



BRAZOS VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER, November, 2017

First things first...**Thank you Franklin UMC for hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> day gathering.** Yours is a truly wonderful faith community. Also, it was truly amazing that we had to add extra tables into the dining hall. (Especially since we had opening day of deer season and Aggie game day.)

### **Praying for a waiting list.**



**While we were at the 4<sup>th</sup> day meeting celebrating the previous walks.... we started praying for a waiting list. Prayer has already started to fill up the walks and have a standby list. So, dust off your sponsors guide and let the Holy Spirit guide you as to whom you should sponsor.**

**FOCUS on this. Then do something like help your pilgrim send in the application.**

**Walk #110 – Men’s Walk April 12-15, 2018 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, Steven Wright, LD**

**Walk #111 – Women’s Walk April 26-29, 2018 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, Joanne Claridge, LD**

**Walk #112 – Men’s Walk October 11-14, 2018, 2018 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, Brian Hill, LD**

**Walk #113 – Women’s Walk October 25-28, 2018 at Cross Roads Retreat in Chriesman, Phyllis M. Johnson, LD**

**WORKING A WALK-Team Selection will be coming up soon.**

Here are the methods for communicating your willingness to work:

- A. Print Off A Team Application Form from our website.  
[www.bvemmaus.org/docs/walk\\_team\\_app.pdf](http://www.bvemmaus.org/docs/walk_team_app.pdf)

A1-Snail Mail it to - Brazos Valley Emmaus Community, PO BOX 10491, College Station, TX 77842

A2 – Email It to [rbevil@farmersagent.com](mailto:rbevil@farmersagent.com) . It'll get it to Team Selection

- B. Send an email that you want to serve and in what capacity (inside Team, Outside Team, Upside Down Team, Kitchen)
- C. Put a posting on the Brazos Valley Emmaus Facebook Page.
- D. Talk with the Lay Directors Tell them that you want to serve. (send them a note) (give them a call)



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](mailto:chipnboots@hotmail.com) Nancy will walk you through what the responsibilities are for hosting a Gathering.

## 2018 Gatherings

For Directions, go to [bvemmaus.org](http://bvemmaus.org), click on Calendar, find the date and then click on the location.

DATE	LOCATION
January 6, 2018	Grace, UMC – Hearne Texas
February 3, 2018	HULLABALOO – Madisonville, UMC Madisonville, TX
March 3, 2018	Chappell Hill UMC, Chappell Hill, TX
April 12-15 2018	Men’s Walk 110, Chriesman, TX
April 26-29, 2018	Women’s Walk 111, Chriesman, TX
May 4, 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> Day - TBD
June 2, 2018	Hilltop Lakes Chapel, Hilltop Lakes, TX
July 7, 2018	TBD
August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Crossbridge Church, Cypress, TX
September 8, 2018	TBD
October 11-14, 2018	Men’s Walk 112, Chriesman, TX
October 25-28, 2018	Women’s Walk 113, Chriesman, TX
November 3, 2018	TBD
December 2018	Merry Christmas

## **IT IS ALMOST TIME TO SELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS –**

**Please read the bio-summaries for our candidates**

### **Sue Farris**

My name is Sue Farris, Walk #45, Table of Sarah. I am a active member of FUMC, Madisonville.

I am a wife, Mom, Grandmother and retired educator.

I serve on various church committees, am a Sunday School leader and a member of "Early Risers" Emmaus Reunion Group. I tutor in the FUMC ASK ("After School Kids") outreach program.

I have served Emmaus in many capacities, including Outside Team (kitchen), Conference Room Team, Asst. Lay Director and Lay Director.

It would be an honor to serve on the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community Board and assist equipping men and women fulfill their calling as faithful servants of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### **David Claridge**

My name is David Claridge of the Table of Paul, Walk #64 and I am candidate for the BVEC board. I am a past lay director and a member of the Rooster reunion group which meets every Wednesday noon at Fritella's in Bryan. In addition to serving in the conference room as an ATL, TL and ALD on multiple walks, I have served on the outside team, and have worked in the kitchen on multiple occasions. My Emmaus family has been very influential in helping me develop and carry out my commitment to daily Bible study, daily service, daily Christian growth and active participation in my home church, First Methodist of Bryan. An essential component of my growth is a daily effort to help others find or grow in their love for Christ.

If elected, I pledge to work with our board to strengthen the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community by strengthening our efforts to find more pilgrims and emphasize continued spiritual growth of our entire community on every 4th Day.

De Colores!

## **Ron Rushing**

Dear BVEC Emmaus Board,

My name is Ronald Rushing of the table of John, and I think Walk #16 or 17. My Emmaus Walk was in the spring of 1995 at Camp Tejas, Giddings, Texas, and I just don't remember the number of my walk. I don't mean to trivialize my walk with this lapse of memory, for it was extremely well timed and extremely meaningful in my spiritual journey. It's just that, although I can remember several log-ins and passwords, I just don't remember my walk number.

I regularly attend Christ United Methodist Church, in College Station and am a member of the sanctuary choir. I also belong to a CUMC Fellowship group that has been meeting for over 20 years. I am a life long United Methodist and have always attended church somewhere throughout my life. I've been on several mission trips through the years, i.e., to interior Mexico and to Calcutta, India, and served as an agronomist with the US Peace Corps, in Ecuador, South America. I am also a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellow.

I've been a classroom teacher for 24 years, with the last 10 years teaching GED prep at the Pack 1 Unit in Navasota, Texas within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice System.

I have probably been on the Hum & Strum music team with Arthur Averritt for maybe 5,6? years or so. Like my Walk number, I don't know how many walks I've assisted Arthur with, but I'm always pleased to be a part of the Emmaus Walk as a music co-leader. I understand completely that the music provided by the music team is to engage the pilgrims in worship music, not to be a performance that is passively observed. Arthur is THE main worship leader, and I'm just his sideman. But I do take my role as sideman seriously and reverently, in that I know the music is a special way to worship God. I'm extremely blessed to backup Arthur, I strive to make him sound better as he leads our pilgrims in worship music.

If elected, I pledge to work the the BVEC board to spiritually nurture the pilgrims on the upcoming walks.

## **NANCY GOODELL**

Active member of Crossbridge Christian Church. Pilgrim of Walk 49. Nancy has served on the inside team, and the outside team. Nancy is also a two time Lay Director and has also served on the board in the past.

## **GLENDA WESTBROOK**

Since her Pilgrim Walk back on Walk 91. Glenda has proven herself a person of humor, service and solace. You just never know how she is going to provide comfort. Having worked 4 walks in leadership roles. Glenda's love language is clearly serving others. (anyone who has tried her cookies knows this). Glenda does support her church by assisting with the communications and administration. Her hearty laugh and sense of humor definitely help any team.

## **KEN HAYES**

Since his Pilgrim walk on walk M-11, Ken has shown himself to be a quiet and effective member of this community. He serves in Aldersgate Methodist Church and has served in many capacities there. Ken has worked multiple walks, been a lay director and in general... proven to be a great asset to our community.

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Russell Bevil

Walk 72

Table of John