



Central Alabama
 Emmaus Community
 P.O. Box 241571
 Montgomery, AL 36124



Encounter will be April 5-6 and 12-13, 2024 at Frazer Church

Name: _____

Address\City\State\Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____

Age: 60-65 66-70 71-75 76-80 80+ Other _____

Gender: Male () Female () **Are you a Clergy Member?** () Yes () No

Marital Status: () Married () Single () Widowed () Divorced

Spouse's Name: _____

Church affiliation: _____

Previous\Current occupation\vocation: _____

Dietary Needs (gluten-free, diabetic, etc. – we need to know this for lunches that are served: _____

Any medical concerns pertinent to these four days (medications needed, timing, special concerns, other needs, etc.) _____

Pastor and his/her contact info: _____

Family member and contact info: _____

Sponsor his\her contact info (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For this Encounter. Send applications to CAEC, P.O. Box 241571, Montgomery, AL 36124. The Encounter fee will be \$60 per person. Please make checks payable to CAEC and on For line enter "Face to Face".

*Registration is subject to change due to church fee increases. Specific Face to Face Encounter choices are subject to availability. Each applicant will be processed for an Encounter according to availability.

Please provide Cell Phones and e-mails for contacts if available.

(Registrar's Use) Date Received: ___/___/___ Check #: _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____ Acknowledgment Sent: _____

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FACE TO FACE Information

A Face to Face Encounter is a spiritual renewal program intended for people 60 years old or older to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all." A Face to Face Encounter experience begins with four days of short course in Christianity, comprised of fourteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The Emmaus and Face to Face community is made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend or a Face to Face Encounter and who support the four-day experience with a prayer vigil and other acts of love and self-giving. **A Face to Face Encounter typically is held on four weekdays beginning at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:30 PM.** These dates may be set for different weeks. Men and women will attend the same Encounter but will sit at gender-specific tables. During and after the four days, Face to Face leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The four-day Face to Face Encounter experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

The Upper Room, sponsors A **Face to Face Encounter** and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. A Face to Face Encounter is **ecumenical**. The program is open to all denominations who want to strengthen their spiritual lives. Face to Face, as well as Emmaus, is ecumenical not only because members of many denominations participate, but because the Encounter seeks to foster Christian unity and to reinforce the whole Christian community. The fact that Face to Face and Emmaus are ecumenical does not mean they are theologically indifferent. On the contrary, Face to Face Encounters and the Walk to Emmaus are designed to communicate with confidence and depth the essentials of the Christian life, while accentuating those features that Christians have traditionally held in common.

A Face to Face Encounter gets its name from the story in Luke 24:13-35, which provides the central image for the experience and follow-up. Luke tells the story of that first Easter afternoon when the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Like Christians and churches who are blinded by preoccupation with their own immediate difficulties, these two disciples' sadness and hopelessness seemed to prevent them from seeing God's redemptive purpose in things that had happened. And yet, the risen Christ "came near and went with them," opening the disciples' eyes to His presence and lighting the fire of God's love in their hearts. As they walked to Emmaus, Jesus explained to them the meaning of all the scriptures concerning Him. When they arrived in Emmaus, Jesus "took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them," and their eyes were opened. They recognized Him as Jesus, the risen Lord, and they remembered how their hearts had burned within them as they talked with Him on the road.

Face to Face Encounters for the development of Christians who:

- ◆ wish to gain a fuller understanding of God's love,
- ◆ wish to strengthen their friendship with Christ,
- ◆ may have unanswered questions about what it means to be a Christian,
- ◆ understand that being Christ's friend, or Christian involves responsibility, and are open to dedicating their everyday lives to God.

Face to Face allows the opportunity to:

- ◆ Rediscover Christ's presence
- ◆ Gain fresh understanding of God's Transforming grace
- ◆ Form friendships that foster faith and spiritual maturity
- ◆ With no overnights, it is open to come with your spouse
- ◆ Takes place over the course of a few weeks at a church or community center