



**BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
MARCH 2006 NEWSLETTER**



**WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

**Walk #63—Sally Miller, LD**

Gail Bennett	LaGrange, Tx.	Jana Dehmer	Brenham, Tx.
Lori Dehmer	Brenham, Tx.	Sondra Dixon	Brenham, Tx.
Theresa Dougherty	College Station, Tx.	Elaine Gibbs	Lexington, Tx.
Lisa Grismer	Rockdale, Tx.	Jennifer Harkless	Tomball, Tx.
Jerri Hughes	Franklin, Tx.	Eleanor Hunt	College Station, Tx.
Corrine Jetter	Brenham, Tx.	Leonette Johnson	Leander, Tx.
Redith Kiser	Bryan, Tx.	Cinda Lewis	Lexington, Tx.
Helen Menn	Bryan, Tx.	Kenya Mitchell	Brenham, Tx.
Jackie Ruth Moffett	Caldwell, Tx.	Temesha Pruett	Brenham, Tx.
Christine Raab	Pflugerville, Tx.	Elsie Rose Reliford	Burton, Tx.
Ulonda Rogers	Bryan, Tx.	Jane Rouse	Dime Box, Tx.
Julie Russell	Houston, Tx.	Priscilla Smith	College Station, Tx.
Amy Smith	Lovelady, Tx.	Kathy Spurger	Giddings, Tx.
JoAnna Stevens	Cameron, Tx.	Erma Taylor	Cameron, Tx.
D'Lynn Thompson	Rockdale, Tx.	Carolyn Tibbitts	Hilltop Lakes, Tx.
Gwen VanCleave	Cameron, Tx.	Naomi Wallace	Navasota, Tx.
Demira McDermott-Wallace	Cameron, Tx.	Rebecca Watts	Brenham, Tx.
Monica McDermott-Ward	Hearne, Tx.	Bonnie Winner	College Station, Tx.

**Walk #64—Jim Smith, LD**

Neil Ahrendt	Lexington, Tx.	Don Anderson	The Woodlands, Tx.
Lloyd Bearden	Brenham, Tx.	Tim Carpenter	Cypress, Tx.
David Claridge	College Station, Tx.	Nick Columbetti	Bryan, Tx.
Tom Cox	Brenham, Tx.	Donell Travis	Bryan, Tx.
J. Matt Everett	Lexington, Tx.	Matt Ferguson	College Station, Tx.
Marcus Flowers	Cameron, Tx.	Mark J. Gabriel	College Station, Tx.
Darrel Goodnight	Somerville, Tx.	Thomas Huffman	Thrall, Tx.
Gary L. Jetter, II	Brenham, Tx.	William F. Lanigan	Brenham, Tx.
Charles McGary	Brenham, Tx.	B.R. Neel	Hilltop Lakes, Tx.
Lloyd Powell	Brenham, Tx.	Jeff Riley	Bryan, Tx.
Michael Roman	Killeen, Tx.	Greg Stasny	Somerville, Tx.
Eric Stribling	Houston, Tx.	Ernest Taylor, Sr.	Cameron, Tx.
Julius Taylor	Brenham, Tx.	Eddie Tibbitts	Hilltop Lakes, Tx.
Clyde Phillip VanCleave	Cameron, Tx.	Donald Washington	Chappell Hill, Tx.
W. Todd Watson	College Station, Tx.	Dennis Wilganowski	Bryan, Tx.

***We pray that God will use each of you in your church and in this community.***

WOW!! I am so honored to be a part of such a wonderful community which has blessed my life so much. I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for supporting me as your new community Lay Director. I am so excited and I look forward to serving and working with each one of you.

First, I would again, like to welcome the newest members of our Emmaus Community from Walks #63 and #64. I would like to invite and encourage you to find a reunion group, attend gatherings, future walks, and participate in prayer vigils. I look forward to getting to know each one of you. Thank you, Sally Miller and Jim Smith, Lay Directors for Walks #63 and #64. Thank you to everyone who helped make these walks a huge success.

May your Fourth Days draw you closer to Christ and remember God will not forget your work and the love you have shown to Him by your service, past and present, to his holy people. Hebrews 6:10

Blessings and DeColores,  
Adrienne Bailey

### A NOTE FROM SALLY MILLER

What a joyous three days we had watching God work in the lives of the pilgrims and team of Walk #63! We had a full walk of 36 pilgrims and one of the best Teams ever! We had great speakers, great clergy support and great music. The Support Team outdid themselves to make the Conference Team have an easy time of it. The agape was wonderful and blessed each one of us. I am sorry that all of you couldn't see the skits, posters, songs, poems, etc. We all laughed until our sides hurt, cried until our mascara ran and clapped until our hands were sore! All together, the Walk was a beautiful thing in which to participate. There will never be another like it.

I would like to thank the Board for encouraging me to step out of my comfort zone and take on the Lay Director role. It stretched me in ways I had no idea I needed to stretch.

God bless you all.  
DeColores,  
Sally Miller

### A SHORT STORY by JIM SMITH

Men's Walk #64, February 23-26 was held at Tanglewood Christian Camp. Thirty men, seated at 6 tables, from varied family backgrounds and Christian denominations (an ecumenical group) completed their walk in a record seventy-two hours. (Community record is tied by 64 teams at seventy-two hours each).

