



BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY JULY 2004 NEWSLETTER



August Hullabaloo Gathering

Our August HULLABALOO Gathering will be held on Saturday, August 21st at the Methodist Church in Brenham. The auction will begin around 4:30 with supper and worship following. Donations for the auction are needed: smaller items (in value) for the silent auction and larger items for the live auction. This event is always lots of fun and helps keep our community running financially. Heading up the host committee for this year's Hullabaloo are Frank and Louise Goodrich. Contact them at 979-836-9198 or fgoodrich@bvemmaus.org to volunteer to help!

Sponsor Youth for our Chrysalis Flights—NOW

Boy's Flight #6 will be July 21-24 at Bryan FUMC. Lay Director is Cully Lipsey, 979-846-6182, <flight06@bvemmaus.org> and Spiritual Director is Rev. Tony Taylor,

Girl's Flight #7 will be August 4-7 at Tanglewood Christian Camp near Rockdale. Lay Director is Mary Kamas, 979-828-4223, <flight07@bvemmaus.org> and Spiritual Director is Rev. Phyllis Carey.

The word **chrysalis** symbolizes the change a caterpillar goes through to turn into a beautiful butterfly. We are confident that God is in control and He will create Chrysalis Flights that are more beautiful than we can imagine.

Pray for the Caterpillars. We don't know who they are but God does. Consider youth that you might sponsor!! Please pray for Cully and Mary and the teams as they prepare. Sign up for the Prayer Vigil and if you can help in any way please contact Cully or Mary.

Just as we are counting on Christ, He is counting on all of us to make these flights successful.

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Support the Chrysalis Flights

What kind of support is needed? All of these listed below are critically important!!

- 1) The Chrysalis Flights need more youth participants. Talk to the youth at your church. Ask your youth director which youth might benefit from attending. Invite the youth and be their sponsor. Sponsoring is very similar to Emmaus, with the addition that you are asked to be sure that butterfly decorations are put in the Butterfly's room to greet them on their return. Contact Board members Mary Stevens, Dana Wacasey or Debbie Black (phone numbers on cover) if you have registration questions or concerns.
- 2) The Chrysalis Flights need agape.—the same pillow and dining room agape that pilgrims on Walks enjoy receiving. Please take some time to make agape for the Flights. Look at the listing of team members and send it with one of them—or phone either Flight LD for names of other folks helping from your area.
- 3) The Chrysalis Flights need prayer. Please signup on the prayer vigil. See further info below.
- 4) The Chrysalis Flights need folks to come to Candlelight and Closing. The Flights run Wednesday thru Saturday, so Candlelight is on FRIDAY night. Closing is on Saturday afternoon about 4 pm.

Where are the Flights going to be held?

The Boys' Flight is at First United Methodist in Bryan, located at 506 E 28th St. From Texas Avenue in the downtown area of Bryan, turn east onto 28th Street and the church is one block. Candlelight worship will be in the main Sanctuary.

The Girls' Flight is at Tanglewood Christian Camp located in Tanglewood, Texas between Lexington and Rockdale, Texas. Once you get to the community of Tanglewood on highway 77, turn west on CR 415 and the camp is about 1/2 mile down CR 415. Signs will be posted and folks will be there to direct you to the building where Candlelight worship will be held.

Prayer Vigils

The prayer vigils for both the boys' and girls' Chrysalis Flights need a lot of prayer time slots filled. God will bless you anyway, but especially if you are involved in his work, like praying for the youth. Please consider signing up today. If you know someone who does not have a computer or internet access, please remind them to sign up, they can phone me at 979-836-9198.

