

# Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Nov 2010 Newsletter

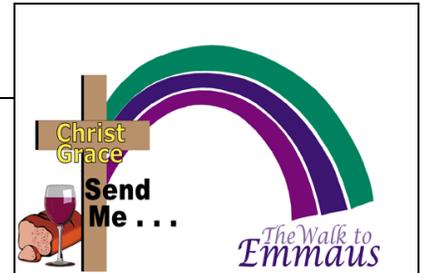
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## Community News by Nancy Goodell

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

On behalf of Brazos Valley Emmaus Community I want to welcome the new Community members from Walk #81 and thank Deanie Gold for serving as Lay Director of this Walk. I would also like to thank Ed Wetterman for his service as Lay Director on the postponed Walk #82. I look forward to the day when we welcome those men into our community and also to seeing Ed finish his role as Lay Director.



It is November again and time to look toward a new year in the Brazos Valley Community as we elect new members to the Board of Directors and say good-bye and thank you to our outgoing Board Members.

**Jeff Gage** who has faithfully served BVEC for the past 4 years as our Community Spiritual Director. Jeff has done an awesome job serving the Community with a servant's heart. His Spiritual direction for the Walks and Gatherings has been uplifting to all in attendance. **Cindy Cross** has been in charge of Agape and she has done an awesome job of making sure we have Agape at all of the walks for the Pilgrims as well as encouraging Reunion Groups to provide personal Agape for them. **Marilyn Koch** has served faithfully as our Treasurer as well as being responsible for the Prayer Vigil/Prayer Chapel. Marilyn has provided detailed financials to the Board each month, as well as keeping the prayer vigils filled for the walks. **Derek French** has been in charge of our data base and was responsible for inputting many, many names into the data base to make our transition to our new internet system run more smoothly. **Dale Timian** who stepped-in to fulfill an unfinished term last year has been responsible for providing the music for our Walks and Gatherings.

These are the people you will be voting to replace so please prayerfully consider who God has equipped to continue these good works. Your Board is a working Board who strives to serve you and grow our Community.

DeColores!  
Nancy Goodell  
BVEC Community Lay Director!

**Gathering Saturday, 6 Nov at 5pm at Brenham FUMC**

## Our Next Walks

The next Women's Walk #83 (Lay Director Patrice Summerour) will be 31 Mar - 3 Apr and the next Men's Walk #84 (Lay Director Eric Dehmer) will be 14-17 Apr.

## **Spiritual Director**

Four years ago I began a journey that took me to places I never expected to go. I became the Spiritual Director of the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community. What a journey it has been! However, after many prayers and conversations with my wife, I know the time has come for me to step down.

During this time, through you, I have learned so much about myself, The Walk to Emmaus, and the grace of Jesus Christ. I thank you for your love, prayers, and patience.

I leave you in good hands, though. Rev. Sam Cutrone, the pastor of Wesley & Alexander United Methodist Churches will be taking my place. He is a veteran of several walk teams in this and other communities, and is the former Spiritual Director of the North East Texas Emmaus Community. I know he will do a great job.

Again, I thank you for the past four years and look forward to several more years of service to The King.

De Colores,  
Jeff Gage

## **Email Voting**

This year voting will be done predominately online or at the November Gathering, along with a few folks receiving a ballot in their mailed newsletter. We're a little behind this year, so don't delay your voting since all votes will be tallied in late November. [Online voting will be done via Survey Monkey, so don't delete that email.](#)

## **Election Bio's**

### **Marie Mickey**

I am an ordained pastor in the PC(USA) and am currently serving as the Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Bryan. This is a second career for me as I was previously a hospital administrator and private business owner. I am an example of the saying that God calls us to serve in new ways throughout our life. Certainly God equips those he calls as I never ever thought that becoming a pastor was something in my future. I first attended the Walk to Emmaus in 1994 through Big Country Emmaus Community in Abilene, TX. Over the years it was my great joy to serve in a variety of capacities such as table leader and assistant table leader. After seminary, ordination, and call here to Bryan I was asked to serve on the Spiritual team of several walks. I enjoy the community and fellowship of Emmaus and if elected to the board will seek to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

