

The Pilgrim's Journey

CRADLE OF TEXAS EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Issue 3

June 7, 2009

WORDS FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR ...

Greetings from the COT Lay Director:

June is a busy month for our Emmaus community. I hope to see you in June.

- 1) Saturday, June 6: We have an Upper Room Representative coming for a Leadership Training Day from 9:30-2:00. This will be held at New Beginnings Church and EVERYONE is INVITED.
- 2) Saturday, June 13: Please come to the June Gathering at New Beginnings Church from 6:30-9:00pm. This is a great time to introduce prospective Pilgrims to Emmaus. INVITE a FRIEND or two.
- 3) Saturday, June 27: There will be Team Training for Walks 43 & 44 at Chapelwood United Methodist Church.

Here are some humorous & meaning thoughts. I hope you enjoy them.

- God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- Most people want to serve God-but only in an advisory capacity.
- God doesn't want shares of your life-He wants controlling interest.
- Having truth decay?-Brush up on your Bible!
- Exercise daily-walk with the Lord!
- Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous!
- Wisdom has 2 parts: 1-Having a lot to say 2-Not saying it.
- When God ordains, He sustains.
- Don't give God instructions-just report for duty!
- Remember the banana-when it left the bunch, it got skinned.
- Hem your day with prayer & it will be less apt to unravel at the edges.
- Never give the devil a ride! He will want to drive!
- Watch your step carefully! Everyone else does!
- A clean conscience makes a soft pillow.
- Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- A family altar can alter a family.
- We don't change the message-the message changes us.
- WARNING: Exposure to the sun may prevent burning!
- He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.
- Kindness is difficult to give away 'cause it keeps coming back.
- He who angers you controls you!
- Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- Be ye fishers of men, you catch them-He will clean them.
- Deciding not to choose is still making a choice.
- God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- Give God what's right, not what's left!
- If God is your copilot, swap seats!

In His service,
Janis Warny



WORDS FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR ...

Greetings from the Spiritual Director:

I have a question to ask you. Don't worry it's not a question I haven't already asked myself many times. Get ready, here it is: "How are the men and women that I have sponsored in the past getting along?" Ouch! Kind of gives me a little twinge to even think about it. How have I done at following up on those people I delivered to walks, collected letters for and prayed for in the past few years? Is their fire still burning? Are they still carrying out the purposes they identified at their "closing". You may answer that question easily and positively. Some of us may not. We may have let a few people become lost in the business of our lives. But, don't despair, it's never too late to make that phone call or write that email to tell those people we are thinking of them and will be available to serve them in any way we can. God says He will bless us if we do. His word says in John 15, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love one another."

I'm really looking forward to the remaining walks for 2009. Pray now that God would lead you to those friends and family members that you might encourage to attend. Take that risk.....God will bless you for it.

David Smith

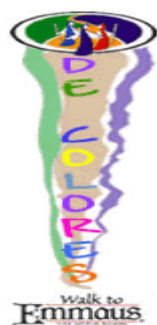


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COT Emmaus Calendar

Date	Item
June 1, Monday	Newsletter
June 13, Saturday	Gathering
June 18, Thursday	Board Meeting
July 11, Saturday	Team Training for Walks 43 & 44
July 16-19	Walk 42(Danbury)Diane Hill-LD
July 23, Thursday	Board Meeting
August 1, Saturday	Follow-Up Meeting for Walk 42
August 1, Saturday	Newsletter
August 8, Saturday	Gathering (with Hoot)-Community Bapt.
August 20, Thursday	Board Meeting
September 10-13	Walk 43 (Danbury) Brooks Bass-LD
September 17-20	Walk 44 (Danbury) Teddie Meier-LD
September 24, Thursday	Board Meeting
September 26, Saturday	Follow-Up Meeting for Walk 43 (tentative)
October 3, Saturday	Newsletter
October 3 & 10, Saturday	Team Selection Meeting for Walks 45 & 46
October 10, Saturday	Follow-Up Meeting for Walk 44 (tentative)
October 15, Thursday	Board Meeting
November 2, Monday	Newsletter
November 19, Thursday	Board Meeting
November 21/22, Sat/Sun	LD Training for Walks 45 & 46
December 3, Thursday	Board Dinner & (election of officers)
December 5 or 12, Saturday	Gathering & Annual Meeting

2009 Walk Schedule



Women's #42 Danbury July 16-19

LD: Diane Hill

Men's #43 Danbury September 10-13

LD: Brooks Bass

Women's #44 Danbury September 17-20

LD: Teddie Meier

Be a Part of an Emmaus Team

The Emmaus movement does not exist primarily for the weekend Walks. Its purposes are to deepen the faith of individuals, to increase the faith of congregations, and to bring Christianity to the world. Emmaus gives pilgrims the skills needed for leadership and invites them to make the commitment needed to build up the church for the sake of Jesus Christ. The questions asked at the closing - "What has this weekend meant to you?" and "What are you going to do with it?" -- help pilgrims begin to comprehend the kind of servant leadership that God may require of them in the future.

If you are interested in serving as part of a team for a weekend walk, please fill out and send in a service application by clicking on or going to the following Link.

[COT Service Application](#)

http://www.geocities.com/cotemmaus/svcapp_pdf.pdf

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What is Chrysalis?

Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "chrysalis." On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love.

"Chrysalis" is the name chosen for the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus, its parent movement, because it symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. That growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship.

Chrysalis "Flights" are a three-day spiritual renewal time that provides an opportunity for you to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. The point is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community.

There will be 2 flights for the "Houston South Chrysalis" @ the Lodge in Danbury this year. The dates are:



Girls Flourney #89 (age 15-24) - July 9th-12th

Boys Flourney #92 (age 15-24) - July 30th - August 2nd

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Emmaus Sponsorship

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Women's Walk #42 Danbury July 16-19
THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PILGRIMS IS 30.

SOMEONE SPONSORED YOU.
RETURN THE BLESSING AND SPONSOR A FRIEND.

SPONSORSHIP IS MAKING A COMMITMENT.
SPONSORSHIP IS BULDING A RELATIONSHIP.
SPONSORSHIP IS ANSWERING A CALL FROM GOD TO
BE HIS HANDS AND FEET.
SPONSORSHIP IS SHOWING SOMEONE YOU CARE.
SPONSORSHIP IS GETTING INVOLVED.
SPONSORSHIP KEEPS OUR COMMUNITY GROWING.

AS THE COT EMMAUS COMMUNITY, PLEASE PRAY
FOR GUIDANCE ABOUT WHO GOD WANTS
YOU TO SPONSOR.

Pilgrim Application

<http://www.geocities.com/cotemmaus/pilgrim.pdf>

Sponsor Application

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Discontinue US Postal Mailing of COT Newsletter!

The Cradle of Texas Emmaus community would like to send all newsletters to the community using EMAIL for all future COT newsletters. It is very important that if you have a change in your email address that you let us know so that we can make sure that you will receive your newsletter. For any changes or additions to email please contact Jim Hill at jimhill9@swbell.net.

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YOU MUST Notify us.

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Cradle Of Texas Emmaus Community Gathering

Saturday, June 13, 2009

New Beginnings Community Church
400 N. Dixie Drive in Lake Jackson.

Meal in Fellowship Hall 6:30 – 7:15 PM
Gathering in Sanctuary 7:15 – 9:00 PM

Meal will be covered dish:

A-F bring meat, casserole, G-N bring salad, vegetable, O-Z bring dessert bring

Everyone is invited.

If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who has not been on a Walk, they are invited to attend the Gathering.
This is a great way to introduce them to Emmaus!

Questions, please call Margaret Spears @979-415-4554

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