

Live in such a way that your life wouldn't make much sense if the gospel were not true.

The message of the bible is that God will get His family back.

Honko-Second – The time between when the light changes and the person behind you honks their horn.

family with Walk to Emmaus who God placed in your life to be God in the flesh to you. To love you, encourage you, support you, laugh or cry with you. It is a special family that I know I am blessed to be a part of! With that in mind, is there someone you could invite to experience a Walk weekend at the new changed dates for 2022? Does someone instantly pop into your mind when you think of change, who may need to spend a weekend basking in God's love? Do you need some restoration to your soul? Would spending the weekend volunteering in the background be just what you need to feel God's loving arms around you? No matter the changes or circumstances going on around me, I have always felt at home at the Walk to Emmaus weekends. I feel God's presence and realize if this is a small glimpse of what heaven may be like, then I can't wait to get there!

I want to leave you with a few ideas to have on hand when you are going through a period of change whether good, tough or heartbreaking. After all, if animals and nature prepare for change, how much more should we prepare for it! First, have some Bible verses on hand to turn to and meditate on. It takes your focus off of the situation and places it onto the only one who is truly in control of it. Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 6:25-34, Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 55:12, Psalm 143:8, Psalm 28:7, Psalm 18:39, 1 Peter 4:8, 1 Chronicles 16:34 are just a few to get you started. Another thing to do is have a prayer journal. We have an incredible opportunity to talk to God and know that He hears us instantly, as though He is sitting across the table from us and at that point in time, nothing is more important to Him in the whole world than what we have to say to Him. Prayer may not change our circumstance, but it will certainly change our heart and attitude toward it! (Hebrews 4:16) Finally, I love to have a playlist of Christian songs to listen to. No matter what is going on, worshipping God through music somehow brings healing to the soul. A few of my favorites are "Run to the Father" by Cody Carnes, "The God Who Stays" by Matthew West, "It is Well" by Bethel Music, "God Who Listens" by Chris Tomlin, "Same God" by Hannah Kerr, and "Rattle" by Elevation Worship. Put your music list together and dance in worship to the one who knows your name! Put your focus on God and your circumstances into His hands and watch as He does incredible things in your life, or the lives of those you love!

And so, as you go through your change or help another walk through theirs, may "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26) Who better than our unchangeable God to walk through change with. Look for God, seek him out, run to him! He is waiting for you with open arms.

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