

Christian Leadership Events

The Walk to Emmaus

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Did you know that there is a three-day weekend available to you where all you do, all weekend long, is study the Word, praise, sing and worship? The Big Bend Walk to Emmaus (BBWE) event is designed to immerse you in the study of how to walk the Christian walk in this secular world, and sharpen your skills as a Christian leader for your family and your church. It begins with check-in on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening.

The event has several names: Cursillo (the original, based in the Catholic Church and started in 1948), Via de Cristo, Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, Chrysalis, and others. All are welcome; the name changes are based upon which church body is sponsoring. In the Big Bend there aren't enough Lutheran Churches to support the Lutheran Via de Cristo movement, so we go to Emmaus or Tres Dias. There are at least a dozen denominations represented in the BBWE membership.

No, you aren't doing a walk-a-thon! The name Emmaus is derived from Luke 24:13-35, where the resurrected Christ walked along the road to Emmaus with two disciples and revealed himself in the breaking of the bread. You'll stay at a campground facility (something like Lutherrock, with dorms and bunk beds). There are short lessons/testimonials each day. Every weekend is exactly the same in lesson content, but the speakers are different, so you get to hear a little about their personal walk with Christ. You'll sing a lot, play a lot, & eat, eat, eat!! The idea is to create a spiritual renewal FULL of joy. So, we laugh a LOT.

We share the concept of "let go and let God" and living your daily life using the concepts of Piety (which really means joyful prayer, not suffering), Study, and Action. God's amazing Grace is the subject of several of the discussions.

There is no obligation beyond the weekend itself, but if you like you can attend weekly reunion groups and monthly potluck suppers afterwards. And, you can participate as a team member serving new attendees at future weekends, which many have said is even better!

Ask one of the 45 members of Grace who have been on a weekend about it (see list below). Occasionally, we even have a youth version called Chrysalis, so you'll see some youth representation. I've left in a few names of prior Grace members too, in case you are in touch with them and would like their opinions.

De Colores!

Amelia Storey
Barb Roesch

Becky Mulvaney
Betty McGovern
Carol Easom
Chelsie Haverlah
Diana Haverlah
Elisa Casey
Elizabeth Westerman
Erik Robinson
Erin Stockdale
Gretchen Eckard
Heather Christy Apel
Howard Kunst
Hugh Taylor
Janice Stockdale
Jenny McGovern
Jim Akin
Joe Weidenbach
John Hiser
Jordan Pugh
Joyce Hughes
Kelly Kunst
Kim Weidenbach
Kristen Hildebrandt
Linda Weidenbach
Linda Wolters
Lisa Harrington
Lori Maddox
Lynn White
Margaret Murphree
Mark Haverlah
Mary Cortese
Matt Ray
Michael McRory
Mike Stockdale
Mishelle Davis Lewis
Paul Harrington
Rick Eckard
Sandy Grabow
Ted Akin
Tom Roesch
Tracy Achey
Wanda Olson
Wendy Akin