



BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY AUGUST 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. Come about 3 pm to help setup. 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!

Prepare Now for Fall Walks

It's time to get pilgrim applications in for the fall walks. There are still openings in both 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

Training for Walk Teams

Training for lay directors, assistant lay directors, table and assistant table leaders, and clergy continues to be on-going. Before each walk, some of the training committee members are involved with the workers for the upcoming walk. Members meet with the lay director individually, and group training goes on at an early team meeting, usually a Saturday morning. Clergy then usually works out meeting with the upcoming clergy leaders, as they can find time.

Training is a vital part of any walk. Experienced people assisting workers in understanding, focusing, and clarifying can do nothing but help each walk. It is our hope that we keep walks prepared to follow the Upper Room guide lines, and keep each walk as free of problems as possible. Each walk is to have as its focus Christ and the pilgrims. Nothing done or said should draw attention to anyone or anything else. Christ and the pilgrims are to be the center of each walk.

A big "thank you" goes to the members of the Training Committee for their work and help. Of course, no one part of Emmaus is independent. No walk would be a success without the help of numerous committees, inside and outside team workers, clergy members, prayer vigil-ers, agape makers, board members, and the pilgrims themselves. No one is an island, entire of itself. Thanks goes to each Emmaus helper, in whatever capacity the Lord leads him/her in. May our Lord be glorified by all that is done in and through Emmaus.
Blessings, Scarlett Taylor

YOU Are Asked to Help

I have heard a lot of people say that they have not been asked to help, and that they would be glad to help if they were asked. WELL, CONSIDER YOURSELF ASKED! Opportunities abound! Committees need to be filled for a one-year commitment. These include site setup, site closing, food at walks, candlelight, welcoming, agape for local and international walks, membership database, registration, newsletter and mailing, training under Board direction. The committees have succeeded when they have been filled and operating. The Chair is not expected to do all the work, but is encouraged to obtain a group from the BVEC to help and to train leaders for next year.

Great strides have been made in conforming to the directives of the Upper Room. Some of the changes seem to have caused unrest, but when put into action they have greatly benefited our community. All areas of our community continue to improve, including, but not limited to, training, communications, agape, selecting walk dates and sites, team selection and general administrative duties.

I urgently ask that you pray about helping to continue to make BVEC an outstanding community in service to God by sharing all the love that you have received as a result of going on a Walk to Emmaus. Contact any Board member to volunteer—their names and contact info are on the back cover of every newsletter.
In Christ's love, Dale Wacasey, Board Representative

Girls' Flight 6 Butterflies:

Katy Reed
 Rebecca (Becca) Vickers
 Anne Vickers
 Raquel Simone Gingerich
 Amylyn Dzierzanowski
 Lara Roye
 Ruth Michael
 Kate Misterek
 Nicole Robinson
 Nicki Rodenbeck
 Lauren Dittsurth
 Margaret Ables



Flight 6 Team: Mary Kamas, Rev. Phyllis Carey, Julie Wilson, Lisa Bridge, Kerri Black, Debbie Brantley, Emily Cambron, Casey Christensen, Candace Cross, Cari Deboard, Jeanne Elam, Cynthia Hanks, Rev. Amy Harrelson, Rev. Cathy Meyenberg, Nicole Pitts, Shirley Perry, Clarissa Rodriguez, Rev. Frances Sidenblad, Rev. Dick White, April Wotipka

From the Chrysalis Flight 6 Lay Director:

Wow! What an amazing journey this has been! At every step of the way I watched in awe as God worked to bring together the team He had hand-picked to serve the fourteen young women He would eventually draw to Girls' Chrysalis Flight #6. Yes, there were a few detours along the way, but with God directing the path; it was an amazing, faith-building process. I am so grateful and honored to have served as the Lay Director of this Flight.

I would like to thank each member of the team for her/his Christ-honoring witness. I experienced God's love and grace through each one of you and I'm certain the caterpillar/butterflies did as well.

