

Big Country
EMMAUS
community

community gathers the
1st Tuesday
of each month.
April 3 will be held at
New Hope Church,
3122 S. Clack St.

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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Do you remember the last talk on the Saturday night of your walk? The talk that was squeezed somewhere in between another meal (the 4th or 5th of the day) and those wonderful talk summaries/presentations. Talk #10, "Discipleship". You may recall the main premise of the talk was to encourage everyone to realize the calling that they have as a Disciple of Christ Jesus. As His Disciples, or followers, we were challenged to take up our cross daily and follow Him. On my walk, I appreciated being reminded that I was a Disciple, a follower of the One who laid down His life so I could live. But since my walk, to be honest, I have failed to realize a lot of times the magnitude of that calling. I am a guy that likes to have my theology challenged, so therefore I read as much as I can. I find myself reading the writings of dead theologians that have gone to be with Jesus. I have nothing against modern men and women of God that challenge us to walk in holiness. I personally seemed to be drawn to those old saints who had a deep walk with the Lord and what ended up on paper was the overflow of what the Holy Spirit spoke to their hearts. I am currently reading "Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (what a cool name). Anyhow, he points out that when Jesus called His Disciples to follow Him, only one thing was required, an obedient act of surrender. Discipleship does not end when we surrender our very lives to Christ. It is an ongoing journey of obedient surrender to the desires of the Father every day until Jesus either comes back or takes us home. And as we surrender out of obedience, we need to remember that there are no varying degrees of obedience. Being "almost" obedient is nothing less than "disobedience". I love you as I say that and the challenge for all of us as Disciples of Jesus Christ is to absolutely surrender all to the One that loves us to and that can only happen through the sanctifying work and power of the Holy Spirit. May God truly bless each one of you as we strive to impact our culture through Discipleship for the cause of Christ. De Colores!

Billy Crim

HELP NEEDED

Dixie Morris, who has served as our Big Country Emmaus registrar for many years is "passing the torch" to the next person called to serve in this position. She will stay on in her duties until a replacement can be found and she will train the next Registrar in the duties that person will need to perform and leave a detailed outline to follow as well. If you are "THAT" person, please contact Dixie Morris by either email or phone—dixiemorris@yahoo.com or 692-8437, or Janel Young at jyoung3045@aol.com or 572-3045

Thanks to the generosity of members of our Community, partial scholarships are available on a limited basis for Pilgrims with extenuating circumstances who need assistance with their Walk fee. Sponsors should exhaust all other sources of assistance (reunion group, church, etc.) before applying for a scholarship for their Pilgrim. A detailed letter outlining the Pilgrim's need for financial aid should be mailed to the Registrar along with the application and at least half of the Walk fee (\$67.50). After reviewing the request letter, the Scholarship Committee will notify the Sponsor of the outcome of the review. Please continue to give to the scholarship fund to allow future Pilgrims in need to be able to receive the help.

Thank you from your 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

jdtmurman@yahoo.com

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.

2012 Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director:

Janel Young—668-6047

Community Spiritual Director:

Jay Miller—665-4226

Asst. Community Lay Director/

Community Gathering:

Bob Jarrell—695-0498

Past Community Lay Director

Lynn Lawhon—698-2392

Secretary/4th Day:

Brenda Baker—829-1016

Treasurer/Team Selection/Data Base:

Karen Gardner—673-2139

Fourth Day/Training:

Gale Wright—893-4177

Babe Chick Orientation:

John Randolph-529-3001 and

Liz Blazier—793-9091

Music /Technical Committee:

Doug Akers—893-2210

Candlelight:

Tom Cowley—529-3870 and

Liz Blazier—793-9091

Prayer Room: Tommie Moore—669-1911

Registration/Scholarship:

Janel Young—668-6047 and

Jay Miller—665-4226

Welcoming Committee:

Lane Jackson—743-2325

Sponsor's Hour: Lee Butler—518-2448

Camp Liaison: Janel Young—668-6047

Clergy: Billy Crim—864-1508

Clergy: Diane Walker—201-2108

Chrysalis Community Lay Director:

Susan Price—668-1239

Past Chrysalis Community Lay Director:

David Scott-733-8239

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692-8437

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676-8133

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Women's Walk #180 — April 19-22
Carol Zullo— Lay Director
Squeaky Walker— Spiritual Director

Women's #180 Team: (as of 3-29-12)

Audrey Baxter	Angela Chavez
Shelley Childress	Linda Gill
Sondra Cox	Terri Daniel
Tina Etter	Pat Evans
Mary Franklin	Laura Hall
Cindy Hawkins	Tracy Hines
Karen Gardner	Mary Genberling
Candy Gilbert	Donna Jackson
Glenda Jones	Amy Loudermilk
Sherry Luster	Rhonda Manry- Williams
Angie Marsalis	Ernie McLean
Mandy McLean	Jeanine McNulty
Robert Mills	Dixie Morris
Jeannette Jimmerson Morris	
Kathy Owen	Marjohn Riney
Colleen Rud	Donna Schuman
Tracy Sosa	Nicole Steph
Cindy Williams	Judy Wright
Janel Young	Squeaky Walker
Carol Zullo	Darlene Zullo
Randy Roy	Diane Walker

Agape drop off sites are: American Classifieds, 2903 N. 3rd, and Ingram Cleaners, 2666 Buffalo Gap Rd. Deadline for pick up is Thursday, April 19 at 11:00 am.

Women's #180 Pilgrims: (as of 3-29-12)

Ronda Ashenfelter	Calisha Atkins
Denisha Barnett	Carrie Belshe
Dona Berry	Michelle Best
Sharla Cleveland	Cherry Curry
Terri Damme	Alicia Datzman
Stephanie DeLeon	Theresa Edwards
Tommye Ellis	Verna Eugene
Alex Frahm	Maegan Garner
Ruby Gonzales	Jenice Greenway
Michelle Gutierrez	Beverly Helmer
Kim Jones	Sandy Mesey
Kelsey Lanier	Lois LaSalle
Rachel Martin	Rebekah Mayfield
Stacey Motley	Diedra Moutray
Bradon Owens	Alyce Parish
Becky Reel	Sherry Saling
Jodie Scott	Bobbie Smith
Lois Ann Smith	Susan Sutton
Cindy Turner	Janie Williams
Pattie Woods	Mandy Wright
Misty Wright	Carolyn Yost
Waiting List:	Sandy Messey
Kallie Laird	Heather Sessums
Marie Martinez	Teresa Yearwood
Nancy Lozano	

Spring 2012 Walks; Boys and Girls Chrysalis

April 19-22, 2012	Women's Walk #180	Carol Zullo
July 19-22, 2012	Girl's 54 Chrysalis	Rhonda Ritchie
July 19-22, 2012	Boy's 55 Chrysalis	Tommie Ross
August 23-26, 2012	Men's Walk #181	Bob Jarrell
September 20-23, 2012	Women's Walk #182	Betty Coffee
October 18-21, 2012	Men's Walk #183	
November 15-18, 2012	Women's Walk #184	