



## BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY JANUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER



### Supporting the Walks—What You Need to Know

There are many things you can do to support Walks. They are:

Pray for the pilgrims and team on Women's Walk #59 (February 10-13) and Men's Walk #60 (February 24-27) at Tanglewood Christian Camp, Tanglewood, Texas. Prayer is the most important support you can provide. Cover them in prayer all weekend. Remember what is happening at particular times and pray for the talks and events.

Attend Candlelight! Candlelight for the Women's Walk is February 12th in the chapel at Camp Tanglewood at 7:30 pm. The Men's Candlelight is February 26th and will also be in the chapel at Camp Tanglewood. Wear a white shirt (if possible) to Candlelight along with your nametag and cross. Take your red songbook and purple worship book. Remember how exciting and touching it was to see all those folks at your Candlelight? Make it a priority to attend these Candlelights.

Be sure to send your agape items to camp, or take them to Candlelight. Also, homemade goods and snacks are much appreciated by pilgrims and team. Send your favorite goodies to the site. If you have a pilgrim on the Walk, send his/her favorite goodies.

Are you signed up for the prayer vigil? If not, see info on how to do that on page 3. Are you a good friend of one of the speakers? Go to camp to the Speaker Prayer room to pray with him/her prior to the talk. Again, cover them with prayer throughout the Walk. Go to Closing on Sunday afternoon. You will be inspired and renewed by the pilgrim's testimonies. See You there!!!!!!!!!!!!

### March Gathering

Our **March Gathering will be held on Saturday March 12th at the Methodist Church in Waller.** The Gathering will begin with a covered-dish dinner @ 5:30 pm and be followed by worship. Go and welcome the pilgrims from Walks #59 and #60. Take family and friends, a covered dish or tasty dessert, your red songbook, and purple worship book. Remember to wear your cross and nametag. Contact person is Phyllis Carey (936-372-3907). If you haven't attended a gathering in awhile, **PLEASE COME! WE MISS YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Gatherings are a great place to renew that Emmaus spirit and see fellow Emmausites you may not have seen for awhile. There is lots of laughter and many hugs to be had by all. So, come one, come all!!

### Committee Members Needed

Each member of the Board is asked to head a committee. Well, to have a committee you need committee members. The Board would like to extend a welcome to any of you who would like to serve on any of the various committees. We would like to have someone from each community (Houston, Franklin, Brenham, Caldwell, Madisonville, Bryan/College Station, Giddings, Navasota, Somerville, Rockdale, Milano, and...please forgive me if I left your community out) serving on every committee. The various committees are listed before each board member's name on the web page at [bvemmaus.org](http://bvemmaus.org). Committees are an excellent way to become involved, as well as meet other members of this community.

**Women's Walk # 59 Team**

Christi Swaggerty, Lay Director	Rev. Cherry Moore, Spiritual Director	
Melba Madison, Board Rep	Judy Ball	Barbara Benson
Cindy Cross	Pam Ferro	Sue Housely
Marilyn Koch	Libby May	Connie Mendel
Linda Meyers	Marcy Norman	Jean Smith
Diane Surovik	Becky Stracener	Judy Veale
Louise Warrick	Paula Wilson	Jolene Wickel
Pam Wiley	Rev. Amy Haralson	Rev. Marie Mickey
Rev. Leonard Navarre	Rev. Wesley Welborn	
Support Team Coordinator: Adrienne Bailey		

**Men's Walk # 60 Team**

Michael Koehn, Lay Director	Rev. John Warren, Spiritual Director	
Ken Hayes , Board Rep	Julian Ayala	Allen Baytes
David Boyle	David Broadhurst	Ken Cooke
Skip Dent	Greg Felder	Irven King
Steve Noack	Sunny Norwood	Jesse Parr
Gary Pietsch	Chris Proctor	Buddy Oney
Joe Veale	Doug Westfall	Rev. Chris Norton
Rev. Sheldon Johnson		
Support Team Coordinators: Doug & Patrice Summerour		

**Save Postage—Get This Newsletter Electronically**

Newsletters are expensive to print and mail. Currently, we are sending out over 1600 newsletters. Last year this community paid approximately \$4,000 for postage and printing of the newsletter. If you are willing to receive the BVEC newsletter via email, please fill out the enclosed postcard and return it as soon as possible. If you have responded to previous requests, there is no need to send the postcard.

