



BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
SEPTEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER



**FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

I am so proud to be a part of the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community!! As Lay Director of the Community, I am able to observe many aspects of our community and what I see is a community of love, sharing, concern, joy, faith and more. We are a membership of many, all striving in our own unique ways to serve Christ. At the same time, we serve as One as we prepare for Walks, Gatherings, Candlelights, Fundraisers, when we join in prayer for our fellow members, family and friends, and as we gather to honor our fellow members who have now joined Christ in His kingdom. I have heard wonderful stories of those serving and giving to the victims of hurricane Katrina. It is indeed an honor to be called a member of the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community.

I would like to thank those who participated in our annual fundraiser, our Hullabaloo. Not only did we have a great time of fellowship with one another, we raised \$4,229.50. With these proceeds, we can fund scholarships for pilgrims and team members. We do not want money ever to be the reason for someone being unable to attend the walk as a pilgrim or work a walk as a team member. Thanks to the generosity and big hearts of the community, we can reach that goal. THANK YOU!!!!

In the midst of our joy, our community has experienced loss and our hearts grieve even though we know those we loved are now in Heaven, where there is no more pain, no more tears. Rev. Phyllis Carey and Buddy Oney touched our lives with their caring spirits, their smiles, and their love of the Lord. We will miss them both but their memories and the lessons of their lives will live on in our hearts and our minds. Members of our community have also lost loved ones and to these we extend our love and condolences; Al and Suzy Ammon on the loss of their son, Jane Pulley on the loss of her husband, and Frank Goodrich on the death of his sister. And to those who are grieving for loved ones of whom we are unaware, we also extend our love and condolences. May god Bless each of you and give you the Peace that passes understanding.

DeColores,  
Mary Stevens

**FACE OF EMMAUS**

On Sunday morning when you walk into church, who is it that has that great smile on their face that still makes you think about your walk to Emmaus? Who always seems to know the dates of the walks and who is on them from your church? If that person is you then **WE NEED YOU!** We are looking for church coordinators to help spread the work about Emmaus events. We are looking for one or two people from each church in the Brazos Valley community to help. We need people to be the face of Emmaus in their church. The coordinator would be given a list of all members of their church who have attended a walk or are on the mailing list. We would also ask that they keep those members informed as to when and where events such as gatherings and walks are happening, who pilgrims are from their church, help people find out about Emmaus and help new members get connected after they attend the walk.

If this is how you feel Christ calling you to be his hands and feet, please call Cheryl (Veale)Merryman at (832) 715-2964 or email her at [cmerryman@bvemmaus.org](mailto:cmerryman@bvemmaus.org).

As you know, the Women's Walk #61 will be starting this Thursday. There are many things you can do to support the Walks. They are:

Pray, Pray, Pray. Pray for the pilgrims (we have a full Women's walk-42 ladies) and pray for the team (this is a time when Satan is really at work to disrupt). Prayer is the most important support you can provide.

Attend Candlelight! The candlelight will be Saturday night, September 18th in the chapel at Camp Tanglewood at 7:30 p.m. The Men's candlelight will be October 15th and will also be in the chapel at Camp Tanglewood. Camp Tanglewood is located in Tanglewood, Texas between Lexington and Rockdale, Texas. Just off Highway 77. There is a sign at the turn-off. Bring along your nametag, your cross, your red songbook and purple worship book. Make it a priority to attend these Candlelights.

Be sure to send your agape items to camp. Please have them counted so that it makes it easier for the outside team. There are 42 pilgrims or 65 for pilgrims and team members.

Sign up for prayer vigil. Prayer is the key. You receive such a blessing and feel such a part of the walks when you spend some time in prayer. The website has a list of all of the pilgrims and team members. Use that list to bring each person before the Lord in prayer.

Go to Closing on Sunday afternoon. You will be inspired and renewed by the pilgrim's testimonies.

It takes the whole community acting as One to conduct a Walk to Emmaus. Hope to see you there!!!

## WELCOME!!

We want to welcome the new members of our community from the summer Chrysalis Flights.