### **Dale Timian**

I was born in Casper Wyo., the second of three children. I was raised in Wyoming and Colorado and moved to Houston in 1965 with my family. I married Dianne Matcek, originally from Caldwell, Texas, in 1971 and we have one daughter. I have been with the Postal Service in Bryan Texas for 20 years. I was raised in the Presbyterian Church and am now a member of the First United Methodist Church of Caldwell. I was on Walk #50, table of Mathew, at Camp Tejas at Giddings, Texas. I served on the music team for Walk #64. I have played at several candlelight services and gatherings over the last several years. I have served in the kitchen at Cross Roads for both Emmaus and other groups. I also served in Epiphany's at Crocket and Giddings with Rushing Wind, a Christian band. I am currently finishing the three year term of Arthur Averitt on the BV Emmaus board.

### **Jerry Coffman - Walk 60 Table of Peter**

Member of Pleasant Retreat UMC, Thorndale. After retiring from the Air Force I worked in the technology industry for 15 years. Have been active with BVEC since my walk, on outside and inside teams. Currently maintaining the BVEC website and assisting with our online database and listserve/Yahoo Groups.

## **Bio's Continued**

### **Deanie Gold**

My name is Deanie Gold. I live in Caldwell and have attended First United Methodist Church of Caldwell for 30+ years. I attended BVEC Walk #22 in 1998, and slowly began increasing my participation in the Emmaus community over the years. I have served on conference room teams as an assistant table leader, a table leader, an Assistant Lay Director, and most recently as Lay Director of Women's Walk #81. I have also served on numerous outside teams as a helper and as Outside Team Coordinator. I am a member of the Cracked Pots Reunion group in Caldwell. I have volunteered in the kitchen, in the chapel, and in the bathrooms for cleanup duty! Emmaus has become very dear to my heart, and I am always in awe of and humbled by God's mighty power in the hearts of His people. Having followed the Emmaus model of progressive servanthood from volunteer status to Lay Director, I've had the opportunity to learn about most of the positions in Emmaus through actual experience. I've seen the awesome transformation that can take place in a person in three days (sometimes in only a few hours!!!!), and I've also seen some things that need to be improved upon. Some things I'd like to work on if elected to the Board of Directors include better sponsorship training, MORE volunteer involvement (there's over 800 people in the BVEC community – we need to see more faces in more places), and improvements in team training to provide the best walk experience a pilgrim can possibly have. I think it's safe to say I'm an outspoken, but HONEST, person. I take very seriously the responsibilities entrusted to me by others and by God, and I believe that I possess several traits that would enhance the leadership of the BVEC at this time. I would be honored to serve on the Board if chosen.

A Disciple in Training.

### **Joddie Carlile**

My name is Joddie Carlile and I attended Walk #56. I have been actively involved in the Brazos Valley Emmaus community since, having served on both outside and inside teams eventually serving as lay director on Walk #80. My wife Holly (walk #55) and I have two boys Jake (almost 10) and Joe (almost 2). We have lived in Brenham since 1995 after graduating from Texas Tech University and have attended FUMC Brenham ever since. I am an engineer and work in Houston. I am also a part-time rancher. I am seeking to serve on the board in order to give back to a community of believers that have given so much to me and my family and because we serve an amazing God.

