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### BVEC Community Calendar and Information

#### Remaining 2007 Gatherings/Hoots

October 6—Fourth Day  
Meeting for new Pilgrims  
and their sponsors &  
Team @ 4:00 PM  
Gathering @ 5:00 PM  
1st United Methodist—  
Franklin

November 3—1st United  
Methodist—Brenham  
@ 5 PM

**All Flights and  
Walks held at  
Cross Roads  
Retreat Center  
Chriesman**

### Future Walk Dates

The BVEC is going to try something new! We are setting future Walk dates for the 1st and 3rd Weekends in April and October. This is being done for the following reasons 1) April & Oct are cooler months, 2) September is hard because of Fall Festivals, County Fairs and having to have team meetings over the holidays. Another big plus would be that by putting the Women's Walk on the 1st weekend of the month the Candlelight will actually BE the monthly Gathering and allow us to have two (2) Community wide events in months with Walks instead of three (3). Each event requires a music team, clergy, speakers, etc... so by combining a Gathering with a Candlelight, when they are only a week apart, will be a huge benefit for the Community.

## BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER



### Thank You!

The five (5) new board members that you elect on the enclosed ballot have some big shoes to fill, and on behalf of the BVEC I'd like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Carolyn Bush who selflessly made sure every Agape need for each and every walk was met, Jim Busby who spent an enormous amount of time and energy not only lining up music for the walks and Gatherings, but oversaw from beginning to end, the completion of the new music books for musicians and community members, Gary Lancaster who kept our Prayer Vigils online and up to date, Keith Kamas our invaluable Treasurer, Chrysalis Chair, and indefatigable wearer of many hats, and Louise Goodrich who so beautifully organized and transformed our monthly Gatherings.

Our dear brother in Christ, Leonard Navarre, has been called to serve a church in New Mexico. We will deeply miss his wisdom, energy and humor and our sweet sister in Christ, Jean Smith, passed away recently. Her gentle guidance and invaluable insights are sorely missed.

#### 2007-2008 Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Board

Community Lay Director—Hilda Baker 979-567-0218  
Asst Community Lay Director—Jim Smith 979-823-4818  
Treasurer, Keith Kamas 979-828-4223  
Secretary, Marlene Coffman—512-560-5525  
Agape, Carolyn Bush—979-828-3464  
Candlelight, Marlene Coffman—512-560-5525  
Chrysalis, Keith Kamas—979-828-4223  
Gatherings, Louise Goodrich—979-836-9198  
Group Reunion, Bill Elliott—281-372-6222  
Music, Jim Busby—979-278-3500  
Newsletters/Mailouts—Ed Wetterman—979-535-3802  
Nominations—Dana Wacasey—979-693-5678  
Prayer Vigil/Chapel, Gary Lancaster—979-690-0717  
Registration, Jim Smith—979-823-4818  
Site Set Up/Take Down, Andrew Perry—979-272-7406  
Team Selection, Patrice Summerour—936-878-1896  
Training, Sally Miller—979-693-2925  
Web Administration, Design, Data Management, Marlene Coffman—512-560-5525

A huge thank you to Ed Wetterman and Dana Wacasey for graciously agreeing to share their precious time, talent and expertise by filling these two uncompleted terms on the BVEC Board.

Our Community has been blessed beyond belief by the hard working servant leadership of all of these Board Members, past and present, and I hope that if you see them you will take a moment to express your personal appreciation for their service.

Hilda Baker  
Lay Director  
Walk #14, Table of Mary

## From Cindy Cross, Women's Lay Director—Walk #69

Oh what joy floods my soul as I reflect on Walk #69! The Outside and Inside Teams were truly fashioned by God, focusing their love and labor on the precious 33 Pilgrims God placed on this Walk. I will be forever grateful for the sacrifice by each team member. These Pilgrims loved, prayed, laughed, wept, shared and worshipped with their whole hearts. They were so sweet to one another and were delighted to have met Christ on the Walk to Emmaus. The Community's support through prayer, agape, and their presence at Candlelight and Closing declared God's unconditional and abundant love. God's marvelous grace was evidenced as He lavishly poured out His blessings on all who participated on Walk # 69. HE REIGNS!

