

BRAZOS VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY

APRIL 2018

NEWSLETTER



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

Men's Walk #110 and Women's Walk #111 are upon us!!

We are looking forward to Walk #110 on April 12-15
with Steve Wright as the Lay Director and
Walk #111 on April 26-29 with Joanne Claridge as the Lay Director.

What Can You Do To Help?

PRAYER

Hello all in Brazos Valley Emmaus Community!

There are two very important reasons to lift up the upcoming Walks in prayer to our Lord. First, I know you remember how much of an impact it had on you during your walk to see how many different people were praying for the Walk you attended. We want to be sure all pilgrims have that same opportunity to see such an outpouring of Agape love for their Walk. Please remember to sign up for the Prayer Vigil on the BVEC website, at <http://www.bvemmas.org/vigils.html>

Second, and this maybe this is the most important point- the enemy is constantly trying to defeat God's plans and God's work. The Walks are a prime example of something amazing that God is doing which will be under attack, and we need to bathe the Walks in prayer, even when you are not listed on the Prayer Vigil. There is also a list of things to assist you in your prayer efforts on BVEC the website.

Also, there is still time to sign up pilgrims for both Walks. Don't delay, because the slots begin to fill up quickly as we get closer to the Walk. Thank you in advance for all each of you are doing!

De Colores!
Gary Westbrook

"Take up your cross and follow me" Mark 8:34

AGAPE

Brazos Valley Community! We are in need of Bed and Table Agape for the Walks #110 and 111. Men's walk starts April 12th. I know many are working hard on agape but this is a friendly reminder to those that have forgotten! I am sure you all remember how special the agape meant to us! At least at the end of the walk it did!

DeCloses!
Glenda Westbrook

SERVERS

Everyone is welcome to serve in whatever capacity they are able. We are needing women to serve during the Saturday dinner for the Men's Walk #110 and also men to serve during the Women's Walk #111. If you are able to spend a few hours to help out you can come early, serve and stay for candlelight! Contact Glenda Westbrook @ 979-739-5812, thanks!

We're always needing kitchen help also. Check with Les Rogers (325) 665-8224
For more information visit <http://www.bvemmas.org/index.html>

SPONSORS

Thanks to all who have been able to sponsor now and in the past. Sponsorship is an amazing act of selfless agape. Along with all those who serve in any way during the Walks your roll is essential for the Pilgrim to participate! Here are a few things to keep in mind in the weeks ahead.....

Once you've brought you pilgrim along with their favorite snacks and drinks, attended the Sponsor Hour after they've gone to the conference room PLEASE PLEASE **return Saturday night to share in the Candlelight** Service at approximately 7:30 PM.

Remember how awesome a filled church is on that Saturday night? Candlelight will be in the Chapel at Cross Roads Retreat. There will be people to direct you to the service and where to park, etc. It will be awesome.

Also, be sure to return to Cross Roads at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, of the Walk to share in the Closing Service, fellowship with your pilgrim, the other pilgrims, the Community and, of course, to take your pilgrim home! The Walk needs prayers and sacrifices for the pilgrims.

Finally, as part of the Walk, all the pilgrims are encouraged to come to a Fourth Day Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Gathering on Saturday, May 5 at Christ UMC in College Station. The purpose of this meeting is to help the pilgrims form Reunion Groups, to support them in their Fourth Day experience since their Walk and to orient them to the Emmaus community. It is very important for you to bring your pilgrim to this Fourth Day Meeting to get them off to a good start. If you cannot, find an Emmaus person from his church or walk. Remember, our focus should not just be on the three days of a Walk--- The three day Walks are to prepare us to be a dynamic Fourth Day Community in service to Christ, the world and one another.

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MUSIC

Not sure if there has been an update since this email was sent so I am including it for those who wish to share their love of music as their agape.

Dear BVEC,

I'm wondering if there is anyone that could provide the Sat. night Candel Light Service music for the Women's Walk on Sat. the 28th of March. David Henry is out as well as Arthur Averitt. In a pinch I could assist on piano but I can not lead the singing,... I don't play piano and sing at the same time. I'm not as familiar with all the Emmaus community members that have performed in times past, so your input would be appreciated.

I will be providing the women's Sat. night dinner music playing jazz and pop standards with some gospel tunes thrown in on piano, so I'll be there Sat. night.

Sincerely,

Ronald Rushing

A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO MADISONVILLE FUMC AND CHAPPEL HILL UMC FOR HOSTING FEBRUARY AND MARCH GATHERINGS. OUR ANNUAL HULLABALOO WAS HELD IN FEBRUARY AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS INTO MAKING IT A GREAT SUCCESS!! TOTAL RAISED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS WAS \$7,324.00!

BVEC UPCOMING WALKS

Walk #110 – LD Steve Wright, April 12-15, 2018 at Crossroads Retreat in Chriesman

Walk #111 – LD Joanne Claridge, April 26-29, 2018 at Crossroads Retreat in Chriesman

Walk #112 – LD TBA , October 11-14, 2018 at Crossroads Retreat in Chriesman

Walk #113 – LD TBA, October 25-28, 2018 at Crossroads Retreat in Chriesman

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Terms run from January 1 to December 31. Elections are held in the Fall. Board members serve a three-year term of monthly meetings. BVEC Board Meeting schedules are posted on our Calendar and are open to all. Send agenda items or other written input to BVEC, P.O. Box 10491, College Station, TX 77842.

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I wonder what happened to good old what's his name?

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I often smile when I think about you even though we are separated by distance and time. Our shared memories bring warmth in a cold world.

You see being the hands and feet of Christ will often take us away from one another. Away from the comfort of our fellowship. The understanding of beloved friends who recognize us from a distance and with whom we do not even have to speak in order to have them understand.

It is therefore a simple but marvelous joy when we get to meet at gatherings and reunion groups. But time, distance and pressure will work against us.

At times I have been pressed to the point of crushing and when I cry out to God for help...it is often my Emmaus brothers and sisters who hear the echo of that cry. (and they reach for me) So we need to make a decision. Make a call or send a text to "good old what's his name?"

Put some time in your schedule to remember. Coals gathered back to the fire warm up again.

De Colores

2018 Gatherings

For directions go to bvemmaus.org, click on Gatherings and then click on the location.

DATE	LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION
Jan 6	Grace UMC Hearne	July 7	TBA
Feb 3	Madisonville FUMC	August	Crossbridge Christian Church, Houston
Mar 3	Chappel Hill UMC	Sep 8	TBA
April	No Gathering, come out to candlelights	Oct	No Gathering, come out to candlelights
May 5	Christ UMC, College Station	Nov 3	TBA
June 2	Hilltop Lakes Chapel	Dec	No gathering, Merry Christmas!

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