



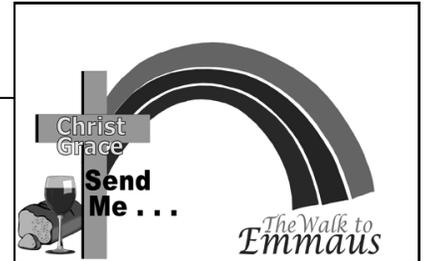
Brazos Valley Emmaus Community April 2010 Newsletter



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Community News by Nancy Goodell



Greetings to the Community in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

What an honor it is to again serve the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community as your Community Lay Director. I am humbled by the responsibility entrusted to me by the BVEC Board of Directors. This is going to be a very exciting upcoming year, and we have an awesome responsibility to be the hands and feet of Christ to a hurting world. Your new Board of Directors stands ready to serve the Community – they are an incredible group of talent and they desire to serve Jesus and the community as we begin this new year. Take the opportunity at the Gatherings to meet and get to know the Board that you have elected. We began the year on January 9th with our Board Meeting at First United Methodist Church in Somerville at which the Committee selections were made. You can contact the individual Board Members by going to the website bvemmaus.org and clicking on Board of Directors.

Now we are looking toward our upcoming walks: the Women’s Walk #79 on April 8-11 with Debbie Brantley as the Lay Director and the Men’s Walk #80 on April 22-25 with Joddie Carlile as the Lay Director. You can help make these Walks a success by going to the website and signing up for the prayer vigil for both the Women’s and Men’s Walk, making Agape and making sure it gets delivered to the camp prior to the Walk, filling out an application form, signing up to work on a team, and by sponsoring upcoming Christian leaders in your church to attend one of the Walks. They will be blessed as will your church when they come back ready to serve.

Let me take this opportunity to invite you to attend our monthly Gatherings held at various locations – you can find the location for each month by going to our website. The Gatherings are a wonderful time of Food (each person brings a covered dish), Fellowship and Worship with those Emmaus songs you love so much and a talk by a 4th Day Speaker just before Communion. We also have a short time of training of various matters and a 4th Day Meeting where we each get to share just like your own 4th Day Meetings. You will feel blessed when you leave.

Please be in prayer for our upcoming Walks . . .

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Nancy Goodell

Browse our new Data Management System
<http://bvec.inetmember.com> or look for a link on our website.

Our Next Walks

The next Women’s Walk #79 (Lay Director Debra Brantley) will be at Crossroads on April 8-11 and the next Men’s Walk #80 (Lay Director Joddie Carlile) will be at Crossroads on April 22-25 in Chriesman, Texas. Please prepare your Agape, pray, and come show your support and share the love of Christ with our Pilgrims.



The 2010-2011 Brazos Valley Emmaus Board

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Communication

Now HEAR THIS - If we have (or think we have) a current email address for you, this will be the last newsletter mailed via the US postal service you will receive unless you call or email me requesting otherwise. Mailings are a huge cost for us, so we are going to begin direct emailing the letter. This makes it even more important that you log onto the new website <http://bvec.inetmember.com>. Take a look at page 4 of this newsletter and just "git er done". The email will come from BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY@IMS-Common.com and is safe.

WARNING - The list serve is simply an [un-moderated Yahoo Group](#) [BVEC has limited controls](#). We ask that it be used only for prayer requests and the dissemination of community information. However, any BVEC member that is registered (or anyone with access to their computer) can send anything (including viruses) they like. We [do exclude attachments but we strongly recommend not](#) clicking on any link. Our new system will allow us a secure way of getting out the info (if folks will do their part and log in), but until then [the Yahoo group is monitored for abuse](#), however monitoring is "after the fact". Potentially harmful messages would have already been sent. We can and do restrict offending members from sending further messages to the group. Doug Summerour 979 451-5415

Agape Coordinator Cindy Cross

As members of the BVEC, you go above and beyond for every Walk. All agape- your prayer, letters, food and dining room/pillow agape affirm God's love to each of the Pilgrims.

Thank you for sending 65 pieces of dining room/pillow agape. During the Walks, Pilgrims now room with team members. Distributing pillow agape is much more efficient when 65 pieces of each agape item are sent.

Your cooperation, commitment and dedication to support this community with agape shows that God still uses PEOPLE to touch lives.

It is an honor to serve as agape coordinator for the BVEC. Please contact me at any time if I can be of assistance. My cell number is 979-575-0621.

Did You Know?

Did you know it takes approximately 70 people to serve just **one** weekend Walk? Thirty-three people are needed to serve on the Inside and Outside Teams which require a minimum of 3 days service. The BVEC Team Selection Committee is now accepting applications for the October 2010 Walks. Lay Directors for these Walks are Deanie Gold and Ed Wetterman. *We currently have only 18 applications for the Women's Walk and 3 for the Men's Walk.* To serve on one of these teams, please complete the team application to the address listed on the form NLT May 5th. Copies of the form may be obtained at Gatherings and at Candlelight as well as on the web www.bvemmas.org, or apply online at <http://bvec.inetmember.com>. For additional information, email Deborah Hildebrand at team_selection@bvemmas.org or debhildebrand@verizon.net.