## From Harry Ray, Men's Lay Director—Walk #70

As I look back on the Walk 70, my tendency is to admire the preparation and competency of all who served. I marvel at the effectiveness of the talks, how the Holy Spirit filled the chapel services and how much care we received from all in the support teams. But these are just technical matters that reflect everyone's commitment to serve our Lord by conducting a well planned and effective program. Far more important was how God used this wonderful time and team effort to move the Holy Spirit into the hearts of the pilgrims. We marveled at how fast the pilgrim tables came together on Friday and grew closer as the weekend progressed. There is no question that priorities were changed to reflect lives that are more in tune with God's teaching and direction. It was a wonderful thing to witness. Praise God for answered prayer. Through Walk 70, He has prepared a new cadre of believers with the commitment and perseverance to live for Christ and serve our world.

# Welcome New Pilgrims!

### WOMEN'S WALK #69

Amberlee Akshar, Giddings  
Verda Beasley, College Station  
Melissa Beckermann, Brenham  
Lanice Bertsch, Prairie Valley  
Bonni Bowden, College Station  
Ryan Broussard, Spring  
Carolyn Derrisaw, Franklin  
Liz Gabriel, College Station  
Kathleen Gregory, College Station  
Lacey Harper, Caldwell  
Kimberlee Harris, Brenham  
Jean Herzik, Giddings  
Pat Hobbs, Caldwell  
Coleen Holmes, Bryan  
Tiffany Jenkins, Brenham  
Linda Kelso, Madisonville  
Janice Kerlee, College Station  
Brenda Knesek, Caldwell  
Theresa Lebeck, Brenham  
Paula Lopez, Chappell Hill  
Jan Lynn, Lexington  
Angela McCorkle, Bryan  
Wendy Manuel, Taylor  
Jeanna Morgan, Houston  
Melissa Poarch, Brenham  
Cyndi Quian, Houston

Joanna Reyna, Brenham  
Joyce Schlechte, Houston

Mary Seals, Bryan  
Diana See, Bryan  
Joyce Strickland, Rosenberg  
Linda Weld, Chappell Hill  
Susan Wolf, Houston  
Trisha Zatopek, Giddings

### Women's Walk

#71

April 3-6, 2008

Linda Myers, Lay Director

### Men's Walk

#72

April 17-20, 2008

Sam LaBarbera, Lay Director

### MEN'S WALK #70

Don Dean, Bedias  
Kevin Deatherage, New Braunfels  
Scott Elliott, Texico, NM  
Robert Evans, Brenham  
Hector Garcia, Brenham  
Frank Hagler, Chappell Hill  
Todd Helms, Round Rock  
Monty Hunt, Bryan  
Donnie Huston, Brenham  
Kenneth Klimple, Lyons  
Chris Lott, Brenham  
Russell Moffett, Deanville  
Jon Mostyn, Brenham  
Robert Pursley, Brenham  
Charles Pye, College Station  
Paul Reyna, Brenham  
Leon Rummel, Bryan  
Leslie Sandel, Madisonville  
Ryan Schoenegerg, Burton  
Tony Slayton, Brenham  
Eric Sytsma, Lubbock  
Thomas Vasovski, Bryan  
Gary Westbrook, Bedias

## BIOS

### ARTHUR AVERITT

I am 54 years old, married for 32 years to Vicki Averitt who currently serves as an Associate Pastor at CUMC. We have three adult children. With 20 years of service, I currently serve as the Director of the Probation Department which serves Bastrop, Burleson, Lee and Washington Counties. I have played and sung music since high school and have always been involved in various forms of church music either through choirs, special groups and individual solos. From counting the number of wooden name tags in my closet, I must have worked at least 5 Walks since my own Walk 17 in October of 1997.

I see the call to work in Emmaus as an opportunity to serve God by loving others in Christian charity and witnessing to others through this service, and as a means of leading others to Christ and strengthening them as Christians to return to their home churches to serve God in new and more effective ways.

In particular, I see music as a vital and integral part of the Emmaus experience. Music is a spiritual pursuit, God-given and inspired. While music can be entertaining, in the spiritual sense it transcends mere entertainment and becomes a way to connect emotionally with God and with others in the group experience. For the Emmaus music team, this role becomes the primary focus, one of service and giving, rather than self gratification or personal recognition.

