



Billings Walk to Emmaus News

Fall Edition 2009

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...

New Look for our News!

Welcome to the Fall Edition of the Billings Walk to Emmaus News. The newsletter and website are currently undergoing a new transformation. You will begin receiving the current Walk To Emmaus news four times a year instead of 8 times as was done in the past. You will now receive the news in October, December, January and March. In an effort to reduce costs and become more efficient with our information, we ask for your patience during this process. You can currently view our website at <http://sites.google.com/site/walktoemmausbillings/home>

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Mark Your Calendars

Walk to Emmaus Gathering Schedule 2009 – 2010
Board Meetings (5:30 pm) and
Gatherings (7:00 pm) are held at FUMC

October 8, 2009

Sponsorship by Jeff Day and Randy Bodley

November 12, 2009

Surprise Program by Jim and Rosemary Fitzhugh

December 10, 2009

Lay Directors: Carol and Dennis Lawrence

January 2010

No gathering: Work the Walk Weekends!

Men's: January 14-17 Women's: January 21-24

February 2010

Potluck: Stay tuned for the date!

Chrysalis: Feb. 12-14, FUMC



March 11, 2010

Chrysalis: John Goodheart & Crew

April 8, and May 13, 2010 TBA

Calling all snack lovers, we need you to share your talents with us. Coffee and water provided. Call Karen Norton, gathering coordinator, @ 671-6480 to sign up to bring your favorite yummy to a gathering.

Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship takes time and is a great privilege; a privilege that cannot be taken lightly as it comes with responsibilities. Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of The Walk to Emmaus. It requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning and follow-through. With that in mind, we will be conducting sponsorship training at the October gathering. Please plan to attend this very important training. The Upper Room Handbook clearly points out that everyone that sponsors should attend the training. The gathering will be at First United Methodist in Billings at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 8th. Bring a treat to share and come and enjoy a great time with your Christian brothers and sisters.

God's Blessings To You All!

Randy Bodley & Jeff Day

A Note of Appreciation

The Board would like to thank Eva VanArsdale and Ila Ronning for their years of service for operating the Walk to Emmaus prayer chain. Eva and Ila have operated the chain by telephone. When they would hear of someone with trouble or otherwise in need of help the prayer chain would be activated and hundreds of prayers would be offered on the person's behalf. The chain has been a valuable resource for people with special needs over the past many years and this powerful source of prayer and meditation has been a spiritual help to a lot of individuals.

Eva and Ila are to be commended for their years of service.

They have informed the Board that they are unable to continue the chain and must retire from this project and since they have been unable to find anyone to continue in their stead it will cease to operate. If anyone would be interested in carrying on please contact Eva at 245-7019.

The Walk Changes Lives

*I recently called David, one of the men's inside team, to confirm an address. He started talking very excitedly about things that had happened last year, and before, at the W2E and what God was still doing in the lives of people around him, and in him. Some of these changes were direct repercussions from the W2E and some of it was the fact that lives had been changed due to the W2E. It is a lifetime change that God uses for the good. He changes hearts, and when hearts are changed, lives show the difference. But the really neat thing was the enthusiasm David showed. I remember how on top of the world I felt when I came out in 1993. I still have some of the excitement and I have really come to appreciate, and love, all the super wonderful people involved. I can't think of any organization that loves Jesus and each other as much. Every time I talk to someone like David I get excited seeing what God is doing around me. I think the thing I learned most is DON'T let the experience of walking with Jesus, and being in his presence, wane. At the W2E it is about as close as you are going to be able to walk with him in this world. As the disciples that were walking with Jesus found out, when you walk with Jesus you have a whole different perspective on all things. If you love someone invite them to the Walk To Emmaus.
Dennis Lawrence*

Updates on a Special Walk Friend

For updates on Wallace Bradberry's condition please visit the following website:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/wallacebradberry>