If you're unable to get away for that amount of time but would like to serve, many opportunities still exist where you can volunteer for several hours and still receive credit for serving on an Outside Team. These include: working in the Kitchen (2 shifts daily for a total of 18 people); Facilities Set-up on Thursday (6 people) or Facilities Tear-down on Sunday (6 people); Welcoming Committee on Thursday evening (5 people); and Parking Attendants (2 each) for Arrival, Candlelight, and Closing. Each of these opportunities require a very minimal amount of your time and are vital to the Community's ability to proceed with a Walk. If interested in serving in one of these areas, please contact the following people:

Kitchen: Hilda Baker at (979) 567-7974 or at info@crossroadsretreat.org

Facilities Set-up/Tear-Down: Steve May at (979)778-0071

Welcoming Committee/Parking: Judy Ball at (936)788-1368



Music

Music is a large part of the Emmaus experience. On your walk, you sang the songs of Emmaus and many of you still have that one favorite that brings you back to your walk experience every time you hear it. To keep this part of Emmaus vibrant we need musicians. We need singers and players to provide leadership at gatherings and Candlelight. If you sing, play guitar, piano, keyboard, harmonica, accordion, tuba, or any other instrument, there is a place for you. Your time and talent is needed. If you want to be a part of this element of Emmaus I need to know who you are and your talent. Please call 979-209-4175 so I can get you on my list. I will contact you when a gathering is coming to a church near you so you can use your talent to lead the music team.

Dale Timian



We are very pleased to see a good number of community members are now using the IMS system, but we see the same problems occurring frequently with registering for the site the first time. So, here are a few tips to help with that:

1. If you are a first time user, you need to "Register" to use the site before you can sign-in, so click the "Register for Site" button.
2. The system uses your email address as your username, but remember it uses the email address that we had in our records, if you have changed email addresses you cannot register with the new email address and you may or may not be able to receive your password to the old address - So here's what you need to do:
3. Click on the "Register for Site" button then click the "I Need Assistance" button, which opens an online support ticket.
4. Fill out the ticket and include your new email address in the body text.
5. We will change your email in the system and send you a temporary password.
6. When you receive the password by email, go back and sign-in using you new email and the temporary password.
7. Once you get logged in then click the MENU>"YOU" and change your password to one of your liking, and make any other corrections in your info.
8. You must change your password, the temporary one will only work once.

If you are still having problems send me an email or call.
DeColores,Robert Read Walk 60

What can you do when you get Connected

- Signup to serve on a team
- Signup to serve as a volunteer
- Signup for Prayer Vigil
- Fill out a pilgrim application
- Join Manage and locate Reunion Groups
- Manage Your information (option to share what you want)
- View your Walk and fellow pilgrims
- View your Church Community
- Find a community member and contact them
- View who is on the Board and what committee each is serving on
- View Upcoming Walks
- View Historical Walks, pilgrims and team members

We urge you to visit the site NOW! If you don't wish to share your contact info, or to remain "unlisted" please click "Your Options" button and check your desired status.

If you do not have internet access you may still send in applications etc. in the mail.

The web address is: <http://bvec.inetmember.com> or use the link on our website



We need your Gators/Mules/Golf carts (with or without the owner)

For one day (Thursday check-in) or the whole weekend (for outside team use).

If you can help us out with this call Judith Ball (936) 788-1368

Reunion Groups

If you've started a new group, changed location or time, or just don't see your group listed on the website.

Call Beth Barnes (979) 731-8740

Concerns/Complaints

If you have a concern/complaint or what have you, please let us know. Call or email a Board member you know. If you don't know one, just pick one (not doug). We guarantee to listen and discuss it, and then get back with you. We meet every month, so let us know.

How to sign-up for a Prayer Vigil Slot for an upcoming Walk USING THE NEW SYSTEM

1. Sign-in using your email address and password.
2. "Mouse-Over" - "Community" and click on "Prayer Vigils"
3. You will see a screen titled "Pray Warrior Information" showing your name, city/state, and email address.
4. Make sure this info is correct and click "Select Walk" button.
5. Select the Walk you want by clicking the magnifying glass in the left column beside your desired Walk.
6. The next screen will be the Thursday evening of the Walk. You may change days using the "Select Day" drop-down.
7. Select the time slot you want by clicking on the green plus sign next to the time slot and your name will immediately appear.

If you made a mistake you can delete you name by clicking the red X beside your name.



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Schedule of Gatherings for 2010

Month	Date	Location	Address
February	February 6, 2010	First Baptist Caldwell	300 South Thomas St. Caldwell, TX
March	March 6, 2010	Bellville United Methodist Church	234 South Masonic St. Bellville, TX
May	May 1, 2010	First UMC Bryan	506 East 28th St. Bryan, TX
June	June 5, 2010	Not confirmed	
July	July 10, 2010	Not Confirmed	
August	August 7, 2010	St John's UCC (Hullabaloo)	Burton, Tx
September	September 11, 2010	Crossbridge Christian Church	15415 West Rd. Houston, TX
November	November 6, 2010	First UMC Brenham	408 N. Baylor St. Brenham, TX

Be sure and sign-in to our new online system and verify your information. If you are new to the community send an email to rdread@sbcglobal.net and we will get you entered into the new system.

The web address must be as follows (do not include www)
<http://bvec.inetmember.com>



We're on the Web!
www.bvemmaus.org



Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life,
No one comes to the Father except through Me
John 14:6

