



BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY
MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER



Support the Community

Today I read a great quote from author Rick Warren. It said, “*The best use of life is love, The best expression of love is **time**, the best time to love is now.*” The Emmaus community has been built on showing the love and grace of our Lord. We are now going into a very busy season for the community. Summer is just around the corner, which means the June gathering on the 3rd, the Girl’s Chrysalis on June 14-17, the Boy’s Flight on July 5-9, the Hullabaloo in August. Then the Fall brings the Women’s Walk #65 in September and the Men’s Walk #66 in October. It takes the whole community’s help to meet the needs of all these activities. Please be willing to show your love for the Lord and this community be sharing some of your time to help.

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.
- 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. There is a list of agape needs on page 3.
- 3) The Chrysalis Flights need prayer. Please sign up on the prayer vigil. See further information on the next page.
- 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 **Girl’s Flight** is at First United Methodist Church in Caldwell. The church is located at 306 W. Fox.

The **Boys’ Flight** is at First United Methodist in Bryan, Located at 506 E. 28th St.

June Gathering

June 3rd is the date. St. John’s United Church of Christ in Burton is the place for the June Gathering. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m., followed by our Worship and Praise time. Bring your favorite dish, your family and friends, purple worship book, little red songbook, nametag and cross and come!!

St. John’s UCC is located at 516 Colorado St. in Burton. The church’s phone is 979-289-2485. The contact persons are Jerry and Jolene Wickel, 979-289-3013.

To get to the church, travel between Brenham and Giddings on Hwy 290 to Burton, take the first exit and head for the water tower. The church is across the street from it.

We are looking forward to seeing you there for another time of refreshment and rejoicing together and also preparation for our next walks. Be part of the Blessing and join us.

Sponsor Youth for our Chrysalis Flights—NOW

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

On May 6th, the board met together at the Crossroads Retreat Center. We had a wonderful day of training with Bill and JoAnne Stowe from the Upper Room. They assured us that they were not “the Emmaus police” but rather were there to remind us and reassure us that our community is doing a GOOD job. It was really a refreshing time for the Board together. Speaking of the Board, last month we accepted three resignations from Board members. That leaves a big hole in the leadership of your community. One of the positions has been filled by Andrew Perry. We thank the Lord for finding people who are willing to step in the gap where they are needed. We are looking for three more people who are enthusiastic about Emmaus and ready to help lead this community. If you are willing, or you know anyone who is willing, please contact Adrienne Bailey, our Community Lay Director, at abaily@bvemmaus.com.

We train for many things in Emmaus: good sponsorship, team service, 4th day work, music, and on and on. But the most important training is what the Holy Spirit does along with our will and desire in training our hearts toward Jesus. If our hearts are well-trained than we will be good sponsors, good team members, good members of the Body of Christ. *“As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” Eph. 5:16b (NLT)* We want to be a whole body that is healthy and growing and full of love.

We are excited to have filled the leadership for the February Men’s Walk. The Lay Director will be Marvin Morris. Please remember to pray for our Lay Directors. Hilda Baker and Ken Hayes, the Lay Directors for the Fall, and Marvin Morris and Jean Smith, Lay Directors for the February walks.

DeColores,
Carolyn Bush

Lost and Found

Dear Community,

We have a large number of members who are lost and we need to find them. If you know their current address, please let us know:

