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Community News by Robert Read

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

The notion of wages is the same in all cultures...one exchanges services for money. There is a connection between the wage earner and his employer by nature of the payment. But that may be the only tie that binds them. Companies often show more concern for the bottom line than they do for the employee who serves them. This is not so in the economy of God. "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) The Father is like our employer in a sense as we go about working for Him to further His kingdom, but He is a lot more than our employer. He is our Father as we have been adopted into the family of God.



Jesus Christ paid the wages for your sin and made it possible for your adoption to go through. Now as we work in service to Him, we make regular deposits in a heavenly 401K that will one day be dispersed to you in heaven. So, I encourage you to honor what Christ did for you by worshipping and serving Him, while at the same time "storing up treasures in heaven."

The Walk to Emmaus provides numerous opportunities to serve the Kingdom. You can serve on a team, work on the outside team, work in the kitchen, serve on the board, or be a sponsor for a pilgrim for an upcoming Walk.

Another way you can give back to the community is to mark your calendars for Saturday August 6, 2011 – **Hullabaloo 2011** – 5:00PM Caldwell United Methodist Church 306 W. Fox St. Caldwell, Texas 77836. This is our annual celebration and fund raising event that is also the August Gathering. We will have the usual covered dish meal, but we will have a silent auction and a live auction of donated items to raise funds for scholarships. This is a fun time, so if you've not attended a Hullabaloo I encourage you to come you will have a blast. If you are bringing donated items for the auction, please get there a little early so the items can be placed and marked.

Our next set of Walks is Women's Walk #85 with Nancy Goodell October 6-9, 2011 and Men's Walk #86 with Ed Wettermann October 20-23, 2011. I encourage you to please start praying for these walks, if you haven't begun already. Pray that God will send us the pilgrims needed, and that He sends us pilgrims that this is the right time in their life to be on a Walk to Emmaus. Pray for God to send us the right sponsors for these pilgrims, and pray that the Holy Spirit will be resting on these two teams.

Again let me remind everyone that one of the most important aspects of a successful Fourth Day is to be a part of a reunion group/accountability group. If you are not already a member of a group, please seek one out and join it or start a new one.

DeColores,

Robert Read
BVEC
Community Lay Director
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Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

Just a few more months until the fall walks! I just wanted to keep encouraging you all keep the AGAPE flowing! You have been doing an outstanding job! Remember the number of AGAPE items needed is 65 and the only names that should be on them are Reunion group & town. I will continue to bring the Agape sign up sheets to the Gatherings! Please feel free to contact me if you have ANY questions!

Lots of LOVE to you all & DE COLORES!

Kyley Ochoa

Asst. Community Lay Director

Agape Coordinator


Hello from Your Treasurer

It's time to replenish the Scholarship Fund. Almost all of the money from the Hullabaloo goes directly to scholarships. If you're donating an item and need a tax receipt, call or email me at (979) 525-9139 or summerour@broadwaves.net. The same goes if you purchase an item for more than its actual value. If you can't be there or you are there but don't see anything you like, you can always donate by writing a check and designating it as scholarship fund. Send your checks to BVEC, P.O. Box 10491, College Station, TX 77842.

NOTICE—Please mail all future Walk Request Reservation Forms, Sponsor Forms, and Release Forms to:
Registrar BVEC, 2800 Caney Creek Rd., Chappell Hill, TX. 77426

If you have any questions concerning registering for a walk and would like to call—please call (979) 277-9625

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Hullabaloo 2011 to be held in Caldwell

The August gathering of the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community will be held on August 6, 2011 at First United Methodist Church in Caldwell. 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. Some past items have included movie baskets, books, baked goods, personal services, business services, antiques, guns, hand crafted items, and even an AKC registered puppy. 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 3:00 PM and the proceedings will start at 4:00 PM as we arrive with our auction items and food. Please bring your items new or used and arrive with them no later than 4:00 PM, as the Silent Auction will begin at 4:30 PM, with dinner at the usual 5:00 PM time. The live auction will begin at 5:30 PM, and the evening will conclude with the worship service and communion. Music will be furnished throughout the evening by the praise band from the new church in Caldwell, Area 3:16. So spread the word and make your plans to attend Hullabaloo 2011, 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.

Deborah Hildebrand is the contact person and can answer most all your questions. You can reach her at debhildebrand@verizon.net or (979) 220-7240. 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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Need your help:

We are needing an electric golf cart for the outside team to use during the fall walks. They are nice and quiet & can help keep the little elves hidden! Anyone able to lend us one for the 2 weekends in October?

