

Big Country  
EMMAUS  
community

community gathers the  
1st Tuesday  
of each month.  
May 1 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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# MAY 2012

Have you noticed that miracles are everywhere in the spring? At my office is a flower that grows up between the cracks in the pavement EVERY year. It peaks out to remind me of God's love for me. Deer cross my road, followed by their fawn that can barely walk, and I am reminded that God created and cares for the least of these. How much more must He care for me? He reminds me over and over of His great love for me, and yet I admit that I struggle sometimes to believe He loves me. Is that CRAZY? Am I crazy? With His love visible in every glance, how can I question and doubt?

We are living in a time where we are hit at every glance by evil forces that want to remind us of how bad the state of our country is, how high unemployment is, how dangerous life is, how unforgiving God is? Whoa! I may believe we are living in bad times, but I will never believe that my God is unforgiving. That is one lie I will NOT buy into.

If you ever struggle with the concept of God's love, there is an easy fix. His word tells us over and over of His great love for us. Read it, read it, read it! Let His words soak into your spirit, and that warfare that is going on in your mind will soon calm down, and you will remember that you are truly loved and forgiven!

"Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your Righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O Lord, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light." Psalm 36:5-9

My prayer for you is that you drink from the river of His delights, and that in His light you will see light.

Pat Evans

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

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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.

## 2012 Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director:

Janel Young—668-6047

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Community Gathering:

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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:

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692-8437

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**PLEASE REMEMBER!!!!**

The camp at Leuders on a NON-SMOKING facility. In fact, the designated smoking area granted to us for Walks is a deviation from their policy and was done as a courtesy to BCEC. Members of our community have been observed smoking outside the Chapel at Candlelight. If you see someone smoking, kindly ask them to refrain until they leave the Camp facility. Remember, we are GUESTS there.

Your BCEC Board of Directors

# Chrysalis Corner

Chrysalis flights are just around the corner...We are praying and believing for overflowing. The Flights are July 19-22. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please don't wait till the last minute...let's make history!! 180 pieces of agape and lots and lots of prayer. We thank you in advance for what GOD will accomplish!

**De Colores,  
The Chrysalis Board**

## 2012 Walks; Boys and Girls Chrysalis

July 19-22	Girl's 54 Chrysalis	Rhonda Ritchie
July 19-22	Boy's 55 Chrysalis	Tommie Ross
Aug. 23-26	Men's Walk #181	Bob Jarrell
Sept. 20-23	Women's Walk #182	Betty Coffee
Oct. 18-21	Men's Walk #183	Don Martin
Nov. 15-18	Women's Walk #184	Karen Owen