



BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY December 2015

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

As the year draws to an end, we look back and wish a welcome to the new community members of Walks 100 and 101. A big thanks to Dave Wyatt and to Wendy Manuel and their teams for leading these two walks. We had 14 men who attended Walk #100 and 19 women who attended Walk #101. Those who attended the 4th Day Meeting at FUMC in Madisonville heard the new community members' testimonies and saw the results of two very powerful Walks.

Now we look forward to Walk #102 on April 7-10 with David Claridge as the Lay Director and Walk #103 on April 21-24 with Mary Kamas as the Lay Director. The teams have been selected for these Walks and will begin training soon. **What can you do to help?** We have new 'Walk to Emmaus Brochures' which are being distributed to the churches in our Community by Dianne Davenport. They will also be available at the next Gathering on January 9th at FUMC in Caldwell. Take some and hand them out at your church to those who you would like to invite to go on a walk.

This is an exciting time as we look toward these new Walks and showing new Pilgrims the love of Christ in their lives and the love of the Community. Let's all work together filling these Walks!

DeColores ... Forrest Goodell, Community Lay Director

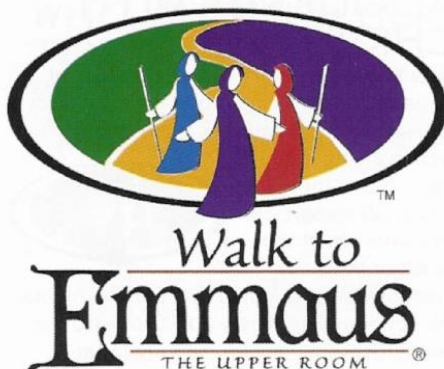
BVEC UPCOMING WALKS

Walk #102 – LD David Claridge, April 7-10, 2016 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman

Walk #103 – LD Mary Kamas, 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



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Above you will see the 2015 Board for BVEC. As the year ends, we will be losing several of these Board members, and we will have several more joining the Board. First I want to say a great big **'Thank you and Job Well Done'** to Marie Mickey, Michael Koehn, Marlene Coffman, W.D. Smith, Dale Timian, Jesse Brown, Pat Mynar, and Courtney Morgan. And I want to welcome the following new Board Members: Elaine Alexander, Liz Gabriel, Luke Heath, Tennille Lamon, Jim Miller, Swen Crone and David Porterfield. Their positions on the Board will be determined at our first Board Meeting on January 9th. Please be in prayer for these new Board Members as they begin to serve BVEC.

2016 HULLABALOO - DATE CHANGE

In previous years, we have held our Hullabaloo in August. The Hullabaloo is our yearly Fund-Raising Event with the proceeds going toward Scholarships for Pilgrims/Team Members who need financial assistance attending a Walk. This year we are changing the date of the Hullabaloo to **February 6th** at FUMC Brenham. Now you don't have to save those extra Christmas gifts as long, and when you search for where you hid them, maybe you'll remember where they are. Also if you crochet or make items, get busy during the extra days you have off so you can donate these items to the Live and/or Silent Auctions. These donations are the backbone of our auctions - we love home-made items. BVEC appreciates FUMC offering to host this event and look forward to the goodies you all come up with. Mark your calendars. **Be there! Bring stuff!**

To new members interested in Reunion Groups and your Fourth Day, Dave Ogee wrote this for our August newsletter and I would to send it again. Also following is a list of the Reunion Groups – if anyone knows of others, please let us know.

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 mantel 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.

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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

2016 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 9	FUMC Caldwell	July 9	Hilltop Lakes Chapel
February 6	FUMC Brenham - HULLABALOO	August 6	FUMC Bryan
March 5	FUMC, Hearn	September 10	TBD
April	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelights	October	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelights
May 7	TBD - 4th Day	November 5	TBD - 4th Day
June 4	Crossbridge Christian/Cy Fair at Crossbridge, Houston	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.

For these upcoming Walks, we need 65 pieces of dining room/pillow agape. Because 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.