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Big Country
Emmanuel
community

P.O. Box 7021
Abilene, TX 79608

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Big Country Emmanuel community

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

April 2 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.

April 2013

APRIL 2013

In 1997 I was asked if I would like to go on a Walk to Emmaus. I said, "not at this time". I was asked again in 1998 or 1999 and my answer was yes, but "not at this time". In April 2003 my wife Jean informed me one Sunday after church that I would be alone for a weekend because she was attending a Walk to Emmaus. Then, I went on my Walk in July of 2003, and that was the walk I was supposed to attend. I never thought I would become so involved and active. It started by being a Day Angel and providing agape, then Assistant Table Leader, Table Leader, ALD and in 2011, Lay Director. Now I serve as a board member, where I am Assistant Community Lay Director. I have also been a part of Chrysalis teams for several years which is a blessing in its self, to see the changes in our youth who will be the future leaders not only in Emmaus but in our churches. The last ten years have been an exciting time in my life as I have seen so many lives changed through the work we do in these events. It takes all of us working together to glorify God and show people the love that Jesus Christ has for all of us. I know there are people in our community who would like to be more involved. If you fit into that group, please contact one of the board members. We would be more than willing to help you get involved. There are many areas where we can always use help. You can always provide agape, both food and pillow, as well as supplies, attend and help with send off, candlelight, closing and community gatherings. The opportunities are endless and so are the blessings. If you talk to anyone who is active in Emmaus community activities you will find they are passionate in their love of Christ Jesus and want to show that love to all of the people they come in contact with. The lifelong friends I have made through Emmaus is one of the greatest blessings I have ever received. My prayer is to be able to continue to serve this community in a way that is pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

De Colores

Your servant,

John Randolph

2013 Walks

April 18-21	Women's Walk #188	Janie Thornhill
July 18-21	Girls #56	Lisa Welker
July 18-21	Boys #57	Jimmy Hall
Aug. 22-25	Men's Walk #189	
Sept. 19-22	Women's Walk #190	
October 17-20	Men's Walk #191	
November 14-17	Women's Walk #192	

UPDATES

Database—Tony Spradlin

The Big Country Emmaus database is up and running! We would like you to go onto the database and verify your email address, phone number, mailing address, etc. You will need to use Internet Explorer as your search engine for the site to work properly. The site is at <http://bcec.inetmember.com> (if you want to save as a favorite, this is what you need to use for the address, not what address shows up when on the site) Your login ID is your email address. The initial password for everyone is "bcecbcec" without the quotes. If you have any problems logging on, you can click the "Problems?" button, complete the form which comes to Tony and he will work with you to get it solved. You should change your password first thing by going to "You" - Change your Sign In info. You should feel free to poke around under You—All about You to check your addresses, phone numbers, experience, etc.

Web site—Angie Marsalis

www.bigcountryemmaus.org

If you are not receiving your newsletter, reminders about events, etc. by email, please be sure your information is correct in the database. If your information is correct and you aren't getting our emails, please let Angie know so she can attempt to resolve the issue. Her email is emmauswebsite@aol.com If you are receiving both a paper and email copy, please help us reduce postage cost by notifying us to stop the paper copy.

We have some exciting changes taking place on our website. It is very much a work in progress! Be sure to visit it often!

*You can now sign up for the prayer vigil on the website.

*We have a daily devotional from the Emmaus Upper Room!

*We are placing testimonies from our young adults on the Chrysalis page! You will be blown away with what they are saying!

*We have a new candidate application. Please be sure to use it for all future pilgrims. The application is on the website.

Give us both some feedback. CHECK IT OUT!!!

