



BRAZOS VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWLETTER, February 2017

These are the dates of the upcoming Gatherings. The available dates are for your church to sign up for - contact Nancy Reynolds at chipnboots@hotmail.com Nancy will walk you through what the responsibilities are for hosting a Gathering.

2017 Gatherings

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

DATE	LOCATION
March 4, 2017	Chappell Hill UMC – Chappell Hill, TX – 5 PM
April, 2017 Men's Walk #106 (3/30-4/2) Women's Walk #107 (4/20-23)	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelights for Walks #106 and #107
May 6, 2017	Madisonville FUMC – 4 th Day
June 3, 2017	Pleasant Retreat UMC – Thorndale, TX
July 8, 2017	Hilltop Lakes Chapel, Hilltop Lakes, TX
August 5, 2017	Aldersgate UMC, College Station, TX
September 9, 2017	Bryan FUMC
October, 2017 Men's Walk #108 (10/12-15) Women's Walk #109 (10/26-29)	No Gathering, come out to the Candlelights for Walks #106 and #107
November 4, 2017	Available – 4 th Day

HULLABAOO MAJOR SUCCESS!

Our Annual Hullabaloo was an OUTSTANDING Success. We raised over \$5,200 to support scholarships. Thank you everyone for coming out and most definitely for your generosity.

BVEC UPCOMING WALKS

Walk #106 – Men’s Walk March 30 – April 2, 2017 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, Jerry Coffman LD

Walk #107 – Women’s Walk April 20-23, 2017 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, Sue Farris LD

Walk #108 – Men’s Walk October 12-15, 2017 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman< Charlie Lima LD

Walk #109 – Women’s Walk October 26-29, 2017 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, Angela McBee LD



YOUR 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Lay Director: Russ Bevil (979) 567-7461
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Agape: Charlotte Waddill (936) 855-2523
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Gatherings: Nancy Reynolds
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Kitchen Coordinator: Les Rogers (325) 665-8224
Communication: Forrest Goodell (713) 201-3043
Technology: Russ Bevil with Jerry Coffman

You will note that some of our directors are wearing multiple hats. If you are interested in helping with the board, please contact the appropriate board member or Les Rogers.



SPONSORHIP – READ THIS! Then Pray. Then Take Action.

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?”

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. **(pray for them and they will stand out to you!)**

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