

HISTORY

Of The

PEACE IN THE HILLS

Emmaus Gathering Group

Hot Springs Village, AR

The Emmaus Gathering Group first met in early 1997. There were eight (8) people present:

Sam/Judy Hocutt
R. T./DeJuana Jarrell
Jim/Virginia Rush
Fred/Wilma Boling

Being a small Group, initially, there was no President/Leader. The Hocutt's sponsored as Pilgrims the Jarrells' and Rushs'. Early on, the Rushs' sponsored the Trenhams', Jungnickels', and Horvaths'. The Bolings' went on their Emmaus Walk in Tulsa, OK, in 1983. Between 1997 and early 1999, eight (8) additional people were added to the Group. They moved to the Village and went on their Walk outside of Arkansas. These eight were: Steve & Jean Blasche from north TX; Dave & Donna Schores from TN; Ralph & Joyce Jones from northwest OK; and Bob & Lou Bruce from North Carolina.

Since 1997, the Group increased rapidly, expanding to around 250 past/present members. The Group name of "Peace in the Hills" was adopted in 2002. Some members live outside Hot Springs Village. The majority, but not all, attends Christ of the Hills (COH) United Methodist Church (UMC).

The first meeting in early 1997 was held at the Boling residence. Afterwards, the small Emmaus Group held their monthly meetings on a rotating basis in member's homes (making agape, etc.).

Later, the monthly Gathering Group meeting was held in the Parlor of COH on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Following a devotional and announcements, the men and women met in their individual Reunion Group. Afterwards, everyone reconvened for refreshments.

Beginning in 2001, weekly, separate Men's and Women's Reunion Groups formed and met. Gatherings remained monthly. There are now 5 Men's and 5 Women's Reunion Groups meeting at various times and places. Monthly Gatherings, usually at COH, were changed from the 2nd to the 3rd Thursday in 2006 with no Gatherings in July, August, or December. In 2009, Gatherings were changed to Quarterly.

Following their Walk, members of the "Peace in the Hills" Gathering Groups are usually active in the Emmaus Program by sponsoring other Pilgrims, working Walks, and serving as dedicated Disciples of Christ in their church and Christian life.

From time to time, special projects have been undertaken by the "Peace in the Hills" Gathering Group. In 2001, arrangements were made to feed low income/poverty children a meal once-a-quarter on Saturday in Jones Mill, AR (between Hot Springs and Malvern). Early member, Virginia Rush, led this effort. The Jones Mill Project ceased in early 2007. Assisting at the Master's Table in Hot Springs began in 2007 and ended in 2009. In 2010, "Love Lunch Program" began to feed the homeless in Hot Springs at the Jackson House on the Sunday in each month having a 5th Sunday.

Several of our Emmaus members are, or have been, Pastors. They include R. T. Jarrell, Pastor at COH 1992-2001, Mike Morey (2007-2009), COH Associate Pastors Linda Fox, Bill Cull, Sue Kelly, Paul Coy, and former Intern Steve Poarch; and, Lyndol Loyd, former Pastor of Mountainside and Chris Hemund, current Pastor.

Ten (10) "Pilgrims" in the "Peace in the Hills" Gathering Group have at one time or another served on a Regional or State Emmaus Board (Fairy Maxwell, Steve Blasche, Edith Penner, Les Penner, Steve Poarch, Elaine and Mike Dickson, Dennis and Barbara Horvath, and Cassy Jungnickel).

Ten (10) “Pilgrims” from the Group have served as a Lay Director of an Emmaus Walk. They are: Elaine and Mike Dickson, Steve Blasche, Judy Hocutt, Les Penner, Edith Penner, Jim Rush, Art Jungnickel, Barbara Horvath, and Cassy Jungnickel.

Two (2) Lay members at COH, Jim Rush and Dennis Horvath, motivated in part/largely by their Emmaus Walk, became pastors. Jim served as a Local Pastor at Christ of the Hills UMC until 2006. Dennis was a Pastor for 5 years of the New Salem UMC on the west side of Hot Springs before retiring in 2006. In November 2007, he began as Associate Pastor at Piney Woods UMC near the Hot Springs Airport. In December 2008, he became Associate Pastor at Mountainside UMC in the Village. Some “Pilgrims” attending other churches throughout the Village are part of the “Peace in the Hills” Gathering Group. Mountainside UMC formed its own Gathering Group in 2008.

Walks 1-54 of the Noahsofark Community of Arkansas were held at St. John’s Seminary in Little Rock. Walks 55-127 were held at the 4-H Vines Center west of Little Rock, near the Ferncliff, AR community. Walks #128 through the present time have been held at Camp Tanako, southeast of Hot Springs, AR.

