

Hullabaloo 2010 to be held in Burton

The August gathering of the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community will be held on August 7, 2010 at St John's United Church of Christ in Burton. The August gathering is traditionally a Hullabaloo, which is the BVEC fundraiser for the year. The proceeds of this year's Hullabaloo Auctions will be primarily used (90% put into a separate account) for scholarships for future Walks. Scholarship funding is becoming more important in these difficult economic times, as our requests for scholarships have risen significantly and we would like to see that everyone who needs a scholarship (pilgrim or team member), gets one. The community's generosity has been great in the past and with the Board's resolution to set aside the 90% this year, we believe it will be the best yet.

In addition to the usual food, fellowship, and joyful worship, there will be two different styles of auction held. There will be a Silent Auction, in which everyone will browse the tables displaying the items to be sold, and can keep upping their written bids in order to take home the many must-have items donated by members of the community. There will also be a live auction where bids will be made to the call of the auctioneer, and the excitement builds until the fall of the hammer and the call of SOLD is given to the highest bidder. Please begin gathering your items to be sold at either of the auctions, and don't hesitate to solicit throughout your communities for items donated by merchants and businesses. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and will be used to spread the word of God's love to some who may not be able to attend without scholarship assistance.

The doors will open at 2:30 pm and the proceedings will start at 4:00 PM as we arrive with our auction items and food.. Please arrive with your items no later than 4:00, as the Silent Auction will begin at 4:30, with dinner at the usual 5:00 PM time. The live auction will begin at 5:30, and the evening will conclude with the worship service and communion. Music will be furnished throughout the evening by David Ehler. So spread the word and make your plans to attend Hullabaloo 2010, and to do your part to help more pilgrims experience the blessings of the weekend Walk to Emmaus and the many Fourth Days to follow.

Bring your items new or used. Some past items have included movie baskets, books, baked goods, personal services, business services, antiques, guns, hand crafted items. There will be receipts for any donor or buyer to fill out and submit to the treasurer if you need them for year end taxes. Jim Busby is in charge and can answer most all your questions. You can reach him at 979 278-3500.

If you can't donate an item or attend, please consider sending a monetary donation (with Hullabaloo) in the memo to

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Communication

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.

Brazos Valley Emmaus Community July 2010 Newsletter

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Community News by Nancy Goodell

We want to welcome our new community members from Women's Walk # 79 and Men's Walk #80. Many of you were at the Fourth Day meeting in May, and we hope to see you at future Gatherings as we all work together supporting each other in our Christian Walk and our Christian Service. Thank you to Walk #79 Lay Director Deborah Brantley and Walk #80 Lay Director Joddie Carlile, their teams and all of you who contributed to making these Walks life changing to our Pilgrims as you shared your witness and leadership with these Pilgrims.



As we move forward we are preparing for Walk #81 with Deanie Gold as Lay Director to be held September 30-October 3 and Walk #82 with Ed Wetterman as Lay Director to be held October 14-17, 2010. Please pray for the teams as they prepare for these Walks. You can also help by signing up for Agape, the prayer vigil, and the praying for the Pilgrims that God is calling to these Walks.

Also check out the article on our Hullabaloo coming in August – mark your calendar and round up items that can be auctioned off for our annual fund raiser. You'll want to be a part of this exciting event! If you have any questions about what is happening in the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community, go to our website bvemmaus.org and check it out or to our new Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Information Management System. This can be reached either through our web site or going to <http://bvec.inetmember.com>.

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Nancy Goodell, Community Lay Director

Next Gathering/Hoot

When: July 10, 2010, 5:00pm

Where: Cy-Fair Christian Church, Houston.

Bring your family and friends & a dish to share,
your worship book and little blue songbook.

Thoughts for Sponsors

We have had, for the most part, excellent sponsorship of Pilgrims for the last three of four years. God is working with our community to identify and invite those who can grow in Christ to become leaders in their churches. However, as in all successes, there are a few things which can be done better by all of us in the Emmaus community, including sponsors. As the board has reviewed the reports from the last year's walks, we have identified a couple of areas which can be improved upon.

First is timely arrival. This is vitally important for the beginning of a walk weekend, and timely means neither early or late.

