



BRAZOS VALLEY

EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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PILGRIMS!

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

WALK 102 FOR OUR MEN AND WALK 103 FOR OUR WOMEN ARE ALMOST HERE!! Have you signed up your pilgrim yet?

We are looking 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 are busy training for these walks.

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. If you don't have one, they will also be available at the next Gathering on March 5th at FUMC Hearn. Hand these out at your church and let's all work together and fill these upcoming Walks to capacity of 36 each!! 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.

Thank you all for your contributions and purchases at our Hullabaloo . . . we made approximately \$5,000 which will be used for scholarships for Pilgrims and Team Members.

DeColores ... Forrest Goodell, Community Lay Director

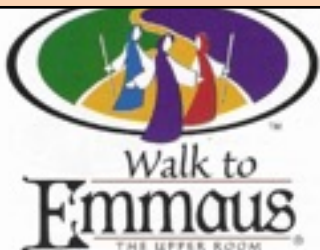
BVEC UPCOMING WALKS

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 Dennis Wilgonowski, October 6-9, 2016 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman

Walk #105 – LD Beth Vickers, October 20-23, 2016 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman



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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	Franklin UMC
April	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelight	October	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelight
May 7	TBD - 4 th Day	November 5	TBD - 4 th Day
June 4	Crossbridge Christian/Cy Fair at Crossbridge, Houston	December	No Gathering, Merry Christmas

SPONSORSHIP!



Emmaus empowers leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ. Luke 24:32 *They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”*

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.

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.

AGAPE:

Don't forget to have your Reunion Group provide 65 pieces of Agape for each of the upcoming Walks . . . contact Charlotte Waddill at 936-855-2523 if you have any questions.