

Big Country EMMAUS community

Community gathers the 1st Tuesday
of each month.

January 5 will be held at

Highland Church of Christ, 425 Highland Ave.

Babe Chick Orientation at 6:00

Enjoy a Time of Praise & Worship at 6:30

Childcare is Provided for ages 9 and under.

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JANUARY

I feel so very blessed to have been entrusted with a leadership role in our community this year. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me; thank you for supporting me; and thank you for your prayers on my behalf. Our lives are lived out in the moments between a few events. This year has been for me, an event. In an entire lifetime most people never have the opportunity to work with a community like ours; it has been my privilege. As our year ends, it is with a great deal of confidence that I introduce Don Martin as our new Community Lay Director for 2010.

This year has been one of prayer. I have prayed *with* you as friends, pilgrims, team members, members of the community, and fellow servants for our Lord; I have prayed *for* you in times of joy and in times of grief; and I have experienced your prayers for me.

When someone asks you to pray for them, what is your response? Do you confidently pray right then—in the middle of Wal Mart, on the phone, or wherever you happen to be? Do you hesitantly say “yes”, but get busy with life and forget until the next time you see that person? Have you ever considered that *your* prayer is the one God is waiting to hear? God can use you to have an eternal impact on those you pray for.

A friend shared with me this life-changing prayer, found in Colossians 1:7-14. It is often the beginning of my prayers for others—and for myself.

Pray that the person would:

1. ***Be filled with the knowledge of God's will.*** God desires to reveal His will and His unique plan for each life; He wants us to listen and obey. He gives us the freedom to follow Him, even if our plan differs from what was planned. *Knowing* God's will prevents our wasting time and talent.
2. ***“Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.”*** When we call ourselves Christians, the world expects us to be different. All that we do should reflect Him. His character should flow out in our speech and our actions, letting Him guide us into right choices and conduct. Through our obedience, we can make a difference in the lives of all around us.
3. Be ***“bearing fruit in every good work.”*** We need to make time in our busy lives to serve and be a positive example. We have a responsibility to live so that we impact those around us. He wants us to use the talents and gifts He has given us.
4. Be ***“increasing in the knowledge of God.”*** As we pray, we pray that we would *continue* to grow in our relationship with our Heavenly Father. We grow through reading His Word so we know His character and can strive to be more like Him. He wants to teach us His truths. He wants us to know how to obey. He wants His children to talk to Him and ask Him to teach us His ways.
5. Be ***“strengthened with all power.”*** Ask God that we may each lean on Him rather than our own strength. Through the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened to do God's will. We can do all things through Christ.

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6. Be **“joyously giving thanks to the Father.”** Even in hardship, pray that we may be thankful. As Christians, we can have joy even in times of sorrow because we trust that God will work a blessing through our suffering. God will use hardships to build character in His children. We will grow in our patience for others through our thanksgiving. He is faithful.

By the way, during this Christmas season, did you suddenly realize you have drifted away from our Father? We cannot change where we have been, but we can choose not to stay there. Why not begin the new year with a renewed relationship with Him. I'm praying for you.

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Joyce Daffern, Community Lay Director, 2009

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Lee Butler Roger Jensen
Glenda Jones Janell Young

The new Community Lay Director for 2010 will be Don Martin. Ernie McLean will be the new Community Spiritual Director. The new committee assignments will be in the February newsletter.

Chrysalis Corner

Newly elected Chrysalis Board members are:

Dylon Boston Kayla Steph
Rhonda Richey Susan Price
Gene Williams Cliff Shriver.

2009 Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director: Joyce Daffern
692-5914

Community Spiritual Director:
Greg Clemmer—338-4287

Asst. Community Lay Director/Trailer Committee: Matt Robinson—698-7916
Past Lay Director/Camp Liaison/Sponsor Hour: Pat Evans—668-7967

Secretary/Agape/Training: Carolyn Dycus
698-1757

Treasurer: Mark Reeder—695-0608

Fourth Day/Training: Diane Walker
201-2108

Database manager/Team Selection:
Carol Zullo—672-7657

Prayer Room: Janie Thornhill: 692-7016

Music /Technical Committee:
Jeff Hargrove 695-0504

Candlelight: Don Martin—529-3170

Registration/Scholarship: Joyce Daffern
692-5914

Community Gatherings: Kathey Hodges
823-3543

Babe Chick Orientation: Bush Ramsey
695-0888

Welcoming Committee: Lynn Lawhon
698-2392

Clergy: Squeaky Walker—672-4814

Chrysalis Community Lay Director:
Ron Smith—548-2323

Chrysalis Spiritual Director:
Bill Guidera—698-6658

Emmaus Registrar: Dixie Morris—692-8437

Chrysalis Registrar: Mary Crymes
676-8133

Newsletter: Terri Murman—698-4294

Men's Walk # 161—January 28-31, 2010

Jeff Jackson-Lay Director; Scott Beard-Spiritual Director

Men's #161 Team:

Ira Akers	Dan Allen
Jay Barbian	Scott Beard
Rick Bennett	Bruce Campbell
Bryan Cauthen	Ronnie Cox
Dan Cummings	Robert Delgado
Travis Dodson	Kevin Fort
Irvin Frazier	Tom Goble
Jim Gravley	Paul Gravley
Justin Hester	Gary Hines
Jeff Jackson	Roger Jensen
Kerry Jones	Tomas Kerley
Rich Kinney	B.J. Lee
Ken Leggett	Dana Mayhall
Robert Mills	Rob Nichols
David Raughton	Kent Rideout
Matt Robinson	Stan Smith
Tommy Varner	Larry Snodgras
David Weems	

Men's #161 Pilgrims:

Brian Burleson	D.J. Chamber
Sam Darnall	John Dunnam
Elmo Hawkins	Zack Jackson
Ron Miller	Tarrance Paris
Reagan Patton	Ken Perry
John Polk	Bill Roberts
Rene Serna	Joel Trueblood
D.J. Windland	

There is still plenty of room for more men on this upcoming walk.

Agape Drop-off sites are: American Classifieds 2903 N. 3rd.; Ingram Cleaners, 2666 Buffalo Gap Rd.;

2010 Walks

January 28-31, 2010

Men's Walk #161

Jeff Jackson

February 18-21, 2010

Women's Walk #162

Latimer Ramsey

March 25-28, 2010

Men's Walk #163

Tim McClarty

April 15-18, 2010

Women's Walk #164

Shelley Childress

August 19-22, 2010

Men's Walk #165

September 9-12, 2010

Women's Walk #166

October 14-17, 2010

Men's Walk #167

November 4-7, 2010

Women's Walk #168