



BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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

As we enter this new Fall Season, we look forward to the approach of our upcoming Men's and Women's Walks. And we ask these questions: Have you talked with your Pilgrim? Have you registered your Pilgrim? Have you mailed in their Application? Have you signed up for the Prayer Vigil? Have you looked at opportunities to serve? Have you made your Agape?

There are so many opportunities for you to serve in BVEC, beginning with filling these upcoming Walks. You can sign your Pilgrim up by printing off the application and other forms found at bvemmaus.org home page. After you print your forms and fill them out, mail them to: Registrar, Brazos Valley Emmaus Community 2209 Parker Ct., Brenham Tx 77833. To sign up for the Prayer Vigil, refer to the email you should have received from Brazos Valley Emmaus dated August 8th regarding "Instruction to sign up for prayer vigil". The opportunities to serve can be found by working in the kitchen preparing meals for the Pilgrims and Team – contact Luke Heath at 979-204-1821. You can send him an email from the "Board" page found on the home page of BVEC. Regarding Agape, as always we need 65 pieces of Agape to be given to the Pilgrims and Team Members. If you have any questions, contact Charlotte Waddill, also found on the "Board" page on the home page of BVEC.

As you look at who you might want to sponsor, reflect back on your Walk – what did it mean to you? The scary feeling when you first showed up on Thursday going into the joyous feeling of realizing that Christ really is there with you – by your side. I am including the "How Do I Sponsor" page again for those new to the community.

It is going to be a busy year ahead as we work together, filling these Walks and preparing for others to see the Grace of God. **Remember our upcoming Gathering September 10th at Franklin UMC in Franklin, TX.**

DeColores, Forrest Goodell, Community Lay Director

BVEC UPCOMING WALKS

Walk #104 – LD Dennis Wilgonowski, October 6-9, 2016 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chrisman

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

Walk #106 – Men’s Walk March 30 – April 2, 2017 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chrisman

Walk #107 – Women’s Walk April 20-23, 2017 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chrisman

Walk #108 – Men’s Walk October 12-15, 2017 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chrisman

Walk #109 – Women’s Walk October 26-28, 2017 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chrisman

Your 2016 BVEC Board of Directors

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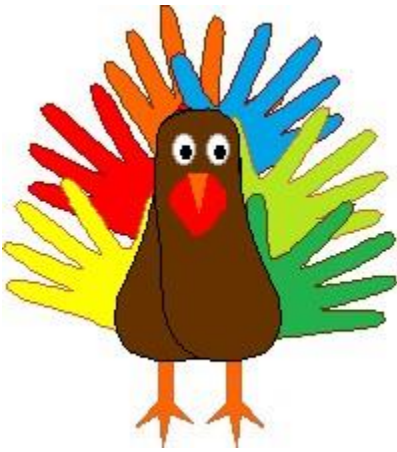
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How Do I Sponsor?



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?"*

2016/2017 Gatherings

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

DATE	LOCATION
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
January 7, 2017	Available
February 4, 2017	Caldwell FUMC – Hullabaloo
March 4, 2017	Available
May 6, 2017	Madisonville FUMC – 4 th Day
June 3, 2017	Available
July 8, 2017	Available
August 5, 2017	Available
September 9, 2017	Bryan FUMC
November 4, 2017	Available – 4 th Day

These are the date of the upcoming Gatherings. The available dates are for your church to sign up for - contact Margy Elliott at Margy.Elliott@sbcglobal.net. Margy will walk you through what the responsibilities are for hosting a Gathering.