

Big Country
EMMAUS
community

community gathers the 1st Tuesday
of each month.

September 7 will be held at
New Hope Church, 3122 S. Clack

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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The charter was filed to begin the Big Country Emmaus Community in the latter part of July 1989. That means that we have just completed our 21st year as an Emmaus community. Think about that—21 years and each walk just gets better. How sweet our Father is to bless us in this way. I just attended the closing ceremony of Walk #165. If math serves me correctly, 165 times 40 pilgrims on average per walk equals 6600 of God's children that have attended a walk in the Big Country Community since its inception. Isn't it awesome what God can do with a little bread and a few fishes? Just think of the ripple effect that 6600 people can have on our area of the world.

That number does not include the Chrysalis weekends that have been held. Chrysalis #50 and #51 were just completed by the community. What a blessing these young people are to us. The majority of these Caterpillars attended our August community meeting and were on fire to be an active part of God's kingdom. These young people are so spiritually mature that talking to them makes me have a hope once again for the future.

This journey that we have all begun down the Road to Emmaus moves us in and out of the immediate community to even greater servant roles. But occasionally it is good to remember where we have been, to define the direction in which we are headed. I challenge each of you who read this to reconnect with this community in some way.

Do you remember the look on the faces of the pilgrims on Thursday? One of uncertainty about why they are there and what will take place. That look is really a promise of what is to come. Then that first night of silence gives them time to reflect on where they are in life or what's important to them; God beginning a work in them that will shape their future. If the memory of that look has faded, please come to a send off and be a part of that beginning.

Attending a candlelight ceremony always reminds us of our walk. It brings back that special moment when we can envision what heaven may look like. It instills a moment that brings us to a realization of a true agape love experience. It gives us an instant that guarantees that God really does love us. If breathtaking does not describe your walk with God, please come and light a candle once again.

If you believe in miracles but haven't seen any lately, the closing ceremony is the place for you. That promise of what is to come that starts on Thursday, becomes a miracle of God on Sunday afternoon. The changes that take place in the lives of the pilgrims are beyond what we can imagine. God never fails to show up and be a part of that experience.

If you need help in redefining your direction, it may be time to renew an old acquaintance with the Big Country Emmaus Community.

See you at Community!

De Colores,

Don Martin

Community Lay Director

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If you know of anyone who is not currently receiving the newsletter either by regular mail or email, please let me know . If you would like to have something published in the newsletter please e-mail or call Terri, 698-4294 by the 15th of the month.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

Psalm 28:7

Memorial Gifts

Making a memorial gift donation to Big Country Emmaus general fund or to the scholarship fund is a great way to honor the memory of someone. As gifts come in and as the space is available, I will list the names of those who are honored and have blessed our lives.

2010 Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director: Don Martin—529-3170

Community Spiritual Director: Ernie McLean—695-5464

Asst. Community Lay Director/Team Selection/Data Base: Lynn Lawhon 698-2392

Past Community Lay Director/Camp Liaison/Sponsor Hour: Joyce Daffern—692-5914

Secretary/Prayer Room/Prayer Trailer: Janie Thornhill—692-7016

Treasurer/Sponsor's Hour: Matt Robinson 698-7916

Fourth Day/Training: Diane Walker 201-2108 and Glenda Jones—695-2575

Babe Chick Orientation: Lee Butler—518-2448

Music /Technical Committee: Doug Akers—893-2210

Candlelight/Camp Liaison: Roger Jensen—698-1013

Registration/Scholarship: Don Martin 529-3170

Community Gatherings: Kathey Hodges 823-3543

Welcoming Committee/Agape: Carolyn Dycus—698-1757

Trailer: Janel Young—572-3045

Clergy: Squeaky Walker—672-4814

Clergy: Billy Crim—864-1508

Chrysalis Community Lay Director: Mitch McLain—721-6994

Chrysalis Spiritual Director: Greg Rake—692-2117

Emmaus Registrar: Dixie Morris 692-8437

Chrysalis Registrar: Mary Crymes 676-8133

Newsletter: Terri Murman—698-4294

Women's Walk #166—September 9-12, 2010

Monnie Harris—Lay Director

Billy Crim—Spiritual Director

Team:

Dawn Bizzell	Denise Brunner
Jim Clark	Tracy Porras
Billy Crim	Sondra Cox
Carol Denney	Kitty Epperson
Angela Estes	Sherry Foster
Karen Gardner	Mary Lou Garrett
Monnie Harris	Lisa Hargrove
Cameo Harvey	Pam Horn
Nancy Hulit	Kim Belcher
Dottie Ingalsbe	Ruth Jackson
Melissa Ledbetter	Lera Lewis
Peggy Langford	Dana Mayhall
Cindy Crawford	Jay Miller
Kathy Owen	Vonnie Perry
Anne Reno	Rhonda Ritchey
Dian Seymore	Linda Slaymaker
Laura Smith	Bob Strader
Leah Sumrall	Carolyn Thomas
Lydia Towell	Julie Tyler
Gale Wright	Janell Young
Amanda Vidrine	Tina Davis
Donna Gurnea	Patsy Rogers

Agape Drop Off sites are: Monnie Harris's home, 2201 Minter Lane; and Ingram's Cleaners, 2666 Buffalo Gap Rd.

Pilgrims:

Audrey Baxter	Rebekah Burks
Kim Chaffee	Crystal Childress
Karen Hendrick	Nikki Duncan
Gelora Farr	K. Gothard
Rachel Hedglin	
Betty Hughes	Kathy Jones
Kristin Jordan	Jessica Keith
Lana Laird	Angela Lewis
Angie Marsalis	Ann McClarty
Sadie McClarty	Nella McGill
Billie Meeks	Tori Morris
Diana Oakes	Keri Osborne
Nathalie O'Shaughnessy	
Barbara Owens	Mary Ann Lovelady
JoAnn Phillips	Mary Rodriguez
Patsy Rogers	Gail Sargent
Mindy Sargent	Jerry Smith
Katie Springfield	Nicole Strader
Tina Stephens	Bonnie Switzer
Jeanine McNulty	Judy Tucker
Jill Umstead	Lisa Van Cleave
Janice Wimberly	Jill Robertson

Remaining 2010 Walks

September 9-12, 2010

Women's Walk #166

Monnie Harris

October 14-17, 2010

Men's Walk #167

Bush Ramsey

November 4-7, 2010

Women's Walk #168

Lera Lewis