### **Kyley Ochoa**

Hey Guys! My name is Kyley Ochoa, and my husband Sergio and I live in Madisonville. God used Emmaus Walk #67 in February 2007 to ABSOLUTELY change my life! My heart and eyes were finally opened. My sweet husband attended Walk #68 and the same went for him! WE have 4 wonderful children, and through our experience their lives are forever changed! PRAISE GOD! I have worked almost every woman's walk since then as ATL, Outside Team, ALD, TL and have been blessed more and more each time! I've served at several men's Saturday night dinners! WOW, that is an INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE! Sponsoring has also been a tremendous blessing! This Emmaus Community is like FAMILY to me, and I want others to feel the same way! Commitment is key, I think! Jesus stayed at the table with his disciples, and I know that is what He would want us to do!!! COMMIT AND SERVE! I count it as a joy and honor to be considered to serve this AWESOME Brazos Valley Emmaus Community. ~Blessings~

### **Wayne Bush**

Pilgrim on Walk #21 - BVEC. Worked many walks on both the outside and the inside teams. Lay Director - Walk #42. Served one term as Board Member. Attend First Baptist Church, Franklin, Texas. I also regularly attend Thursday morning Reunion Group held at First United Methodist Church, Franklin, Texas. We meet at 6:30 a.m., come join us. It would be a privilege to serve BVEC as a member of the Board of Directors. Respectfully yours.

## **Top Ten Things NOT TO DO When Sponsoring a Pilgrim**

10. Don't sponsor someone you just met last week.
9. Don't sponsor someone by yourself the first time.
8. Don't sponsor anyone unless you have also presented the opportunity to attend a Walk to their spouse and they at least support their spouse's attendance.
7. Don't sponsor at all if you plan to work on a walk in any capacity.
6. Don't keep anything about the weekend secret from the Pilgrim, but tell them as little as possible because there are surprises which will be better if they don't know.
5. Don't sponsor a Pilgrim because they need "salvation". The Walk is for mature Christians.
4. Don't plan to be away during the walk. You will need to be there for the family, and you must attend the Sponsor's hour, Candlelight, and Closing.
3. Don't fail to list all medications, special needs, and dietary requirements for your Pilgrim.
2. Don't arrive at the camp before **6:00PM** or after **7:00 PM**.
1. Don't neglect to sign up for the prayer vigil or let a day go by without a prayer for your Pilgrim.

Pat Baker

### **Promote Emmaus**

Who should go to Emmaus? Emmaus is open to members of any Christian Denomination. Emmaus is for development of Christian Leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner.

I encourage everyone to go to the Upperroom website at <http://upperroom.org/emmaus/> and watch the new video "An Introduction to the Walk to Emmaus". You may also order a copy of this video for \$10 to use in your church or small group.

Robert Read

# The 2010-2011 Brazos Valley Emmaus Board

Lay Director: Nancy Goodell (713) 467-7021

Assistant Lay Director: Pat Baker (979) 567-0218

Spiritual Director: Jeff Gage (979) 822-1730

Treasurer: Marilyn Koch (979) 776-3552

Secretary: Beth Barnes (979) 255-5386

Team Selection: Deborah Hildebrand (979) 567-7751

Nominations/Welcoming/Closings: Judy Ball (936) 788-1368

Reunion Groups & 4th Day: Beth Barnes (979) 255-5386

Registrar: Robert Read (903) 626-4967

Agape: Cindy Cross (979) 567-7650

Music/Entertainment: Dale Timian (979) 209-4175

Logistics, Transportation, Facility set-up/  
breakdown: Steve May (979) 778-0071

Literature & Supplies: Cindy Van Deventer (979) 567-7737

Candlelight/Sponsor Hour: Ruth Martin (979) 200-9203

Gatherings: Sue Houseley (979) 865-3713

Prayer Chapel/Prayer Vigils: Marilyn Koch (979) 776-3552

Training: Pat Baker (979) 567-0218

Newsletter, Mail Outs: Doug Summerour 979-451-5415

Web Administration, Design, Technology: Derek French (979) 739-7635

## 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 summerour@broadwaves.net

### **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 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 Mar/Apr 2011 Walks. Lay Directors for these Walks are Patrice Summerour and Eric Dehmer. To serve on one of these teams apply online at <http://bvec.inetmember.com>. For additional information, email Deborah Hildebrand at [team\\_selection@bvemmaus.org](mailto:team_selection@bvemmaus.org) or [debhildebrand@verizon.net](mailto: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 (979) 567-7974  
[info@crossroadsretreat.org](mailto:info@crossroadsretreat.org)