God Bless Y'all, Frank Goodrich

Boys' Flight #6—Culley Lipsey LD <Flight06@bvemmaus.org> , Rev. Tony Taylor, Spiritual Director. Rev. Guy Pry, Rev. Wesley Welborn, Ben Bagley, Cody Bailey, Bill Birdwell, Barry Black, Jim Bob Busby, Keith Christensen, Jacob Crawford, Mark Dziobala, K.C.Kamas, Eric Michael, Monty Michael, Andrew Perry, Ray Rodriguez

Girls' Flight #7—Mary Kamas, LD <Flight07@bvemmaus.org >, Melba Madison, Board Rep., Rev. Phyllis Carey, Spiritual Director. Rev. Amy Harrelson, Rev. Cathy Meyenberg, Rev. Frances Sidenblad, Rev. Dick White, Kerri Black, Debbie Brantley, Lisa Bridge, Casey Christensen, Candace Cross, Cari Deboard, Jeanne Elam, Cynthia Hanks, Shirley Perry, Nicole Pitts, Clarissa Rodriguez, Julie Wilson, April Wotipka

Team Selection

With the Teams already chosen for the Fall '04 Walks, it is now time to select Teams for the Spring of '05. If you have never worked on a Walk, it is a wonderful, uplifting experience. If you have already worked on a Walk and want to see lives changed, consider sending in your name.

If you haven't worked on a Walk, it is suggested that you work on the Support Team first so you get the overview of how a Walk works. It is a time to be an anonymous servant and is a big blessing.

To submit your request, contact any of the Team Selection committee members: Jim Smith, Joe Veale, Marcy Norman and Sally Miller. Or contact any of the Board members. Blessings in Christ, Sally Miller

International Agape Ministry

An exciting new ministry is being started in our BVEC community. It is an International agape and prayer ministry. Do you remember on your walks seeing letters from all over the world? Well, we are going one step further and sending a small piece of agape to walks taking place in South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Puerto Rico, Sweden and possibly Hong Kong. The walks in Sweden are Walks #3 and #4. We have also asked the different communities if we can be a part of their 72 hour prayer vigil.

This is a BIG undertaking for our community, but it is also an exciting outreach. If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry - either by having a prayer spot, or by helping with agape (a lot of the ideas have been worked out, we just need willing workers), please contact Carolyn Bush @ 979-828-3464 or e-mail me @ wcbush@quixnet.net . This ministry is not being financed by our general fund by just through personal agape gifts. DeColores - Carolyn Bush

Think CHRYSALIS— Flights have agape needs just like Walks. Please support our youth!!

Think CHRYSALIS—Flights need support folks just like Walks! They also have Candlelight!!

Plan Ahead for Fall Walks

It's time to get pilgrim applications in for the fall walks.

September 23-26 Women's Walk #57 at Camp Tejas—Lay Director: Pat Mynar, Spiritual Director: Rev. Glen Schoeneberg

October 14-17 Men's Walk #58 at Camp Tejas—Lay Director: Keith Kamas, Spiritual Director: Rev. Leonard Navarre

Reunion Groups

We are in urgent need of a listing of all the Reunion Groups. I am writing this letter to request that if you are currently involved in a reunion group that you contact me immediately with the following information:

1. Name of group
2. Location of meeting
3. Day and time of meeting
4. Open for new members?
5. Contact information

Please contact me as soon as possible. I will make the list available through the Internet, in Closing packets, and in the newsletter. Send info to: Virgil Price, 505 Cardinal Lane, Bellville, Texas 77418
Phone: 979 865-5986 E-mail: bigstoy@aol.com

From the Community Lay Director

I often ask myself, "Why do I always act surprised when our Father answers a prayer?" Maybe the feeling I have is not surprise but "a wonderful warm feeling of gratitude and realization that my Father God is bigger than any obstacle one can image and his Will, will be done." As a family of God's Children you know what I am talking about.

We, the Brazos Valley Emmaus/Chrysalis Community, are so blessed to be part of this fantastic group of fellow believers that want to live out our life as Christ's disciples. The Chrysalis teams are busy preparing for the Flights with Cully Lipsey as Lay Director and Rev. Tony Taylor as Spiritual Director on the Boy's Flight, July 21-24th. The Girl's Flight, August 4-7th, is lead by Mary Kamas, Lay Director and Phyllis Carey, Spiritual Director. We are so thankful for EVERYONE that they have said Yes! in working on the Flights and pray that God will use these individuals as his instruments in bringing some of our young people closer to Christ.

