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Big Country
Emmanuel
Community

Big Country Emmanuel Community

*Community gathers the 1st Tuesday
of each month.*

*January 3 will be held at Fountaingate
Fellowship Church, 909 N. Willis*

Babe Chick Orientation at 6:00
Enjoy a Time of Praise & Worship at 6:30
Childcare is Provided for ages 9 and under.

January 2012

JANUARY 2012

There's a story from 1 Samuel 7 about the old prophet Samuel. The Philistines were threatening to attack Israel, and when the people prayed, God helped them win. To honor that victory, the prophet Samuel set up a stone and called it "Ebenezer", which in Hebrew means "stone of help." He explained the marker to the people, saying, "This marks the place where God helped us" (verse 12).

That's the biblical story behind that strange stanza from the old hymn, *Come Thou Fount*:

Here I raise mine Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I come.

God's people need to raise more Ebenezer's. After each crisis is resolved, after each prayer is answered, after each project is over, after each journey is completed, and after each goal is accomplished, we need to set aside time to raise an Ebenezer stone and say, "This marks the place where God helped us."

In our culture, we are fond of establishing New Year's resolutions. Let me exhort you to enlist God in any and all of your resolutions for 2012. In doing so my prayer for you is to be able to say the same thing that Samuel said to his people, "This marks the place where God helped me" and raise your very own Ebenezer.

De Colores and Happy New Year
Lynn Lawhon

PS—The Upper Room has raised the per pilgrim fee that we must submit following each walk, but at this time there will not be a raise in the applications fee for each walk. It will remain \$135 until the board feels that will not cover the expenses for each pilgrim on a walk.

God continues to bless Big Country Emmaus year after year with new pilgrims whose lives are forever changed through Walk to Emmaus, and for that we are eternally thankful. However, due to so many who have requested and been given scholarships, our scholarship fund is completely depleted. We continue to ask you to give to this fund to help replenish it so others may be blessed with scholarships in the future. But, until there is sufficient funds back in this account, **we will no longer be able to grant scholarships at this time.** Sponsors should do all they can to help their pilgrim obtain the necessary \$135 application fee. Remember that Big Country Emmaus is a non-profit organization so your gifts are tax-deductible and the end of the year is a great time for giving as God leads you. Thank you from your Big Country Emmaus Board of Directors.

E-Mail Newsletter—PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES OR IF YOU WANT TO BE ADDED TO THE EMAIL LIST

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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.

2011 Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director:

Lynn Lawhon—698-2392

Community Spiritual Director:

Squeaky Walker—672-4814

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Community Gathering:

Janel Young—572-3045

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Selection/Data Base:

Don Martin—529-3170

Secretary/Prayer Room

Tommie Moore—669-1911

Treasurer: Karen Gardner—673-2139

Fourth Day/Training:

Glenda Jones—695-2575 and

Aimee Colley—665-4530

Babe Chick Orientation:

Gale Wright—893-4177

Music /Technical Committee:

Doug Akers—893-2210

Candlelight/Trailer: Bob Jarrell

695-0498

Registration/Scholarship/Camp

Liaison: Lynn Lawhon—698-2392

Welcoming Committee:

Tom Cowley—529-3870

Sponsor's Hour: Lee Butler

518-2448

Clergy: Billy Crim—864-1508

Clergy: Jay Miller—665-4226

Chrysalis Community Lay Director:

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Men's Walk #177 — January 26-29, 2012

Bo Whitaker — Lay Director

Randy Roy— Spiritual Director

Men's Walk #177 Team: (as of 12/28/11)

Sammy Alcala	Kevin Arguello
Ed Buckner	Russell Canney
Mike Coffey	Bill Core
Isaiah Core	Kendall Craig
Jim DeBerry	Kevin Deluna
Roy Dent	Calvin Donaghey
Don Eiland	Chance Finley
Wayne Fish	Will Ford
Sid Gonzalez	Jeff Hargrove
Bob Jarrell	Eddie Jordan
Jeff Joye	Lupe Ledesma
Bobby Martin	Don Martin
Robert McCray	David Merrill
Jay Miller	Mike Moreau
Steve Justice	Richard Petree
Bill Rand	David Raughton
Jeff Rector	Gary Rodriguez
Tommy Ross	Randy Roy
Doug Roysden	Dana Sowell
Terry Stremmel	Galen Van Allen
Alton Watson	Bo Whitaker

Men's Walk #177 Pilgrims: (as of 12/28/11)

Larry Horn
Scott Hutchings
Charles Johnson
Shane Levesque
Jason Lozano
Chip Martin
Skipper Hamaty
David Lang
David Santos
Greg Turner

Agape drop off sites are: American Classifieds, 2903 N. 3rd, and Ingram Cleaners, 2666 Buffalo Gap Rd. Last pickup for both locations will be on Thursday, January 26 at 11:00 am.

Spring 2012 Walks; Boys and Girls Chrysalis

January 26-29, 2012

Men's Walk #177

Bo Whitaker

February 23-26, 2012

Women's Walk #178

Joyce Daffern

March 22-25, 2012

Men's Walk #179

Lynn Lawhon

April 19-22, 2012

Women's Walk #180

Carol Zullo

July 19-22, 2012

Girl's 53 Chrysalis

Rhonda Ritchie

July 19-22, 2012

Boy's 54 Chrysalis

Tommie Ross