### MELISSA WILLIAMS

Hello, My name is Melissa Williams, Walk #26, table of Mary. I am seeking a position on the Brazos Valley Emmaus Board. I am interested in this position because I believe that our Emmaus community is vital to many people that have had the opportunity to experience God on their walk. It is my goal to see that our Emmaus community grows and others can receive the agape love of this wonderful weekend.

I am married to Romes (Walk #33) and we have three children (Christopher (Flight), Cari (Flight) and Craig. I have had the special privilege to have worked on several walks and shared several talks. It would be an honor to serve on this board.

### SUE HOUSELY

I went on Walk #16 and have been blessed to work 11 walks since then. I have worked on the Outside Teams, been an assistant Table Leader, a Table Leader, an Assistant Lay Director, and given three talks.

As you can see from my service, I am committed to Emmaus and its purpose of transforming lives for Christ and would like very much to put my experience to work on the Emmaus Board.

**ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL THIS TIME THAT WILL INCLUDE A BALLOT FOR VOTING.**

### CINDY CROSS

It would be an honor for me to serve on the BVEC Board of Directors. I desire to return back to this community my gratitude for making this marvelous Emmaus opportunity available. What better way than to be His servant? My life has truly been changed and continues to be changed through my Emmaus experiences. It is very important to me for fellow Christians to have the opportunity to enjoy this blessing for themselves. I will pray and work to ensure that this Emmaus instrument remains all that God intends for it to be. Christian leadership, growth, renewal, hope and joy unspeakable are just a few of the life changing experiences that I treasure and that many Pilgrims have cherished through their own Walk to Emmaus. I believe that it is God's will for men and women to have such sacred time with Him and I plan to help make this possible through my continued support and service to the Walk to Emmaus.

### DEREK FRENCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I would like to introduce myself. I am Derek French, Walk #60. I readily accepted the nomination to the Board and if elected I will joyfully serve this awesome Emmaus Community. From an humble pilgrim on Walk #60 to the inside team of Walk #64, I find myself wanting to do more. My wife, Connie, Walk #61, our son & daughter have deep roots and lots of family in the Brazos Valley. I am the Warehouse Manager for MHC, a local family operated business. I am committed to the Brazos Valley and the spiritual nourishment of our community.

### NANCY GOODELL

My name is Nancy Goodell. I attended Walk #49 at Camp Tejas on February 6-9, 2003. I was privileged to work on the outside team for Walk #61 and as a Table Leader on the inside team for Walk #65. The Walk to Emmaus has made a big impact on my life as well as that of my husband Forrest (Walk #48) and our two daughters Amy and Lori (both Walk #51). I am a part-time secretary at my church, Crossbridge Christian Church in Houston and also serve as a discussion leader with Bible Study Fellowship.

Over the past year I have helped Leonard Navarre put together the Emmaus Newsletter and have thoroughly enjoyed working with it. I would like to serve on the board to give back just a little of what I have received from being involved with 'The Walk to Emmaus.'

### MARILYN KOCH

My name is Marilyn Koch - wife of Jim Koch, mother of three sons - Jes, James and John. I had the pleasure of attending Walk #39, Table of Naomi, for the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community in the early summer of 2001. I have subsequently served as a "cook" for the Girl's Chrysalis in the summer of 2005, and as an assistant table leader on Walk #59 in February, 2004, where I delivered the talk on Christian Action. I was also blessed to be one of the assistant lay directors for Walk #67 last February, 2007, under the leadership of our dear sister, Jean Smith. I spoke on a Life in Piety at the most recent walk, and was so blessed to be a part of each one of these teams. I am married to a wonderful man, who also has a heart for the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community. Jim attended his Walk in 2003 (took me a couple of years to get him there) and he has worked several walks since his experience as a pilgrim. My son, Jes, who is now nineteen, attended a Chrysalis Flight in July, 2005.

We are members of First Baptist of Bryan. God is instrumental in our lives, and has directed us to active membership and growing ties in our local church family, and in the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community. I would be honored to be a member of the Board for the BVEC, if I am chosen.