If you are using Firefox and attempting to login and the screen is flashing, the issue related to the browser can be corrected with the steps provided at

<http://lifehacker.com/396513/disable-blinking-text-in-firefox>

2013 Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director:

Bob Jarrell—669-4330

Community Spiritual Director:

Diane Walker—201-2108

Asst. Community Lay Director/

Community Gathering:

John Randolph—529-3001

Past Community Lay Director:

Janel Young—668-6047

Secretary/Team Training:

Gale Wright—893-4177

Agape/Team Training:

Tina Warren—439-0362

Treasurer/Sponsor's Hour:

Karen Gardner—665-1956

Babe Chick/Outside Candlelight:

Lane Jackson—338-1037 &

Patcy Kreeger—676-3394

Music Committee:

Doug Akers—201-3125

Candlelight (inside): Liz Blazier—518-2800

Prayer Room/Team Selection:

Tom Cowley—668-0435

Registration/Scholarship:

Bob Jarrell—669-4330 and

Diane Walker—201-2108

Welcoming Committee:

Tommie Moore—669-1911 &

Butch Schuman—665-5411

Sponsor's Hour: Karen Gardner—665-1956

Camp Liaison: Bob Jarrell—669-4330

Clergy: Jay Miller—665-4226

Clergy: Randy Roy—660-5795

Chrysalis Community Lay Director:

Mandy McLean—665-5569

Past Chrysalis Community Lay Director:

Susan Price—668-1239

Chrysalis Spiritual Director:

Greg Rake—692-2117

Emmaus Registrar: Melissa Ledbetter

280-9200

Chrysalis Registrar: Mary Crymes

676-8133

Newsletter: Terri Murman—698-4294

Kairos Contacts:

Dick & Betty Burgess—673-7854

Big Country Emmaus Website:

Angie Marsalis—668-1451

Women's Walk 188—April 18-21, 2013
Lay Director—Janie Thornhill
Spiritual Director—Billy Crim

Walk 188 Team List (as of 3-26)

Janie Thornhill	Billy Crim
Lisa Snow	Joyce Collins
Karen Gardner	Teresa Netz
Cameo Harvey	Tracy Sosa
Amie Miller	Kelly Wright
Alison Thornhill	Robin Dossier
Nancy Edgar	Jennifer McKee
Tina Warren	Diane Walker
Beverly Stevens	Robert Mills
Jay Miller	Glenda Jones
Iris Williams	Sherri Miller
Mel Bradshaw	Joyce Collins
Saylor Prather-Boettner	
Gabrielle DeJon Harnar	
Janice Bowman	Jacue Smith
Suzette Urbanczyk	Christi Torres
Brenda R Williams	Audrey Baxter
Betty Lindsey	April Shew
Haley Bradshaw	Trish Boston
Mary Lou Garrett	Kathy Hocke
Carol Chambers	Linda Gill
Anita Olguin	Mandy McLean
Donna Wise	Amy Wright
Donna Jackson	

Walk 188 Pilgrim List (as of 3-26)

Donna Baccus	Jan Barron
Taylor Calame	Stephanie Carlton
Alyse Creed	Belinda Gray
Jean Ann Irwin	Joy Jordan
Kay Pyeatt	Kay Rodriguez
Pam Ronemus	Stephanie Sparks
Cristi Stanton	Melinda Underwood
Sharon Clemons	Kellie Rood
Kaci Urbanczyk	Pam Acker
Jan Hoyt	Tillie Martinez

Agape drop off sites are: American Classifieds,
2903 N. 3rd, Ingram Cleaners, 2666 Buffalo Gap
Rd. Deadline for pick up is Thursday, Apr. 18, at
11:00 am.

Chrysalis Corner

Hello Emmaus Community!

I have to say I'm skipping, dancing and doing cartwheels just thinking about the Chrysalis this summer. It's a fantastic journey as the Lord works on orchestrating a team who wants to selflessly serve young adults. Why do we do this you say? Because God says we should build one another up in Eph. 4:12-13. "Equip his people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Wow, I love that! We want to do whatever it takes to help this younger generation grow up in His likeness to lead their homes, churches and communities. Please join Jimmy Hall (Boys LD) and me as we pray for the building of these teams and especially for these caterpillars that will come and be a part of an amazing spiritual weekend. We will have fun and be FAITH filled, all at the same time. It's not too early to send in applications and I can't wait to start praying for each one as they come flying in!

In His lap,

Lisa Welker (Girls LD) AKA "Mamma Lisa"

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