And to the beautiful butterflies of Chrysalis Flight #6: It was an absolute delight to be a part of your Chrysalis experience. You are each a uniquely designed daughter of God, precious in His sight. Go out in His power and love and change the world one person at a time!

“...since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.” Col. 1:9-12

Plans are being made to schedule and organize Chrysalis Hoots in the Brazos Valley Emmaus/Chrysalis Community. If you would like to help in this area, please contact Debbie Black, one of the other BVEC Board members, or me.

Fly with Christ!

Mary Kamas
 Lay Director
 Chrysalis Flight #6
 979-828-4223

From the Community Lay Director

At the Closing of each Walk or Flight, the Community Lay Director welcomes the new members into our wonderful family of fellow believers and further encourages and invites their service and attendance with future Walks, Gatherings, Hoots, Prayer Vigil, etc. Do you remember? For some of us, this was just a short time ago and for some it has been several years since we began our Next Steps or our Fourth Day.

Staying Connected with our new friends and having the honor to sponsor someone on a Flight or Walk is very rewarding. As well as, confirms God is using Emmaus and Chrysalis to help further his Kingdom and fulfilling a small part of God's purpose.

As your Community Lay Director this last year, I have been awe-struck when I see all the "heart" and work that is being done, for God's glory, to help the new pilgrims and caterpillars in their Walk with our Lord. There are so many things done and things provided by God's servants without even asking. For all of you out there, WE THANK YOU!

To all the Team for the Boy's Chrysalis that worked hard, made many sacrifices and then we did not receive enough applicants to host the Flight, WE THANK YOU! These individuals were wonderful examples of true disciples with a servant's heart. WE THANK YOU!

To all the Lay Directors in the past, those right now working for the Lord and for those that have not even been selected, WE THANK YOU! The Lay Directors have an awesome responsibility in leading God's Walks/Flights.

For ALL of God's Servants in our Community, the Brazos Valley Emmaus/Chrysalis Board THANKS YOU!! As God's Servant, I would like to ask you to uplift your Emmaus friends with your words, your actions and prayers. Even your attendance at a Gathering, Candlelight, Gathering, etc. is an act of Agape Love. And we all know, both the giver and receiver are blessed.

God Bless You!
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Debbie Black

Prayer Vigils

The prayer vigils for both the fall Walks 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 Walks. Please consider signing up today. The Women's vigil is at www.bvemmas.org/vigil57.html and the Men's vigil is at www.bvemmas.org/vigil58.html. 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

Reunion Groups

We are in urgent need of a listing of all the Reunion Groups. Please don't assume that because your group was on a list at one time that you need not respond this time. 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: bigvstoy@aol.com

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BVEC Community Calendar and Information

2004 Gatherings/Hoots

Sat, August 21—Hullabaloo—
Brenham UMC, 4:30 pm Auc-
tion, 5:30 covered dish supper.
Auction items needed. Contact
Frank and Louise Goodrich,
979-836-9198

Sat, Sept 11—Franklin UMC,
5:30 pm covered dish dinner,
worship. 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

Upcoming Walks

Women's Walk 57—September 23-
26, Camp Tejas —LD: Pat Mynar;
SD: Rev. Glen Schoeneberg

Men's Walk 58—October 14-17,
Camp Tejas —LD: Keith Kamas;
Rev. Leonard Navarre

Women's Walk 59— February 3-6,
Camp Tejas

Men's Walk 60— February 17-20,
Camp Tejas

Next Board Meeting

Board Meeting: September 7, Christ
UMC, 6 pm.

Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Board

Lay Director: Debbie Black 979-828-5751

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

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Team Selection: Sally Miller 979-696-2925

Secretary/ASD: Rev. Amy Haralson 979-7791324

Treasurer: Mary Stevens—979-774-5505

Training: Scarlett Taylor 979-567-7368

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

Candlelight/Kitchen—Wayne Bush 979-828-3464

Past LD: Kay Polasek 979-846-6561

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.