Cherise Charanza  
Hannah Dysinger  
Mollie Honnas  
Michelle Mathis  
Samantha Perry  
Taylor William  
Matthew Kamas  
Stephen Gehring

Andrea Davis  
Blair Fields  
LeeAnn Jurden  
Shannon Myles  
Jamie Pierson  
Abby Williams  
Jess Allen  
Kody Moore

Erin Dickson  
Chenise Fisher  
Felicia Martinez  
Rachel Newton  
Elizabeth Jo Stanley  
Cody Broadhurst  
Ryan Davidson  
Andrew Wolfe

### Get Regular Announcements and Prayer Requests

We have been talking about our website. If you have not been to the website yet, we invite you to check it out. It is [bv-emmaus@yahoo.com](mailto:bv-emmaus@yahoo.com). This is a free subscription that comes into your inbox. If you would like to have the latest announcements, community information and prayer requests, please subscribe. To subscribe, send an email message to [news@bvemmaus.org](mailto:news@bvemmaus.org) and give your email address. The Board is also trying to send as many of our newsletter out electronically. This saves on postage. If you regularly go to your email, then consider receiving your newsletter this way. Just go to [news@bvemmaus.org](mailto:news@bvemmaus.org) and enter your name and email address.

## Pray for the Teams on Walk #61 and #62

### Women's Walk #61 Team

Judy Veale, Lay Director	Rev. David White, Spiritual Director	
Mary Stevens, Board Rep	Tobi Gourley	Sandi Sefcik
Erin Pounders	Molly Metcalf	Judy Etheredge
Paula Price	Sally Miller	Carolyn Bush
Noelle Daugherty	Cheryl Merryman	Christy Bankston
JoAnn McDougal	Carol Morris	Lynn Stutts
Rev. Cherry Moore	Kay Polasek	Rev. Marie Mickey
Adrienne Bailey	Kathy Ghiselli	Rev. Leonard Navarre
Melissa Williams		

Support Team Coordinators: Judy Winters and Cheryl Barton

### Men's Walk #62 Team

Joe Veale, Lay Director	Rev. Bob Kristensen, Spiritual Director	
Gary Lancaster, Board Rep.	Jerry Seykora	Andy McDougal
Marvin Morris	Anthony Taylor	Davis Mallard
Randy Brockley	Virgil Price	James Koch
James Smith	Pat Baker	Don Dobbs
Tom Lee	Ed Halcrow	Charlie Young
Don Cravens	Rev. Kathy Harrell	Rev. Danny Barrett
Rev. Laurinda Kwistkowski	Rev. Tony Taylor	

### PRAYER VIGILS

The prayer vigils for both the upcoming Walks have many time slots which have not been filled. Please consider signing up today. Both the Women's vigil and the Men's vigil can be found on our website at: [bvemmaus.org](http://bvemmaus.org). If you do not have access to the web, please feel free to contact Gary Lancaster at 979-6990-0717 to request a time slot.

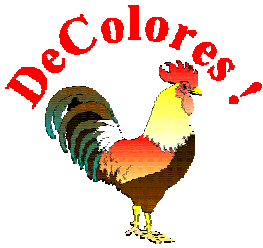
*This article is a rerun from the last issue. We would certainly like for you to share with the community the way God has been made real in your life as a result of your Emmaus experience.*

### FAITH IN ACTION

FAITH IN ACTION is the name of a new column that will be in upcoming newsletters. The BVEC wants to hear about what the Walk to Emmaus is inspiring it's members to do on their Fourth Day! As Christians we are called to witness about what God has done in our lives. Please consider sharing how your life has changed, how God is using you, where you have plugged in, what your reunion group means to you, or what God has you doing these days. This is your opportunity to witness, to touch lives, and to inspire others to be Christ's representatives in our hurting world! E-mail your article to [mstevens@bvemmaus.org](mailto:mstevens@bvemmaus.org) or mail it to BVEC, P.O. Box 10941, College Station, Texas, 77842. Depending on the response, the BVEC will try to print all articles received in a timely manner.