Thanks
~Kyley Ochoa~
Contact me @
kyleyo123@gmail.com
979-436-1338

The Community Would Like To Hear From You

Share your Fourth Day experience here

Tell us how living your Fourth Day you have continued to grow in relationship to Christ and to live as a faithful disciple. Jot down your thoughts and forward to me (communications@bvemmas.org) for inclusion in the BVEC Newsletter. We will select from our members input to be included in each newsletter.

DeColores,
Jerry Coffman Walk 60, Table of Peter communication@bvemmas.org

From the Upper Room

Are you looking for materials to help carry your Emmaus experience through your Fourth Day? Check out the Emmaus Reading list put together by the Upper Room. It can be found online at http://www.upperroom.org/emmas/resources/resources_talks.asp. The books are divided into subjects based on the talks given at an Emmaus weekend. Some examples:

Priority

[*The Christ Centered Woman*](#) by Kimberly Dunnam Reisman

[*The Cost of Living*](#) by Arundhati Roy

[*A Wakeful Faith*](#) by J. Marshall Jenkins

Justifying Grace

[*People of Integrity*](#) by William Morgan (Available from Amazon.)

[*Becoming Alive in Christ*](#) by Maxie Dunnam

[*Leading a Life with God*](#) by Daniel Wolpert

Prevenient Grace

[*Genesis of Grace*](#) by John Indermark

[*Remembering Your Story*](#) by Richard Lyon Morgan

[*Discerning God's Will Together*](#) by Danny E. Morris & Charles M. Olsen

Life in Piety

[*The Abundance Book*](#) by John Randolph Price (Available from Amazon)

[*Upper Room Disciplines*](#)

[*Invitation to Presence*](#) by Wendy Miller (Out of print. Available from Amazon.)

Priesthood of All Believers

[*Praying Together*](#) by Martha Graybeal Rowlett (Out of Print. Available from Amazon)

[*Workbook of Intercessory Prayer*](#) by Maxie Dunnam

[*Yearning for God*](#) by Margaret Ann Crain & Jack Seymour (Out of Print. Available from Amazon.)

Grow Through Study

[*Mother Roots*](#) by Helen Pearson

[*Reading with Deeper Eyes*](#) by Will Willimon (Out of Print. Available from Amazon)

[*Sabbath Time*](#) by Tilden Edwards (Out of Print. Available from Amazon)

Kitchen Corner

It's that time again. We are going to try a couple of changes on the next Walks. On the morning shifts, we are going to try splitting those into 2 shifts. The first shift will be 7-10am, and the second from 11am-2pm. The third shift will run from 4-7pm. Also, you can now sign up online on the bvec.inetmember.com site. Go to You, All about you, Team, Signups, New, click the green + sign on the Walk you want to work, click select and choose your shift, and then hit confirm signup. Give it a try, the worst thing that could happen is that you'll be giving the Priority Talk if you punch the wrong button. You can always call me or email me. Remember, we've got a bunch of folks and some slots fill faster than others. I'd ask that you only sign up for one slot if your using the online system. It's possible the slot you selected may already be filled. If so, I'll get back with you. If you want to work more than one slot, email or call me and I will pencil you in on the other slot(s) and see if demand allows it.

For those of you that don't know, we are now in charge of staffing the Kitchen during the Walks. The camp still provides the lead, Rob Meyer, but we provide the workers. All you have to do is show up and take directions. If you've never done it, it's fun and an easy way to show your love if you only have a limited amount of time available. It counts as service on the outside time, so it's a great way to get your feet wet. Some folks like to sign up and come as a group, but we always need singles as well.

Sponsors cannot volunteer

Slots are: Thursday: 3PM-6PM (3 people)
 Friday: 7AM-10AM (3-4 people), 11AM-2PM (3-4 people) & 4PM-7PM (3-4 people)
 Saturday: 7AM-10AM (3-4 people), 11AM-2PM (3-4 people), 4PM-7PM (4-5 people)
 Sunday: 7AM-10AM (3-4 people) & 11AM-2PM (3-4 people)

Thursday is good if you like to see the "send off", Saturday night is good if your going to Candlelight, and Sunday is good if your going to Closing. Once again, No Sponsors.

Any other questions, call me. (979) 525-9139 or summerour@broadwaves.net.

DeColores,
Doug Summerour

FROM THE PRAYER CHAPEL

One of the first things we learn about the Walk to Emmaus is that prayer is the foundation of the weekend. So, now is the time to begin to lay that foundation. We should begin now praying for the pilgrims God will send to us, for their sponsors, and for the teams that will be delivering the message of the weekend to those pilgrims. We can also pray for guidance from God for us to play the role He has for us in that weekend. Teams are selected, but there are many support roles to be filled, and God may have one just for you.

Any time we pray, it is a good time, but some people prefer one time over another during the 72 hour prayer vigil that covers the walk weekend. If you are one of those who likes praying while awake, sign up now. Remember to do in on the IMS system you don't have to log in, just click on the IMS logo and then on "prayer vigils" right under Register.

