



BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY May 2016

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

Welcome to summer...almost. It's hard to believe we are almost halfway through 2016 ... there is so much going on and summer is around the corner. I know that your calendars are getting full, and just wanted to remind you to add the upcoming Gatherings to your busy agenda. The dates are listed in this newsletter.

Also I've added a Reunion Group list with contact names and numbers...if you want to join a group, but don't know how to find one, look at this list. This is a sure way to keep up with activities in your area as well as fellowship with other Community Members. If there isn't one in your area, start one. Give Dave Ogee who is in charge of the Reunion Groups a call, and he will give you all kinds of help.

There is also a note from our last Newsletter regarding sponsorship. With the next upcoming Walks just around the corner ... well in October, and with our questions on who to invite, how to invite and what do we do as sponsors, it's always helpful to take time to address these questions.

What can the pilgrims we sponsor expect when they go on their Walk? Several of BVEC's Board Members had an opportunity to attend an all-day Leadership training session last week (5/14) in the Woodlands given by the Upper Room Emmaus office out of Nashville. There were about 45 attendees from Emmaus groups all over Central and SW Texas. As an illustration as to what to expect on Walks, the presenters had purchased a Big Mac in San Antonio the day before which they brought with them and then purchased a Big Mac in the Woodlands and a 'have it your way' hamburger from another chain there in the Woodlands. Three people were called to the front and asked to open the wrapped hamburgers. The Big Macs were exactly the same which is why we pattern our Walks around the Upper Room Model. The one from another chain had all kinds of stuff added to it which would make each Walk different.

To answer the question above, "What can the pilgrims we sponsor expect when they go on their Walk?" They will experience what you experienced. The names will change. The message, the agenda will be the same as you experienced.

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Forrest Goodell
Community Lay Director

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BVEC UPCOMING WALKS

- 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

How Do I Sponsor?



Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of the Walk to Emmaus. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning and follow-through. If you have just finished your Walk, ask your Sponsor to co-sponsor a Pilgrim with you . . . they can guide you on all of the responsibilities. Of course, the first step is Prayer! Pray that God will guide you to the person with whom He wants you to share the Walk to Emmaus.

Good sponsorship is the first act of Agape. Good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim embodying the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim. Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its true purpose: the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry,

WHY DO WE SPONSOR? WHAT IS OUR AIM? It is NOT trying "to get all my friends to go" or to "fix people's problems" or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others. Rather, IT IS the aim of the sponsor to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who, in turn, will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community. The AIM of sponsorship is to build up the Body of Christ.

WHO DO WE SPONSOR? The Walk to Emmaus is for active Christians and members of churches whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments for Christ's sake. Those sponsored could include the following: Church leaders (pastors and laypersons) who will bring vision, commitment and understanding back to their congregations and who need the renewal and grace Emmaus channels; dependable church members who are the quiet backbone of the church; less active members who need their awareness of grace rekindled and their commitments renewed; Christians who are hungry for "something more" and who want to grow spiritually; members and leaders who represent a cross section of the church and who will help Emmaus remain theologically sound, centered on the essentials of our common faith, and open to different perspectives; and respected laypersons and clergypersons whose participation, support, and leadership will encourage others to take the Walk and will be a sound, balanced leadership base for the movement in the community.

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?"*

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2016 Gatherings

For Directions, go to bvemmaus.org, click on **Calendar**, find the date and then click on the location.

DATE	LOCATION
June 4, 2016	Crossbridge Christian Church/CyFairChristian Church at Crossbridge, 14514 West Road, Houston, TX 77095
July 9, 2016	Hilltop Lakes Chapel
August 6, 2016	FUMC, Bryan
September 10, 2016	Franklin UMC
October, 2016	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelights for Walks #104 and #105
November 5, 2016	316 in Caldwell – 4 th Day
December, 2016	No Gathering – MERRY CHRISTMAS

Reminder that we have new Emmaus Brochures available for you to use with prospective Pilgrims. If your church doesn't have any, please contact Dianne Davenport.

REUNION GROUPS

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@tam.u.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