A late arrival, obviously, holds up the entire walk group of 60 or so, as well as the other 35 sponsors, friends, and community members attending the send off. We realize that sometimes things happen. If they do, please call the camp and let us know your running late. Early is equally disruptive. The inside and the outside teams have communion at 4:30, and eat dinner at 5. They then use the remaining 30 minutes or so to make final preparations, place nametags on doors and beds, and the outside team out of sight prior to the Pilgrim's arrival. When Sponsors arrive before 6, it causes veritable chaos for the teams. No one is ready to receive them, the move-in team is not in place to guide them or to carry their bags. Please do not, under any circumstances, arrive at Cross Roads with your Pilgrim until after 6 PM, just as is noted on the web site, and elsewhere. 6:10 or so is even better, but also, before 6:50, so the Pilgrim can be moved in, their bed prepared, and signed in, so that the walk can start right on time at precisely 7 PM. It should not be too difficult to arrive in that 40 minute window to insure that all involved have a great beginning for a great weekend with Jesus Christ at their Walk to Emmaus.

One more thing, I would like to remind you that it is the sponsor's job to make their Pilgrim's bed when they arrive at the camp. The Move-in team will provide guidance at the parking area by telling them which cabin they are assigned to, they will provide transportation for them, if necessary, and assist you with transporting their bags, and will provide a welcoming person at the cabins to make sure they get to the right place. The beds will be tagged with each Pilgrim's name when they arrive. Please do not deviate from the assigned beds. One of your jobs as sponsor, is to make sure the team knows if your pilgrim requires a lower bunk, or one near the bathroom, or near an electrical outlet, so all these factors have been taken into consideration when the bunk assignments are made. You cannot change them. If you have not conveyed this information about your Pilgrim or something has changed, then let the Move-in greeter know so they can tell the proper person to effect a change.

If we all work together, the walk weekends will proceed much more smoothly, with less disruption, and we will be helping Christ work his magic with those He has invited.

De Colores Pat Baker, Training Chairman

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).

We also need folks to be greeters and to direct parking on Thursday night of the Walks.

If you can help us out with this call Judith Ball (979) 845-7910

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 (one of the Cindys would be a great choice). 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.

(Coming Soon— if you made a mistake you can delete you name by clicking the red X beside your name.)

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. The BVEC Team Selection Committee is now accepting applications for the March/April 2011 Walks. Lay Directors for these Walks are Patrice Summerour and Eric Dehmer. To serve on one of these teams, please complete the team application online at <http://bvec.inetmember.com> (also may be obtained at Gatherings and at Candlelight as well as on the web www.bvemmas.org). For additional information, email Deborah Hildebrand at team_selection@bvemmas.org

Many opportunities also exist to 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 me at 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

Improvements to IMS Website

Recently there have been some significant improvements made to the IMS website. Under the "YOU" menu "ALL ABOUT YOU" you can do the following:

1. You can view and edit your contact information.
 2. You can view your weekend including all the team and pilgrims that were on your walk. You can click on any of these people and bring up their contact info provided it is available and has not been hidden by the person.
 3. You can view your experience and if you see something that is not correct you can click the "Problem" button to report it.
 4. You can create and/or view your reunion group. If you are not already a member of an existing reunion group, you can create one.
 5. You can view all the members of you local church that have attended Walk to Emmaus.
 6. NEW – You can now signup to work on a team. This does NOT automatically assign you to a team, but your name and position requested will be submitted to the Team Selection Committee.
- NEW – You can now signup as a "Volunteer" or "Willing Servant" such as kitchen, welcome and parking, setup and tear down.

If you have not already registered for the IMS site, you need to do so. We are moving toward a paperless system, so you need to get onboard. All you need to register is a valid email address and browse to <http://bvec.inetmember.com>. You will find help videos available on the opening page to assist you in registering.

Once you have registered and logged in, you will find more help videos to assist you in using the site. We have videos available for each menu item. You will find you can do all the things listed above as well as signup for upcoming prayer vigils, find an Emmaus friend you don't know how to contact, signup a new pilgrim for an upcoming walk using the online application, or download past newsletters or forms. There is a wealth of information available to you on the IMS, and we are constantly looking for ways to improve the site. If you have any suggestions please contact me .

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Did you know that the Walk Cost is now \$125 for both Pilgrims and Team Members and that the BVEC will absorb about \$500 per Walk to maintain that rate. This cost will come out our current funds and not be counted as Scholarships.

If you registered your pilgrim online and haven't yet paid, please send in your check (or bring it on 10 July) for the \$125, or at least Half \$62.50



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Schedule of Gatherings for 2010

Month	Date	Location	Address
February	Feb		
March	March		
May	May		
June	June		
July	July 10, 2010	Cy Fair Christian	Houston, tx
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