REGIONAL/STATE EMMAUS BOARD

It is a high honor to serve on a Regional or State Emmaus Board.
The following individuals have served in such a capacity:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
1. <u>Fairy Maxwell</u>		
Board Secretary	Northern Illinois Emmaus	1987 -- 1993
2. <u>Steve Blasche</u>		
Texoma Community Steering Committee	Dallas, TX	1990 – 1991
Texoma Emmaus Board	Texoma, TX	1993 – 1994
Chairman		1995
Past Chairman		1996
3. <u>Edith Penner</u>		
Board Member	El Paso Rainbow Community New Mexico Conf., Walk to Emmaus	1992 -- 1995
Board Representative	SW Region, Mountain Top Comm. NM Conference, Walk to Emmaus	1997 – 2000
Board “Lay Director”	Mountain Top Community	2000 -- 2002

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
4. <u>Les Penner</u>		
Board Representative	El Paso Rainbow Community SW New Mexico Conference Walk to Emmaus	1994 –1996
Team Selection Committee	SW Region NM Conference Walk to Emmaus	1994 – 1995
Chairman, Team Selection Committee	SW Region, NM Conference Walk to Emmaus	1995 – 1998
5. <u>Steve Poarch</u>		
	Greater Rose Area Community of Emmaus Board (GRACE) Rep. North Texas	1999
6. <u>Elaine Dickson</u>		
Board Representative	Noahsofark Little Rock, AR	2000 – 2002
Board Secretary	Noahsofark Little Rock, AR	2003 – ??
7. <u>Mike Dickson</u>		
Board Representative	Noahsofark Little Rock, AR	19?? – 19??
Board Chairperson	Noahsofark Little Rock, AR	19?? -- 19??

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
8. <u>Dennis Horvath</u>		
Board Representative	Noahsofark Little Rock, AR	2001 – 2003
9. <u>Barbara Horvath</u>		
Team Selection Committee	Noahsofark Little Rock, AR	2003 -- ??
10. <u>Cassy Jungnickel</u>		
Board Representative	Noahsofark	2005 -- 2007

LAY DIRECTORS OF EMMAUS WALKS

The following individuals in the "Peace in the Hills" Emmaus Gathering Group have been Walk Directors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>
1. Elaine Dickson	Noahsofark	May 1992 Walk # 24
2. Mike Dickson	Noahsofark	April 7-10, 1994 Walk # 34
3. Steve Blache	Texoma Emmaus Community	Oct. 5-8, 1995 Walk # 1
4. Judy Hocutt	Noahsofark	April 25-28, 1996 Walk # 49
5. Les Penner	SW Region NM Conf.	November 1997 Walk # 102
6. Edith Penner	New Mexico Conference	May 2000 Walk # 204

LAY DIRECTORS OF EMMAUS WALKS

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| 7. Jim Rush | Noahsofark
4 - H Vines Center
W. Little Rock, AR | Mar. 29 – Apr. 1, 2001
Walk # 84 |
| 8. Art Jungnickel | Noahsofark
4 - H Vines Center
W. Little Rock, AR | Apr. 28 – May 1, 2005
Walk # 113 |
| 9. Barbara Horvath | Noahsofark
4 - H Vines Center
W. Little Rock, AR | Mar. 2-5, 2006
Walk # 119 |
| 10. Cassy Jungnickel | Noahsofark
Camp Tanako
Hot Springs, AR | Oct. 1-4, 2009
Walk #144 |