Would you like to help? As the Brazos Valley Emmaus/Chrysalis family, you can be a vital part of each and every Flight/Walk by praying. And, pray for the caterpillars that they will experience the love of our Father. **Is there a young person in your church, family or community that would consider attending a Flight?** At this moment in time, we only have 1 Boy and 3 Girls signed up. **Help us get the word to everyone and let them know.**

The Boy's Flight, #6 will be held at First United Methodist Church in Bryan, July 21st thru July 24th. The Girl's Flight, #7 will be held at this new camp, Tanglewood Christian Camp, August 4th thru 7th. **Please support our young people by coming to Candlelight on Friday night and Closing on Saturday afternoon.** We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Your sister in Christ,
Debbie Black
Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Lay Director

Nominations

Do you love serving the Lord? The purpose of Emmaus is to train leaders for the local church, but Emmaus cannot work without YOU!!!

.Have you ever considered serving on the Emmaus Board of Directors??? The Board is made up of people just like you. People looking to serve the pilgrims AND the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community. A ballot of those willing to serve is sent out in August. NOW is the time that the ballot is being compiled, so NOW is the time that your response is needed if you are willing to serve!! New Board begins serving in September.

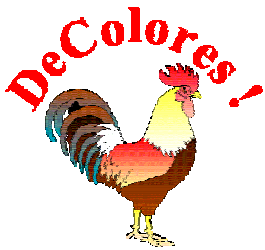
Serving on the Board requires the following:

- Serve a three year term. - Meet once a month and anyone is allowed to attend. - Lead a committee.
- Love your brothers and sisters. - Serve as the Board Rep on one or two Walks. - Other duties :)

You do not have to be an "Emmaus Expert" to serve on the Board. You just have to be willing to serve. Please call or email me to if you want to know some more details about serving your community. Remember: God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called!!!

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BVEC Community Calendar and Information

2004 Gatherings/Hoots

Tues, July 13—Somerville
UMC—7 pm worship with des-
sert

Sat, August 21—Hullabaloo—
Brenham UMC, 4:30 pm Auc-
tion, 5:30 covered dish supper.
Auction items needed. Contact
Frank and Louise Goodrich

Sat, Sept 11—Franklin UMC, 6
pm covered dish dinner, wor-
ship. Contact Adrienne Bailey.

Thur, October 7—Giddings
Lutheran, 7 pm worship with
dessert, contact Judy Winters.

Saturday, November 13— tba

Gatherings Chair: Dale
Wacasey, 979-693-5678

2004 Weekends

Boys' Chrysalis Flight 6—July 21-24—
Bryan UMC—LD: Cully Lipsey

Girls' Chrysalis Flight 7—August 4-7,
Tanglewood Christian Camp—LD:
Mary Kamas

Women's Walk 57— September 23-
26, Camp Tejas —LD: Pat Mynar

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Next Board Meeting

Board Meeting: August 3

**THINK CHRYSALIS!!
What are you doing to
support the Flights?**

Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Board

Lay Director: Debbie Black 979-828-5751

Spiritual Director: Rev. Tony Taylor 979-567-1746

Asst.Lay Director/Closing: Scarlett Taylor 979-567-7368

Team Selection: Sally Miller 979-696-2925

Secretary/ASD: Rev. Amy Haralson 979-7791324

Treasurer: Mary Stevens—979-774-5505

Training: Kay Polasek 979-846-6561

Reunion Grps/Site Selection: Virgil Price 979-865-5986

Registration: Melba Madison—979-779-6647

Gatherings: Dale Wacasey 979-693-5678

Nominations/Music: Lewis Wynn 979-567-4657,

Prayer Vigils/Communications: Frank Goodrich 979-836-9198

External Agape: Doug Perkins 281-893-0086

Asst Spiritual Director: Rev. David White 979-773-2728

Candlelight/Kitchen—Wayne Bush 979-828-3464

BVEC Board meetings are held at 6 pm on 1st Tuesdays at Christ
UMC, College Station, and are open to all. Send requested agenda
items or other written input to BVEC, PO Box 10491, College
Station, TX 77842. Your input is desired—please send suggestions
or criticisms in writing for distribution to the Board.