**Get Regular Announcements and Prayer Requests**

Did you know that BVEC has an email listserve? It is [bv-emmaus@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bv-emmaus@yahoogroups.com). This is a free subscription that comes into your inbox. There are about 3-4 messages each week, some are announcements or community information, and others are prayer requests. To subscribe, send an email message to [news@bvemmaus.org](mailto:news@bvemmaus.org) and give the email address at which you'd like to receive the info. You can also send an email message in which you include your "name and table" to [bv-emmaus-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bv-emmaus-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**From the Registrar**

We have two walks coming up in the very near future. There are still spaces available. If you have a person in mind to sponsor, please pray about it and consider asking that person to participate in a walk. It might be the best decision that a person has made in a long time. Registration forms are on-line at [bvemmaus.org](http://bvemmaus.org). Time is of the essence as the first of these walks will begin February 10th. Please mail your registration forms to the P.O. Box or email them to me at [smiller@bvemmaus.org](mailto:smiller@bvemmaus.org). De Colores, Sally Miller

## From the Community Lay Director

Dear Emmaus Community,

I do hope that you have had a good Christmas season and are ready for a blessed 2005. As I was thinking about these special times of the year when planning to write this note to you, I thought too of the difficulties these times may bring. Sometimes, Christmas season is hard because of the loss of a loved one, or because of sickness, or because of a loved one being far away. Now that I am older, I, too, have experienced these kinds of hurts, and I have come to realize that these are times that can draw us closer to our Lord. He will be our strength. We can draw closer to Him, in all things, or He gives us the choice to blame Him, or go away from Him. He loves us that much! His Word tells us He is faithful, that He never leaves us. I know that you know He is, and that He won't! Praise His Blessed Name!

Our time with the new BV Emmaus Board has gone so fast. Election of new Board Members was completed in August. And then at election of officers in September, we spent some time with Upper Room Representative Dr. Dick Gilmore. He assessed our community's functioning and gave us some insight into our community. In October, we spent most of a Saturday together going through the Handbook, and planning events of the year ahead. One important planning we did begin was revision of our By-Laws. Members for the committee were considered and were to be contacted. After that, we found ourselves involved with Lay Directors Pat Mynar and Keith Kamas as they carried out Walks #57 and #58. So much goes on behind the scenes, training, keeping teams completed and prepared, agape gathering, and so much more. Candlelight was exciting for both groups, and attendance was great. Thanks, Community, for being there. In November, we tried out area gatherings, and have received reports that, for the most part, they were successes. Then at our Board Meeting we set some specific goals for committee leadership, which Dr. Gilmore had admonished us about, and began to work at involvement of more community members in each of the various committees. In December we had a break, with no scheduled Board Meeting, but we were back at work January 4, 2005, with our first Board Meeting of the year. We have had some times of seeing things differently, and times of misunderstanding, just as all families do. But, I feel a genuine desire on the part of the Board to do the best to help Brazos Valley Emmaus Community grow, and through it to draw men and women closer to our risen Lord, which is the underlying goal after all. De Colores, Scarlette Taylor 979-567-7368; staylor@bvemmaus.org

## Prayer Vigils

The prayer vigils for both the upcoming Walks have many time slots which have not been filled. Please consider signing up today. The Women's vigil is on-line at [www.bvemmaus.org/vigil59.html](http://www.bvemmaus.org/vigil59.html) and the Men's vigil is at [www.bvemmaus.org/vigil60.html](http://www.bvemmaus.org/vigil60.html). If you know someone who does not have a computer or internet access, please remind them to sign up. They may phone Gary Lancaster at 979-690-0717.

## Chrysalis is Coming!

We have exciting news! Chrysalis flights have been scheduled for this summer as follows:

Girl's Flight #7- Lay Director, Mary Stevens - July 6-9

Boy's Flight #8 - Lay Director, Culley Lipsey - July 20-23

Both flights will be held at First United Methodist Church of Bryan. Please be in prayer for these flights. We need lots of support. If you are interested in serving on the teams, helping outside, or helping in any other way, please contact me. We are especially looking for persons to serve as kitchen coordinators to prepare meals for these flights. We are excited about these flights and look forward to seeing what God has in store. Mark your calendars today and begin praying about whom you might sponsor. Fly With Christ, Keith Kamas

## What is the Logistics Committee?

The Logistics Committee is a committee that takes care of many aspects of the Walk. We are “behind the scenes” people. The Support Coordinator is part of this committee. Before each Walk, we will be responsible for making sure all needed items are provided. During each Walk, we will be there to help keep the Walk running smoothly. There will be many helpers needed, some full time and others part time. I am looking for a “few good men and women” from **each** community who would be willing to help. Please call me at 979-828-3464 or e-mail me at wcbush@quixnet.net. De Colores, Carolyn Bush

## Communications

The Communications Committee is responsible for assembling, publishing, and mailing of the newsletter, maintaining the community data base and maintaining the list serve and web site. Kathy Kothmann (with assistance from her reunion group in readying the newsletter for mail) has for years performed these tasks and has recently been assisted by Ben Polasek on some of the computer work. I would like to express my thanks to Kathy and Ben for the unselfish hours they have spent on these duties. It is now a time for a change in the guard. I am asking anyone who can help with any of these responsibilities to be a part of the Communications Committee. We need someone from each community who can serve as reporter and furnish community news articles for the newsletter. We need people who are computer literate to edit the newsletter, others to maintain the data base, the list serve, and the web site. Also, we need a group of people who can meet periodically to get the newsletters ready for mail. If you can help in any way please contact me at 979-777-0182 or e-mail me at bexco@tca.net. De Colores, Mary Stevens