Abendano, Victor	Arthen, Susan	Bankston, Dale	Beaman, Jason
Binion, Scott	Brooks, Jeanie	Brown, Richard R.	Burlin, Elaine
Campbell, Jack	Cobia, Rick	Cckerham, Cathy	Colburn, Terry
Corpora, Marshann	Crabbe, Andre	Dapprich, Charlene	Drew, Paula
Fitzpatrick, Marc	Fogle, Rick III	French, Gretchen	Fuchs, Aimee
Gerzik, Roger	Giordano, Dona	Green, James	Hart, Scott
Heaton, Paul	Henderson, Evan	Henley, Alicia	Hollas, Teresa
Holt, Roxane	Jacobs, Jeff	Keratsopoulos, Teri	King, Tim
Knight, Todree	Kuznieski, Dean	Lattimore, Robert	Linder, Marty
McGraw, Holly	McAbee, Bea	McJimsey, Karen	Mager, Mary
Martinez, Alicia	Meaker, Robert	Miller, Trayce	Montgomery, Chad
Moore, Chuck	Namke, Stacy	Orsag, Amy	Pinnell, Peggy
Pitchford, Gregory	Praesel, Pamela	Price, Dana	Quick, Jeff
Reed, Larry	Reliford, Elsie	Ripkowski, Kenny	Ross, Chester
StRomaine, Sally	Schulze, Nancy	Shaw, Bryan	Shaw, Bill
Sherman, Cathy	Taylor, Julius	Toalson, Bonnie	Turnage, David

Attention Musicians & Vocalists!!!

As the Music Chairperson for the Board, I am developing a database consisting of those people who are interested in sharing their musical skills at future Gathering, at Candlelight, and on a Conference Room Team. We need musicians and vocalists. PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME that I know that you have skills or served on a past music team. Please contact me at jbusby@bvemmaus.org Jim Busby

CHERRY MOORE, OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, SHARES:

I have often been asked: "Should I have morning devotions? I'm not a morning person. Isn't after work or before bed just as good?"

Until recently I said that the time of day didn't matter, but I have changed my mind. I had the opportunity to hear a lecture by a physician who works with alcoholics and addicts. He told about a fairly new research on the brain that shows that there is a bundle of neurons in the front of the brain, behind the eyes, that sets the tone in the brain for the day. It turns out that much depends on what we focus on first thing in the morning.

The Psalmist knew that. Church fathers and mothers have known it for centuries. Now there is science to prove they were right all along. I'm being more intentional about spending morning time with God. I recommend it.

Psalm 5:3 "In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice, in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Prayer Vigils—Gary Lancaster

It is once again Prayer Vigil time, only this time, we have four prayer vigils. Chrysalis Flights #8 and #9. Walks #65 and #66. The Flights are coming up soon and there are a lot of vacant slots to fill. You will find all of these on the Emmaus web page. We all know that prayer works, and is the heart and soul of the walks.

If you have trouble signing up on the web, please e-mail me at glancaster@bvemmaus.org. Please consider signing up today.

A Big Thank You

We would like to thank the members of the Caldwell UMC for the fantastic job they did of serving the community this month. The Gathering, which was held on May 6th, was a wonderful and blessed event. Our speakers, Bill and JoAnne Stowe, from the Upper Room, held a training section for us. They also had a question and answer time.

We had a good crowd, and it was wonderful to see "old" friends and to meet and make "new" ones. If you missed this one, consider making the next one in Burton. I'm sure that you won't regret it.

There will be a Kairos Prison Ministry weekend on July 5-9. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Monica McDermott-Ward at 979-279-6121

Chrysalis Agape Needs

(For Boys and Girls Walks)

Conference Room Drink Cups (50)
 Sharpened Pencils (50)
 Bathroom Cups (50)
 Letter Bags (24)
 Candleholders with Candles (24)
 Butterfly Pins
 Cloth Bags for Worship Books, etc. (32)
 9x12 White Closing Packet Envelopes
 Table Notebooks (32)
 Secretary Table Notebooks (4)
 Bags for Agape (32)
 Bags with handles for Closing (24)
 Crown/Halos (48)
 Poster Board (50 sheets)
 Refresh Craft Boxes for Tables (4)
 Large Butterflies to decorate camp for last day (36)
 Please contact Frank Goodrich to help fulfill these needs. 979-836-9198 or frankgoodrich@msn.com

HULLABALOO

Coming—August 5th
 Annual fund-raiser for Scholarships

Central Texas Conference Emmaus Gathering 2006
1st UMC, 313 N. Center St., Arlington, Texas 76022
June 24, 2006 817-274-2571

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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.

June 3 - Burton UCC
516 Colorado St.
Burton, Texas

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! Also remember to bring your nametag, your red song-

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 Hays

Next Board Meeting

Board Meeting: June 5 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.