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Emmaus Family

<u>Name</u>	<u>Walk # / Date</u>
Anderson, Dee	# 97; 3/2003
Auvil, Diedre	# 90; 3/2002
Auvil, Ron	# 87; 9/2001
Bartells, Ione	# 90; 3/2002
Bess, Okey	#125; 7/1999
Bjorn, Audrey	# 90; 3/2002
Blasche, Jean	# 16; 1/1992
Blasche, Steve	# 13; 4/1991
Bodge, Jim	#146; 2/2010
Booker, Mariette	# 88; 10/2001
Boyd, Barbara	#105; 3/2004
Brooke, Jim	# 68; 4/1999
Brooke, Jane	# 73; 11/1999
Brusenhan, Bill	# 87; 9/2001
Brusenhan, Brad	# 96; 1/2003
Butler, Norma	# 90; 3/2002
Chrietzberg, Bill	# 96; 1/2003
Chrietzberg, Donna	# 97; 3/2003
Christensen, Denny	
Christensen, Diana	
Demry, Marlys	# 86; 8/2001
Dickenscheidt, Lorraine	# 97; 3/2003
Dorman, Bonnie	#137; 10/2008
Edscorn, Kit	# 90; 3/2002
Fenelon, Bob	# 89; 1/2002
Fenelon, Jo Ann	# 81; 11/2000
Gray, Bill	# 66; 10/1998
Gray, Edie	# 71; 9/1999
Gruwell, Bobbi	#126; 3/2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Walk # / Date</u>
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Haase, Ann	#109;10/2004
Haase, Don	#108; 9/2004
Hanks, Herb	# 35; 10/1991
Hanks, Margaret	# 36; 10/1991
Hilliker, George (Toby)	
Hilliker, Sue	
Hocutt, Judy	# 18; 10/1991
Hoover, Annette	#126; 3/2007
Horvath, Barbara	# 69; 5/1999
Horvath, Dennis	# 68; 4/1999
Huebschman, Bob	#129; 9/2007
Huebschman, Doris	#128; 8/2007
Hunt, Marilyn	#138; 11/2008
Jarrell, R. T.	# 50; 5/1996
Jarrell, DeJuana	# 51; 6/1996
Johnson, Margaret	#101; 10/2003
Johnson, Pete	#100; 9/2003
Jungnickel, Art	# 62; 3/1998
Jungnickel, Cassy	# 65; 9/1998
Larson, Barbara	#145; 10/2009
Liles, Tom	# 78; 8/2000
Liles, Vera	# 81; 11/2000
Linblad, Colleen	# 90; 3/2002
Lockwood, Dave	# 70; 8/1999
Lockwood, Jean	# 73; 11/1999
Luciew, Bob	#136; 9/2008
Luciew, June	#137; 10/2008
McCallum, Sheila	# 86; 8/2001
McKaig, Jill	# 83; 3/2001
Meek, Jeanne	#130; 10/2007
Morey, Charlette	# 14; 10/1989
Morey, Mike	# 13; 9/1989
Morgan, Bobbie	#109; 10/2004
Nankivil, Mary	# 79; 9/2000
Oberst, Jeanette	# 95; 11/2002
Oberst, Jim	# 96; 1/2003

<u>Name</u>	<u>Walk # / Date</u>
Pamperin, Karren	# 119; 3/2006
Patton, Bev Watson	# 83; 3/2001
Patton, Dean	# 118; 1/2006
Pearson, Kay	#144; 10/2009
Penner, Edith	# 12; 3/1990
Penner, Les	# 23; 4/1992
Pettit, Carole	# 99; 7/2003
Pettit, Russell	#100; 9/2003
Phillips, Gene	# 75; 2/2000
Phillips, Glen	# 82; 1/2001
Phillips, Ida	# 81; 11/2000
Phillips, Marla	# 76; 3/2000
Pool, Anna	# 86; 8/2001
Pool, Paul	# 89; 1/2002
Priestaf, Earl	#134; 4/2008
Riley, Vi	# 85; 5/2001
Ruggieri, Phillis	#128; 8/2007
Schlott, Bev	# 83; 3/2001
Schlott, Chuck	# 84; 3/2001
Schwartz, Don	#106; 5/2004
Shaw, Neal	# 96; 1/2003
Shelstrom, Betty	# 83; 3/2001
Singleterry, Linda	# 99; 7/2003
Singleterry, Merle	# 96; 1/2003
Smith, Lee	#335; 1/1994
Smith, Nancy	# ?; late 1980's
Stewart, Carol	# 92; 8/2002
Stewart, Wayne	# 94; 10/2002
Sweeney, Bob	#122; 9/2006
Sweeney, Martha	#144; 10/2009
Templeton, Carrie	# 107; 8/2004
Theobald, Judy	#124; 11/2006
Tollifson, June	# 83; 3/2001
Trehy, Bill	# 98; 5/2003
Trehy, Rosemary	#101; 10/2003
Wallace, Don	# 87; 9/2001
Warrick, Marcia	#104; 3/2004
Wetherbee, Joy	# 86; 8/2001
Wetherbee, Keith	# 94; 10/2002
White, Barbara	# 74; 12/1999
White, Max	# 72; 10/1999
Williams, Kathy	# 105; 3/2004
Williams, Sandy	
Woodruff, Ginny	# 135; 8/2008

Woodruff, Ralph
Wywick, Jan Smith
Wywick, Walt

136; 9/2008
#101; 10/2003
139; 2/2009