



BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY

August 2015

DECOLORES
Volume 24, Number 3

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

I know how it is...it happens every time. Just before a Walk, you think "I should have invited ____ ____, but now it's too late for this Walk. I'll do it next time." You remember how it was on your own Walk...the high you had on Sunday as your sponsor was bringing you back from the camp to your home. That Mountaintop Experience! And you remember how you really couldn't explain your feelings at that time to your wife (husband, or whoever), because there was 'sooo' much.

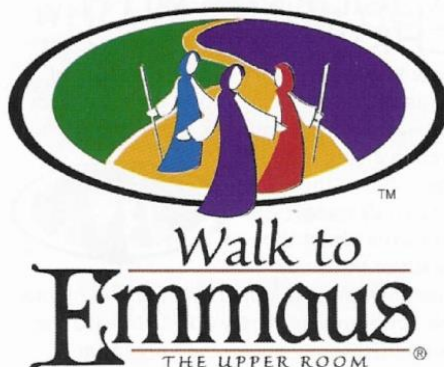
But now, it's different. You still have time to approach that person (spouse, friend, co-worker, acquaintance, fellow church attender, etc.) and invite them to the next Walk. It's not too late. Don't worry about it...take the Nike approach and 'Just Do It'. Then, for the next few months, you won't have to have that guilty feeling for not asking your spouse, friend, co-worker, acquaintance, fellow church attender, etc., for not inviting them to something that will change their lives.

You can print applications from our web site bvemmaus.org, get your applicant to fill it out and mail it in. Or you can fill it out on-line from the IMS site at <http://bvec.inetmember.com>.

Just saying...DeColores ... Forrest Goodell, Community Lay Director

BVEC UPCOMING WALKS

- Walk 100 – LD Dave Wyatt, October 8-11, 2015 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman**
- Walk 101 – LD Wendy Manuel, October 22-25, 2015 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman**
- Walk #102 – LD TBD, April 7-10, 2016 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman**
- Walk #103 – LD TBD, April 21-24, 2016 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman**
- Walk #104 – LD TBD, October 6-9, 2016 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman**
- Walk #105 – LD TBD, October 20-23, 2016 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman**



INSIDE

- **Page 2 – Board of Directors/Songbook update**
- **Page 3 – Fourth Day/Reunion Group Notes/Prayer Vigils**
- **Page 4 – Reunion Group Lists**
- **Page 5 – Gatherings/Agape**
- **Page 6 – Upcoming Events/Hullabaloo Update**

Your 2015 BVEC Board of Directors

Lay Director: Forrest Goodell (713) 201-3043
Spiritual Director: Marie Mickey (979) 823-8073
Assistant Lay Director: Dave Ogee (512) 898-5381
Treasurer: Michael Koehn (979) 830-7741
Secretary: Marlene Coffman (512) 430-4065
Team Selection: W.D. Smith (979) 836-1161
Nominations: Russ Bevil (979) 567-7461
Reunion Groups/4th Day: Dave Ogee (512) 898-5381
Registrar: Dianne Davenport (979) 421-2838
Welcoming/Closing: Russ Bevil (979) 567-7461
Agape: Charlotte Waddill (936) 855-2523
Music/Entertainment: Dale Timian (979) 209-4175

Training: Sherrian Gondesens (979) 255-7746 & Charlotte Waddill (936) 855-2523
Logistics, Transportation, Facility set-up/ breakdown: Jesse Brown (254) 424-3371
Literature & Supplies: Pat Mynar (979) 567-4020 7737
Sponsor Hour/Candelight: Sherrian Gondesens (979) 255-7746
Gatherings: Margy Elliott (281) 370-0505
Prayer Chapel/Prayer Vigils: Gary Westbrook (512) 455-7917
Kitchen Coordinator: Courtney Morgan (979) 676-2330
Communication: Forrest Goodell (713) 201-3043
Technology: Marlene Coffman, (512) 430-4065

Song Book Update

We are beginning the process of updating the song book for the Brazos Valley Emmaus community. We invite all community members to make your voices heard. We will begin by establishing a committee that will determine what songs will be removed from the book. These should be songs that are just not being used on the walks or at gatherings.

The second part will be to add new music. There are many good praise songs used in worship all over this community. The criteria for being added to our song book are a positive message and ease of singing. Many of the songs played on Christian radio are great positive songs, but they are not constructed for singing along. Our objective is that the community will always sing along whenever we gather.

This project will take several months from inception to production of the new yellow books. While I will be working most directly with those with music experience, everyone is invited to be a part of the project. If you want to make comments or be part of the selection committee please email me at dtimian@hughes.net and use the subject "song book update".