Welcoming Committee/Parking: Judy Ball at (936)788-1368  
Facilities Set-up/Tear-Down: Steve May at (979)778-0071

## **Music**

We are in need of musicians to help with the fourth day events; gatherings, candlelight, and closings on the walks. The fourth day is very important to maintaining the connection with the walk experience and a big part of that is the music from the walk. I would ask every musician and singer to commit to make time to serve. Check the community calender for up-coming gatherings in your area and mark that time to serve. We always need help on candlelight and closing as well.

Think back on your experiences and pass that along to the newer members of the community. They will be blessed by your service and you will be blessed by their appreciation.

De Colores, Dale Timian

## **Reunion Groups**

### **Reunion Group List to be Updated**

It is time to update the reunion group list on the website. Many groups no longer meet and many new ones have begun. We need to compile the most current information and have it available to the community, so everyone can find a group to join. Beth Barnes, Reunion Group Coordinator, will be calling the contact person named on the website list to see if these groups are still meeting. If you have a group you would like to add to the list, please call Beth at 979-255-5386 or email her at [secretary@bvemmaus.org](mailto:secretary@bvemmaus.org).

## **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 direct parking on Thursday night of the Walks.

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

## **Publications**

There is a booklet for 'Sponsors' that our community has purchased and will have for sale at Gatherings, Sponsor's Hour and Candlelight. They will be sold to cover the cost of \$5.00. There are other books published by the Upper Room that we will have for purchase at the 'Book Table' on walks and at Gatherings. There is a new Group Reunion Card that will be available also, along with Purple Books if needed.

Cindy Van Deventer

## **IMS and Prayer Vigils**

Everyone hopefully knows by now that we have a new online data management system called IMS (Internet Membership Systems). I have written several articles in the past about all the different things you can do with this system, one of which is sign-up for the 72-hour prayer vigils and that is what we are going to concentrate on in this article. If you have not registered to use the IMS site, please do so, it will save you time and it will save the community time. You can go to the home page of the site at <http://bvec.inetmember.com>. On the home page, you will find a video to help you register to use the site.

Once you are registered and signed-in, go to the menu item "COMMUNITY" and click on "PRAYER VIGILS". The next screen will display your name, location and email address. If this is correct, click the button "SELECT WALK". Then select the Walk you wish to sign-up for by clicking the magnifying glass to the left of the Walk. You may then select the day using the drop-down menu in the upper right corner of the screen and select the time slot you want by clicking the green plus sign to the left of the time slot you want. Once you have done this, you are done and we are done, that's all there is to it.

Now if you use the old method for prayer vigil sign up by emailing or calling Marilyn Koch, she in turn has to email Jerry Coffman and Jerry has to enter your name in the slot requested. By the time all this happens, someone else may have already signed-up for that spot and we wind up with duplicate coverage. Which is not a bad thing, if all spots are covered, but if you had gone directly to the prayer vigil sign-up you would have seen that spot was covered and selected a different spot that was vacant.

If you will use the IMS prayer vigil sign-up it knows who you are by your email log-in and once the Walk is near, automated reminders can be sent via email to remind you of your time and date to pray. When Jerry has to manually enter your name the email is not known, so the auto reminders are not possible.

The IMS system is a valuable tool, if we use it. I encourage you to use it for prayer vigil sign-up and for all the other functions as well.

Robert Read  
BVEC Registrar



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### *Schedule of Gatherings*

January	January 8, 2011	Grace Community Fellowship	Brenham, Tx
February	February 5, 2011	Hilltop	
March	March 5, 2011	Bryan FUMC	
May	May 14, 2011	Somerville FUMC	
June	June 4, 2011		
July	July 9, 2011		
August	August 6, 2011		
September	September 3, 2011	Cross Bridge	
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](mailto: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](http://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

