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Big Country
Emmanuel
community

P.O. Box 7021
Abilene, TX 79608

Return Service Requested

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

*August 7 will be held at First
United Methodist, 202 Butternut*

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

August 2012

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Blessings, Big Country Brothers and Sisters:

It is a joy to serve and worship in a Community that has their focus and heart and soul devoted to His service (Gal. 3:17; John 12:26; & Gal. 5:13). The Chrysalis weekend saw more young people attend and be registered early, than in many years past. I thank the Lord for His help and goodness, and I thank you all in the Community for getting behind our Chrysalis Board, Lay Directors, and Teams to help to make this happen. Your prayers were followed up with an abundance of Agape LOVE. The outpouring of agape, both in food and gifts, overwhelmingly filled my heart with joy when I got out to Leuders on Thursday afternoon. It was over 100 degrees, but I still got chill bumps, misty eyes, and a glorious feeling of what God was about to do at the camp, no matter the temperature. I am not so sure the Caterpillars were able to eat all the Oreos that I saw in those agape rooms!!!! I can't wait to hear of all the Lord's blessings and all the great happenings at Chrysalises 54 & 55. Won't our next Community meeting at FU MC be an exciting gathering and a time to welcome and love on these new Butterflies!!!

It is also time to begin planning elections for new Emmaus Board members we will need to replace several members that will be moving off the Board. Community, we need you to be in prayer about this. And if the Lord has been "stirring your heart" to serve, this may be an area where you could help. If you have worked many walks, been active in our Community, your Reunion Group, and your Church home, WE NEED YOU !!! We are in need of experienced Emmaus Community members to come aboard and help guide and lead. I have heard several former Lay Directors say that they didn't know what to do once "their" walk was over. Well, here is a golden opportunity to use your experience and expertise to help BCEC to follow HIM in service!!!! Our former Lay Directors are a very precious asset and can be such great mentors. Former LDs, we need you on the Board, on Walks as Chiefs, on music teams, and behind those computers. There are so many areas where service is needed. Please contact me or Jay Miller, your Community Spiritual Director, if you feel this is an area where you could serve BCEC.

We will be announcing the names of those willing to serve on the Board, starting January of 2013, in the September Newsletter. Voting will be conducted at the October and November Community meetings. The new Board members will be presented to the Community at our December Gathering.

May the Lord richly bless you, and I encourage you to continue fervently in prayer and in the Faith. The Lord is so good to us and has so richly blessed BCEC, how can we not want to return thanks unto Him. Be faithful in attendance at your home Church, at Community Gatherings, Reunion Groups, and in attendance of Walk events. Be diligent in sponsorship of pilgrims and in mentoring/discipling them when the Walk is over. That is truly where the "rubber meets the road."

I am truly thankful for you all. Blessings and De Colores,

Janel ****Be the best representative for Christ that you can be, and when necessary, use words.****

Chrysalis Corner

The Chrysalis was a Huge success! God worked just like we knew He would. The Board would like to thank you all for your support in the many ways that you helped. Tommy Ross and Rhonda Richey—may God richly bless you as you have blessed others! Babe Chick for the butterflies will be at 6 pm at First United Methodist Church. Rush will start in the Crossover after introductions. Again, we say thank you and God Bless!

**De Colores,
The Chrysalis Board**

ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

The Board of Directors has voted to make several changes.

1. Beginning with the 2013 walks, the fee for pilgrims and team members will increase to \$150 due to the increases that we have incurred from the camp facilities that we use and price increases from the Upper Room.
2. Name tag prices will increase from \$5 to \$6 beginning with walk 181.
3. When dropping off pilgrims for their walk, please deliver them to Leuders on that Thursday between 6:00-6:30 pm for registration. Send off is at 7:00 pm. Late arrivals affect the schedule and are unfair to the rest of the participants. Sponsors delivering pilgrims should enter the camp through the south gate, unload your pilgrim at the checkpoint, then park at the north end of the camp. If a line forms, please wait in your vehicle until you reach the checkpoint. Following send off, sponsors should attend Sponsor's Hour where you need to be prepared to pay \$6.00 for your pilgrim's red Community name tag. Sponsors will then exit the parking lot through the north gate.

YOUR BIG COUNTRY EMMAUS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Chrysalis Spiritual Director:

Greg Rake—692-2117

Emmaus Registrar: Melissa Ledbetter

280-9200

Chrysalis Registrar: Mary Crymes

676-8133

Newsletter: Terri Murman—698-4294

MEN'S WALK #181—August 23-26

Bob Jarrell—Lay Director

Mark Hewitt—Spiritual Director

Men's 181 Team: (As of 7/23/12)

Bob Jarrell	Mike Matthews
Jason Murphy	Steve Yarnell
Ike Arauza	Don Klies
Frank Ledbetter	Stan Chapman
Paul Frazier	Tarrance Parish
Chuck Pierce	Will Dugger
Perry Colburn	Tony Spradlin
Allen Young	Roudy Elston
Bruce Heath	Martin Sloan
Brandon Proctor	David Pfluger
David Scott	Brent Irby
Casey Longmire	Jay Gardner
Randy Doan	James Young
Robert Delgado	Joe Martin
Hank McMahn	Audie Gill
Charles Hughes	Josh Daigneault
Kevin Riney	Mark Hewitt
Terry Davis	Cody Cockren
Steve Longmire	Pat Voce
Tom Cowley	

Men's 181 Pilgrims: (As of 7/23/12)

Jackie Bean	Troy Boylson
Matthew Cartwright	
Curtis Creach	Lloyd Goldsmith
Jason Huang	John Krause
Justin Laird	Robert Lemmond
Leon Shipley	Jimmy Smith
Chuck Sparks	Mike Unger
Jeff Wilkins	Joe Wilkins
Billy Gary	Beau Sessums

Agape drop off sites are: American Classifieds, 2903 N. 3rd, and Ingram Cleaners, 2666 Buffalo Gap Rd. Deadline for pick up is Thursday, Aug. 23, at 11:00 am.

2012 Walks

Aug. 23-26	Men's Walk #181	Bob Jarrell
Sept. 20-23	Women's Walk #182	Betty Coffey
Oct. 18-21	Men's Walk #183	Don Martin
Nov. 15-18	Women's Walk #184	Kathy Owen