Example: Before Emmaus I was not involved in any church activities or Bible studies. Since my Walk I have been in and led many Bible studies, I sing in the choir, have gone on a youth mission trip, and now serve as parking lot greeter for my church. This past weekend I went with a Sunday School class to Teague, Texas to help a church with the finishing touches of their church refurbishment. I am a member of Thee Reunion Group which has been my mainstay in times of needs and joys—Mary Stevens

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## BVEC Community Calendar and Information

### Remaining 2004 Gatherings/Hoots

Saturday, Nov 12th— First  
UMC, Brenham— at 5:00 PM  
December—no Gathering

Gatherings Chair: Cheryl  
Merryman,

Host churches are needed for  
all of 2006. Please prayerfully  
consider being the contact  
person at your church for a  
Gathering and choose the  
month that is best for you to  
host a Gathering!

### Upcoming Walks

Women's Walk 61— Sept 15-  
18, Tanglewood Christian  
Camp, LD: Judy Veale; SD:  
David White

Men's Walk 62— Oct 13-16,  
Tanglewood Christian  
Camp, LD: Joe Veale; SD:

Rev. Bob Kristensen

### Next Board Meeting

Board Meeting: Oct. 3 Christ  
UMC, 6 pm. **Open to the  
Community**

### 2004-2005 Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Board

Lay Director: Mary Stevens 979-777-0182

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BVEC Board meetings are held at 6 pm on 1st Tuesdays at Christ UMC, College Station, and are **open to all**. Please 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 written for distribution to the Board. 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.

**Bedias**—Phylis Johnson (936)395-0175

( Women) Thursday 9 am, Bedias UMC

**Bellville**—Bruce Ueckert (979) 865-2177

(Men) Upper Room, Tuesday 6:30 am, Newman's Bakery, Steve Honeycutt 865-9348

(W) This Day RF, Tuesday 12:30 pm, Wanda Beil's home 865-8767

(W) Sisters in the Spirit (SIS), Wednesday 9:30 am, Wanda Beil's home, 865-8767

(M) Men's Group, Saturday, 7:30 am, Newman's Bakery, Bruce Ueckert 865-2177

**Brenham**—Frank Goodrich, (979) 836-9198

(W) His Sheep, Friday 9 am, FUMC/CR, Louise Goodrich 836-9198

(W) His Lambs, Thursday 11 am, Must Be Heaven Rest., Patrice Summerour (936) 878-1896

(M) Fireman's Park Boys, Saturday 7:00 am, Fireman's Park, Doug Summerour

**Bryan/College Station**—Stephanie Pope, (979) 731-8675

(M) Roosters, Thursday noon, Briarcrest Country Club, Jim Smith, 823-4818

(M&W) Open Circle, Thursday noon, A&M UMC conference room, Patsy Harris 776-6056

(W) Restoration, Thursday 11:45 am, Jean Bailey, 693-6577

(W) Thee Group, Tuesday 12:30 pm, TBA, Mary Stevens, 774-5505

(M) Men's Group, Monday 6:30 am, Villa Maria McDonald's, Jesse Wenzel 774-6261

(W) High Point, online group which meets monthly for a meal, Beth Barnes, 776-1820

(W) Pilgrim's Progress, Tuesday 11:30 am, location varies, Stephanie Pope 731-8675

(W) Our Savior Lives, 11:45 am, 1st & 3rd Wednesday @ Briarcrest Country Club

(W) Two or More, Thursday, 12:15 pm, Kay Polasek 846-6561

(M&W) Shining Light, Thursday 12:15 pm, College of Veterinary Medicine TAMU, Rm 102 VMS Bldg. Judy Ball 845-7910 or  
Becky Parr 845-88013

(W) Wee Three Sheep, Every Other Monday lunch or at 5:30 pm Christy Swaggerty 693-5144 at College Station