New to the community and perhaps to Walks everywhere were a couple of projects assigned by ALDs. The "Life of Piety" talk was projected by a "cattle brand", and the "Means of Grace" talk had an "airplane trailing banner" as it's project.

The music team provided an Italian ensemble from the Olympics as the Walk enjoyed its Saturday night banquet with an old world atmosphere. Security was tight as it must be at the Olympics, but all of our group made it into the banquet hall without too much hassle.

Emphasized during the walk was the need for men to take a leadership role in their family, their church and in organizations such as the Emmaus Community. The benefits and blessings from group reunion were discussed and emphasized by several speakers on Sunday.

It was a great walk, but you really had to be there to appreciate it completely.

DeColores,  
Jim Smith

*The community wants to give a big "THANK YOU" to Jim and Sally for all their leadership, and also to all of the clergy, outside teams and sponsors who participated in Walks #63 and #64.*

## CHERRY MOORE, OUR SPIRITUAL LAY DIRECTOR, SHARES:

I have been impressed recently with the truth that Emmaus is a leadership development tool. From the youngest pilgrim to the most experienced team member, we each have opportunities to learn new skills that help us develop as leaders. I can see the growth and change in myself since I have been involved in Emmaus.

I had this epiphany after Candlelight of Women's Walk to Emmaus #64: I was sitting in the darkened chapel near the end of our time there and I found myself weeping gently. I have learned that this weeping usually happens when the Spirit is near. I asked "what do these tears mean? What emotion am I feeling?" The answer was "gratitude." As I analyzed it, it seemed to me to be gratitude for the privilege of seeing growth and change among members of the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community.

I have been involved with this group of people long enough to have begun to see growth and change in individuals and in our fellowship. In my work as chaplain for Hospice Brazos Valley, I see a lot of decline and death. I am grateful that God has placed all of you in my life. You balance out my ministry experience and help me grow and change.

### EPIPHANY #7 at GIDDING STATE SCHOOL

Michael and I are serving on Epiphany #7 at the Giddings State School on April 28-30, 2006. For the past 3 years, Epiphany has been our 4th Day Experiences. Many of our team members are from the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community. It's an awesome ministry with team members from Emmaus and other 3-day weekend such as Aggie Awakening, Tres Dias, Cursillo, etc.

This time I am the agape coordinator. Agape is very limited for the "stars". Poster and letters are shared with them along with a prayer chain. This really is touching to these 30 young men (ages 13-21). Some have no idea of what "love" is, even from their family, much less the love of the family of Christ. If any one would like to send any of the following agape, please make arrangements with me to have it by April 26th.

Posters and letters: Make them colorful; but NO stickers, glitter, or "stuff" attached. Anyone under 18 should only sign their first name. Include words of encouragement, Bible verses, Christian symbols/drawings, etc.

If you would like pray, I will need to know what day (Thursday thru Sunday), time (30 minutes), name (last name is optional) and city. My email is cmjones77065@yahoo.com

Most importantly, if anyone would like to come to closing on Sunday afternoon, you will not regret the blessing you will receive when you see how God worked in these "stars" lives during the weekend. We do not have sponsors for the "stars", so we have to depend on Christian friends from the outside for the closing ceremony. If you are interested, go to this website to get the rules and application to attend:

[Http://www.geocities.com/giddings\\_epiphany/Closing.html](http://www.geocities.com/giddings_epiphany/Closing.html)

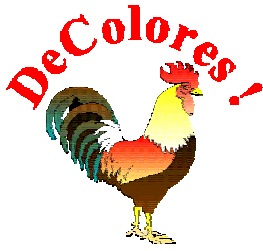
DeColores! Cindy (Hackler) Jones, Table of Ruth, Walk #12, Camp Tejas

### EPIPHANY #8 MART, TEXAS

I am the coordinator for Agape for the Epiphany \*8 at the Mart TYC (Texas Youth Commission). The Epiphany will be held May 5-7 and will reach out to at least 36 young men who are in dire need of knowing Christ. These young men are always excited to see that others outside of their unit have an interest in them. Would you please send Agape, in the form of paper ONLY to diane@castello.com. Your prayers are requested. If you chose to mail Agape, my address is 4104 N. 27th, Waco, TX 76708. Keep in mind that Table Agape must NOT have any staples, lamination, stickers or string/rope.

May your day be blessed with the many graces of God. Diane Castello

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## BVEC Community Calendar and Information

### 2006 Gatherings

Gatherings are always on the 1st Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

**April 1** - St. John's UMC,  
Rockdale- at 5:00 PM

*John Warren 512-446-5853*

**May 6** - Caldwell UMC

**June 3** - Burton UCC

Gatherings Chair: Cheryl Merryman,

*A Reminder: Please bring a covered dish for you and your family and a little more. We don't want to run out of food!*

### Upcoming Walks

Girls Chrysalis Flight—June 14-17. FUMC-Caldwell

Shirley Perry, L.D.

Boy's Flight—July 5-8, FUMC

Bryan; Mort Kothman L.D.

Women's Walk 65—Sept 14-17. Tanglewood Christian Camp, LD: Hilda Baker

Men's Walk 66—Oct 12-15, Tanglewood Christian Camp, LD: Ken Haye

### Next Board Meeting

Board Meeting: April 4 Christ UMC, 6 pm. **Open to the Community**

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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.