On the new page that comes up, enter just your name, click continue, and follow directions. You can get any time that has no name when you pick the walk # and day.

Sign up now, so I won't have to keep sending E-blasts later.

Pat Baker,
Prayer Director

Did you know?

When your reunion group hosts a gathering at your church you are responsible for organizing all the participants; the pastor, fourth day speaker, child care, support people for the dinner, and the musicians. It is a daunting task. The community offers help with all of these areas when it is requested.

For music, we send out requests for volunteers from the local area. Another option is the church praise band. The band members don't have to be members of the Emmaus community. The advantage of using an existing band is that they rehearse every week and they know each other and each others strengths. The music is generally pretty tight and enjoyable. The disadvantage is that they usually don't know the Emmaus Blue Book music.

If you have a band at your church that will play for a gathering when you host, have them play the music they play in church. Most praise bands rely on screens for the lyrics and you can use them for your gathering as well. The only Emmaus songs that will need to be played are Sanctuary and Amazing Grace. Almost every band has an arrangement of Amazing Grace (my band has 5 or 6 different ones) and Sanctuary can be learned very quickly by any competent band.

When your reunion group takes on the task of hosting a gathering, you can ask your church praise band to provide the music. If you don't have the volunteers for that, I will organize volunteers from the community. Music is really important for the gatherings as the community really likes to sing.

Dale Timian
Music

Are You Ready to Help

I know that you have asked yourself several times each day, how can I become a servant on a walk without jumping right into the frying pan and serving as a conference team member. Well, now you can stop asking that question and move on to the next big question in your life, because I have the answer. The answer is to simply sign up to help set-up and take-down the conference room and chapel for the next two walks. You will work side-by-side with members of the community that exhibit a true servants heart, you will learn how the simplicity of a chair and table can connect a pilgrim to his table members, his table leaders, the walk leaders and most importantly how that connection will take that pilgrim to the next step on his walk with Christ. You will experience the chapel as it is transformed from an empty room, to the most beautiful place of worship, a place of silent meditation, and you will experience it as it becomes an alter to the Living Son of God. A place where transgressions will be forgiven and a new life will begin. Yes, you can be a part of this exciting experience. Just ask those in the community that have served again and again knowing that each walk and each pilgrim will be blessed by this small, yet simple act of love. To those that have served I say God Bless you and Thank you. To those that will serve, I say you WILL be a blessing and you WILL be a blessed in return!

De Colores,
Steve May
Logistics - Facility Set-up/take-down

How is your Reunion Group?



Acts 2:42 “All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.”

Part of staying strong in our walk with Christ is sharing fellowship with other Christians. Our Fourth Day is central to the Emmaus experience, as it extends each individual's experience beyond the weekend and into life in the world. **Thank you to those who listed their reunion group at the list passed around at the June gathering!**

Challenge for our Community

Most pilgrims attending walks hosted by the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community come from 29 towns. Right now 14 towns do not have a reunion group listed on our reunion group list (that’s almost half at 48%)! **We would like to challenge our community to make sure that all of the following communities have reunion groups prior to the walks this fall.**



Are you willing to help? If you are from one of these communities and willing to help please contact Wendy Manuel, wendyjean56@yahoo.com who will help you contacting fellow 4th day folks in your town to see if a reunion group can be started.

Don’t let your town be the only one not supporting the Fourth Day experience!

BVEC Communities in need of Reunion Groups to be listed				
Austin	Bedias	Cameron	Cypress	Giddings
Hempstead	Hockley	Lexington	Magnolia	Navasota
Somerville	Spring	Tomball	Waller	



Need help finding a reunion group?

Contact: **Wendy Manuel**, wendyjean56@yahoo.com and she will make every effort to help you locate a Fourth Day group.

Volunteer Opportunity

Do you want to volunteer to help on the walk but can’t dedicate the entire weekend? Judy Ball would like to form a committee to work on the Thursday evening when the Pilgrims arrive. Volunteers would help with Welcoming, Parking, etc. If interested, please contact her at jball@cvm.tamu.edu or call at 979-845-7910 (wk), 936-788-1368 (hm), 936-443-1766. Thanks so much.

Judy

P.S. Will not require a lot of time but the rewards are high.



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Schedule of Gatherings

August 6	First UMC	Caldwell
September 10	First Baptist, Taylor	Taylor
November 6	First UMC	Brenham
December	There is no Gathering in December	

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Be sure to sign in to our online system and verify your information. If you are new to the community send an email to Jerry Coffman at technology@bvemmaus.org and we will get you entered into the system.

The web address is <http://bvec.inetmember.com>



We're on the Web!

<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