De Colores
Dale Timian
Music Board Member

Fourth Day and Reunion Group Notes from the Board

As we approach the B.V.E.C. milestones represented by the upcoming Walks 100 and 101, let us all remember, especially Sponsors, that our responsibility to the new Pilgrims does not end at the closing ceremony on Sunday or when they are delivered home to their loved ones, the Fourth Day still remains as an integral part of the Walk's experience. It is a Pilgrim's day of Pentecost where he/she, like the Disciples so long ago, proclaim their service to the Lord.

Some might ask, "Why, if a Pilgrim willingly gives witness to his/her Walk experience at the closing ceremony on Sunday, is it necessary to do this yet again?" Well there are several reasons. First of all they have had some time to digest what happened at the Walk. They almost certainly have discussed the experience with friends and loved ones. Time will have passed and they are no longer quite as close to the emotions felt during and immediately after the Walk. The days leading to the Fourth Day provides an opportunity to remold their perspective and recommit themselves to the Lord's service. After all, if they know that this Fourth Day opportunity must still be faced, would they not dwell on the subject in preparation? It's a way of encouraging a Pilgrim to think about the reality of picking up the mantle of a disciple.

This is the first opportunity a new Pilgrim has to meet, dine and worship with the open Community. Here they will make friends who will stand by them for the rest of their lives. They will hopefully discover how rewarding it is to remain close to the Community and to stay engaged in its mission. They will also find a lot of new recipes.

Finally, Walk history suggests that new Pilgrims who do not attend their Fourth Day are less likely to remain active in Community affairs.

A list of current Reunion Groups has been included in the Newsletter. If you belong to one of these groups please review the information provided and alert me of any corrections. If your group isn't on the list, please provide the information required by the list to the same individual. Reunion groups are an integral part of our Community and are essential to our long-term health and mission.

Dave Ogee

12849 CR 440, Thorndale, TX 77657

512-989-5381

daveo.texas@gmail.com

PRAYER VIGILS

Be sure to sign up for the Prayer Vigil for the upcoming walks – go to bvemmaus.org – click on the IMS box in the middle of the page (and if you haven't registered, do so) and under Community, click on Prayer Vigils. You can then select the Walk and days you want to sign up for. AND don't forget to sign up your pilgrims for the upcoming walks!

BVEC Reunion Group List

The following is a composite list of all B.V.E.C. Reunion Groups from both our Web Page and the IMS database. The original list has been edited to remove groups that have been reported to no longer meet or where no contact information (name, e-mail) exist. The information provided for most of the listed groups is correct, however, I did not receive feedback from everyone contacted. This list will be included as a permanent section of the BVEC Newsletter both to help assure continued accuracy and a ready source of Reunion Group information for those interested. Most of these groups are 'open', and if you are interested in joining a group, call the contact person.

Bellville 'Just Us'; Women; Meets Sunday at 4:30 PM; Linda Myers' home; Contact Sue Housley; (no email) 979-865-3713

Bellville 'Friday Morning'; Men; Meets Friday at 7:30 AM; Mill Creek Ranch; Contact Mike Macha mike.macha@gmail.com 979-865-3532

Brenham 'His Sheep'; Women; Meets Friday at 9 AM; FUMC Library; Contact Patrice Summerour summerour@broadwaves.net 979-451-5415

Bryan 'Emmaus 4:15'; Women/Men; Sunday at 4:15 PM; FMUC; Contact Judy Miller dujymiller@hotmail.com 979-204-5687

Bryan 'Roosters'; Men; Thursday at Noon; Fritellas; Contact Jim Miller; hjmiller@gmail.com 979-823-4818

Caldwell 'His Cracked Pots'; Women – Meets Daily at Noon; Caldwell High School; Contact: Deanie Gold dgold@clasicnet.net 979-567-7155

Caldwell 'Sunrise Group'; Men; Meets Wednesday at 6:30 AM; First Baptist; Contact Bob Towslee btowslee@verizon.net 979-567-4501

Caldwell 'Area 3:16' Women/Men; Monday at 7 PM; Contact Pat Baker; pastorpat@area3-16.org 979-567-0218

Caldwell 'A Cord of Three' Women/Men; Meets Thursday at 7:30 PM; Dairy Queen; Contact Sandi Sefcik sasefcik@gmail.com 979-567-4528

Caldwell 'Kings in Christ's Service' Men; Meets Thursday at 7 PM; Contact Ed Wetterman ewetterman@gmail.com 979-574-3540

Caldwell 'Clay Mates'; Women; Meets Thursday at 7 PM; Contact Tracy Wetterman twetterman@gmail.com 979-574-4910

Caldwell WM@McD; Male; Meets Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM; McDonalds; Contact Dale Timian dtimian@hughes.net 979-209-4175