## It's Never Too Early

Our annual Hullabaloo is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th, 4:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station. We will have a live and a silent auction, as well as a meal and worship service. Please be thinking about what articles you can donate for the auctions. You might also consider asking local businesses for donations. The Hullabaloo is one of our biggest fund raisers and provides scholarship money for those who otherwise may not be able to attend. If you have items to donate you may take them to any of the prior gatherings, or contact any board member. They would be willing to collect the items from you. The Hullabaloo is always a lot of fun. Mark your calendars now. See You There!!!!!!

## Board Resignations

Unfortunately, over the last three months, three board members have, after much prayer, felt they needed to resign their positions on the board. Rev. Leonard Navarre, Rev. Amy Haralson, and Debbie Black will be missed. We appreciate their service to the Community and pray God's blessings over each one. We Love You, the BVEC Board Members.

## Emmaus Polo Shirts

For the past two years, the BVEC has had a white community shirt. They are nice, well made shirts with the rooster logo. Until now, we have been able to offer them at the cost of \$15. However, due to the increase in their costs to the community, we are now having to raise the price to \$20. We hope you understand.

## Team Selection

The team selection committee is looking for members, especially community members who have just attended a Walk. We need members who would like to serve on the conference room team for Emmaus Walks or Chrysalis Flights. It is another special gift from God to serve in this manner. Each team has four training meetings prior to the Walk/Flight, so that they will be well prepared. If you would like to be considered for a team, please phone me at 979-836-9198 or email me at [frankgoodrich@msn.com](mailto:frankgoodrich@msn.com). Louise Goodrich, Team Selection

## Agape Committee

The Emmaus board has decided to change the way we do a few things to better comply with the Upper Room Handbook and to involve more community members. One thing that will change is the collection and distribution of agape. Starting with the summer Chrysalis Flights, I will try to have one person in every community to collect the agape and get it to me. The agape committee will take the agape to the camp for it to be sorted and distributed. This will insure all agape gets to the camp in an efficient manner. Please be encouraged to make, buy, and give agape to the Walks/Flights. There have been times we have run short of agape before the Walks have ended. If you would like to be on this committee or know of a few community members who would like to get involved, please phone or email me. You may bring or send agape to me for the February men's or women's Walks, and I will insure it gets to the camp. De Colores, Frank Goodrich 979-836-9198, [frankgoodrich@msn.com](mailto:frankgoodrich@msn.com)

## Reunion Group Committee

Reunion Group Committee members are needed from each community. These members would be responsible for maintaining a list of reunion groups in their community and their meeting times. All interested parties should contact Melba Madison at 979-691-7319 or [mmadison@bvemmaus.org](mailto:mmadison@bvemmaus.org).

## Articles Needed

**This space available. Please submit your news articles for future publications. Share your joys and concerns with the community. Share your 4th Day with the community. This newsletter is for you. We welcome any article contributions. E-mail Mary Stevens @ [mstevens@bvemmaus.org](mailto:mstevens@bvemmaus.org).**

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## BVEC Community Calendar and Information

### 2005

#### Gatherings/Hoots

March 12th @ 5:30 p.m.,  
United Methodist Church,  
Waller, TX—covered dish

April 9th, Elizabeth Lu-  
theran, Caldwell, TX—  
times to be announced

May 7th, First Baptist  
Church, Caldwell—times to  
be announced

August 6th—  
HULLABALOO—4:00  
p.m., Christ UMC, College  
Station, TX

November 12th, First  
UMC, Brenham—times to  
be announced

### Upcoming Walks

Women's Walk #59— Febru-  
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tian Camp, Christi Swag-  
gerty, LD - Cherry Moore,  
SD

Men's Walk #60— February  
24-27, Tanglewood Christian  
Camp, Michael Koehn, LD -  
Rev. John Warren, SD

Women's Walk #61—  
September 15-18, Judy Veale,  
LD

Men's Walk #62—October  
13-16, Joe Veale, LD

### Next Board Meeting

February 1, 6:30 p.m.

### 2004-2005 Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Board

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Spiritual Director: Rev. Cherry Moore—979-822-4223

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BVEC Board meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Christ UMC, College Station, and **are open to all**. Please send requested agenda items or other written comments to Scarlette Taylor at [staylor@bvemmas.org](mailto:staylor@bvemmas.org). Your comments are appreciated and welcomed. Please send suggestions or criticisms in writing for distribution to the Board to BVEC, P.O. Box 10491, College Station, TX, 77842. BVEC is under covenant with the Upper Room for all aspects of our operations: Board meetings, committee functions, conducting Walks and our 4th day servanthood support..