**Burton**—Jim & Terry Busby, (979) 278-3500

(M&W) Rainbow Walkers, Thursday 7am, St. John's UCC, Jerry Wickel 289-3913

(M&W) Rainbow Walkers, Thursday 6 pm, St. John's UCC, Jim & Terry Busby 278-3500

**Caldwell**—Sharon Novosad ( 979) 272-8375

(M) Sunrise 3—Wednesday, 6:30 am, FBC, Bob Towslee 567-4501

(W) Sonshine, TBA and 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm Sharon Novosad 272-8375

(W) Unity Sisters, Thursday 6 pm, Dairy Queen, Diane Surovik 56-9714

(W) Marantha 2, Friday, 2 pm TBA, Pat Niles 567-4151

(M) Bell Ringers, Saturday 7:30 am, Surrey Inn Restaurant, Lewis Wynn 567-7495 or Robert Lee 567-7721

(W) Saturday Sisters, Saturday 7:30 am, Mad Hatter's Tea Room, Scarlett Taylor 567-7368

**Cameron**—Rickey Williams (254)697-6461

(M) Brothers of Forgiveness, Tuesday 7 am, Texan Café

Reunion Groups, con't.

**Cypress-NW Houston**, - Bobette Gambrell (281) 304-0229

(M) One Heart, Monday 6:30 pm, Starbuck's @ 1960

(M) One Heart, Monday 6 pm, Cy-Fair Christian Church

(W) One Heart, Tuesday 8:15 am, Cy-Fair Christian Church

(M) One Heart, Tuesday 11:30 am, Cy-Fair Christian Church

(M) One Heart, Tuesday 6:15 pm, Cy-Fair Christian Church

(W) One Heart, 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Cy-Fair Christian Church

(W) One Heart, Thursday at noon, Judy Veale (713) 562-5523

(M) One Heart, Monday 8am, Cy-Fair Christian Church

(M&W) The Vine, Wednesday 8:00 pm at Cindy and Michael Jones, (281)890-7439

**Deanville**—James Schumacher, (979) 535-4205

(M&W) Sonlight of Deanville, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, St. John's Lutheran Church

**Franklin**—Keith Kamas (979) 828-4223

(M) Daybreakers, Thursday 6:30 am @ Franklin UMC

(W) Wednesday, 5:15 pm @ Franklin UMC

**Giddings**—Jennifer Placke (979)542-0899

(W) First/Third Monday Women's Group, FUMC, Sitter service available, Jerri Lynn Varnado  
884-3323

(W) Every other Monday, 5:30 pm at Jennifer Placke's 542-0899

(W) Walking Humbly, Tuesday 6:30 am, Sundays TBA, Ellen Prewett 542-5021

(W) The Wanderers, Tuesday 7 am, 1st Presbyterian, Judy Winters 542-1129 or Faye Terry 542-0601

(W) The Seekers, 2nd Tuesday noon, Texas Grill, Katherine Evans 542-2216

(W) Women's Group, Tuesday 3:30, Giddings Elementary Library, Sally Stone, 542-3236

(W) Chi Alpha, online group, Emily Prewett, Emilymaura@mail.utexas.edu

(W) Bereans, Monday 12:00 pm, Giddings High School, L'Anna Dock 542-2394, Idock@giddings.txed.net

**Hempstead**—Joy Younts (979) 826-8678

(M&W) Happy Doers, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 pm, FUMC, Ruth Connett 826-2458

(M&W) Walking in Faith, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm, FUMC, Cari Herr 826-4332

**Houston**—Sue Walsh (281) 497-6621

M & W) Fresh Grace, Tuesdays 7 pm, Spring Branch Christian Church, Sue Walsh 497-6621

**Rockdale**—John Warren (512)446-3711

(M&W) DeColores, Wednesdays 7 am, St. John's United Methodist, John Warren 446-3711

**Round Top**—Ken Sidenblad, (979) 278-3393

(M) Rainbow Walkers, Thursday, 7 pm, Rocking Horse Ranch, Ken Sidenblad 278-3393

This is the list of Reunion Groups that we have. If your group is not listed, please contact Carolyn Bush at cbush@bvemmas.org., and I will include it on our list.