Centerville 'Seeking Sisters' Women; Meets Thursday at 9 AM; FUMC Centerville; Contact Marva Beck marva@tconline.net 903-536-2290

Chappell Hill 'His In Service' Women/Men; Meets Tuesday at 5:30 PM; Contact Eric Dehmer e.dehmer@gmail.com 979-251-7200

College Station 'Born to Live' Men; Meets Thursday at Noon; 2805 Earl Rudder Fwy 5; Contact Steve Wright drstwright@yahoo.com 956-572-1550

College Station 'Open Door' Women/Men; Meets Sunday at 9:30 AM at Christ UMC; Contact Liz Gabriel lizgabrielm@gmail.com 979-324-0320

College Station; Contact Judy Ball jball@cvm.tamu.edu 979-703-6293

College Station 'Emmaus Ballaz' Contact Kevin Baker krbasss@mail.com 979-574-0155

College Station 'Old Geezers' Men; Meets Monday at 6 AM at McDonalds on University; Contact Mort Kothmann m-kothmann@tamu.edu 979-239-7410

Franklin 'Day Breakers' Men; Meets on Thursday at 6:30 AM' FUMC; Contact Barry Cate barryandjennycate@gmail.com 979-828-2283

Hilltop Lakes 'H. T. L. Disciples' Women; Meets Friday at 9:00 AM; Pilothouse; Contact Mary Stewart otsstewart@yahoo.com 979-822-9184

Houston 'One Heart' Women; Meets 2 Monday at 7 PM; 11507 Colonial Trail Dr. Contact Margy Elliot margy.elliott@sbcglobal.net 281-744-0366

Houston 'Fresh Grace' Women/Male; Meets Sunday at Noon; Crossbridge Christian.Church; Contact Nancy Goodell ngoodell@comcast.net 713-724-6135

Thorndale 'Sunset Reunion Group'; Women/Male/ Meets Thursday at 6 PM; St. Paul's; Contact Dave Ogee daveo.texas@gmail.com 512-898-5381

2015 Gatherings

For Directions, go to bvemmaus.org, click on Gatherings and then click on the location.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 3	Grace UMC, Hearne	July 11	Hilltop Lakes Chapel
February 7	St Paul Lutheran, Thorndale	August 1	Christ United Methodist Church in College Station
March 7	FUMC, Bryan	September 12	Centerville UMC
April	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelights	October	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelights
May 2	First UMC, Caldwell	November 7	First UMC, Madisonville
June 6	FUMC, Bryan	December	No Gathering, Merry Christmas

AGAPE

As members of the BVEC, you go above and beyond for every Walk. All agape- your prayers, 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. It has been requested by the Camp that we have no pillow agape with food in it – in any form.

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 . . . Charlotte Waddill (936) 855-2523.

Did You Know?

It takes more than 90 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.

BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Upcoming Events for 2015/2016

Saturday, September 12 – Gathering at UMC in Centerville @5:00

Thursday, October 8- Sunday, October 11, 2015 – Men’s Walk #100 with Dave Wyatt as LD; Saturday, October 10 – Candlelight @7:30; Sunday, October 11 – Closing @4:00

Thursday, October 22- Sunday, October 25, 2015 – Women’s Walk #101 with Wendy Manuel as LD; Saturday, October 24 – Candlelight @7:30; Sunday, October 25 – Closing @4:00

Saturday, November 7 – Fourth Day/Gathering at First UMC in Madisonville.
Fourth day for Walks #100 & #101 @4:00; Gathering @5:00

Thursday, April 7 – Sunday, April 10, 2016 - Men’s Walk #102 LD TBD, Saturday, April 9 – Candlelight @7:30;
Sunday, April 10 – Closing @4:00

Thursday, April 21 – Sunday April 24, 2016 - Women’s Walk #103; LD TBD; Saturday, April 23, 2016 –
Candlelight @7:30; Sunday, April 24- Closing @4:00

Go to bvemmaus.org and check the calendar for all upcoming events and directions to the Churches that will be hosting the Gatherings and get a list of Pilgrims for Walks.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2015 HULLABALOO - UPDATE

For those who might have missed the Hullabaloo, you missed a great evening of fun, fellowship, music, dining, and bidding wars that helped us earn money for scholarships for upcoming walks. When the dust settled, \$5,003 was counted from the silent and live auctions. A great big THANK YOU to all who donated items for both of these auctions . . . and to those who gave so generously to help fund the scholarships to the Walks. And, of course, our thanks go out to all those who help organize this event, especially Tennille Lamon who was at the church all day, and her assistants and to Christ United Methodist Church in College Station for letting us use their facilities.