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Big Country
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community

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Big Country Emmanuel community

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

*January 8 will be held at
Wylie United Methodist Church,
3430 Antilley Rd.*

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

January 2013

JANUARY 2013

Big Country Emmaus Community: Greetings in the Precious and Holy name of Jesus!

I want to wish you all His blessings in the coming new year as you continue your 4th days. I encourage you to walk boldly, and confidently with all courage through the power of Jesus. I know that trials of this world will come to each of us, but I am so glad we can face them and come through them with our Lord ALWAYS by our side.

The walks from 2012 were blessings of great and amazing love and grace from our Lord. I personally want to thank you all for all your hard work and tireless effort to make sure that Pilgrims, our brothers and sisters in Christ, can continue to enjoy the Lord's blessings here on earth. Community, your efforts for the Lord have continued to show Christ to others by providing TEN Walk (including 2 Chrysalis) opportunities, encompassing approximately 400 pilgrims, in this last year alone!! All the labor of your hands and feet, and the many fervent prayers from your heart, ARE WORKING. The Emmaus experience is evident in the hearts and lives of our brothers and sisters.

Please continue to serve your Community, commit to work Walks when called, make Agape, and pray and attend Emmaus activities. Haven't our Community Gatherings been a blessing and encouragement to us all, and through it all?! If you haven't attended Community in a while, get back in there; if you haven't been attending your Reunion Group, get back in there; if you haven't been attending Church like you should, get back in there; if you haven't been praying and studying like you should, get back in there; if you haven't attended a Candlelight lately, get back out to Lueders!! We are the Body of Christ and we need each other. We cannot live the Abundant Life without the fellowship of the Body of Christ (Romans 12). If you feel you are in need of a "jump start" for Him, you need encouragement that can only come from worship and fellowship with other believers.

Calling all former LDs: We continue to be in need of your leadership and experience. Please, do not think you are done and no longer needed in our Community. I know you are exhausted after the Walk, but after a little respite, we need you to continue to serve on Walks as Chiefs, on the Emmaus and Chrysalis Boards, and in numerous other advisory and leadership positions. You and your service experience are like precious and beautiful diamonds presented to him. He was and is the Ultimate Servant and His love for us is unwavering and unending. How much more should we want to give back to Him for all HE HAS DONE FOR US.

Many of you have been the Body of Christ to me and my family this year, and I am so thankful for all of you. The Lord is good to provide when we are in need, no matter the need. It has been an honor to serve this Community for Him. I want to end this newsletter with Holy Words from our Lord and Savior:

"(4) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (5) Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded toward one another according to Christ Jesus: (6) That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:4-6

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2013 Walks

Jan. 24-27, 2013	Men's Walk #185	Darrell Mauldin
Feb. 21-24	Women's Walk #186	Aimee Colley
March 21-24	Men's Walk #187	Allen Botkin
April 18-21	Women's Walk #188	Janie Thornhill
July 18-21	Girls #56 & Boy's 57	
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	

Memorial Gifts

Making a memorial gift donation to Big Country Emmaus Scholarship fund is a great way to honor the memory of someone. This month gifts have been made in memory of Ruby Pritchard (Diane Walker's mom), and Wayne Horton.

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

bigcountryemmausnewsletter@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.

Chrysalis Corner

HAPPY JOYFUL NEW YEAR from the 2013 Chrysalis crew!

Please contact us with your youth pastors/leaders information as we are very excited and optimistic about the year ahead! Thoughts to ponder as we begin the New Year:

JOY is the byproduct of being *tremendously* loved by God. Jesus came to show us the Father's love. In fact, *all of our communication with Heaven is so we will know this joy.* Jesus made that clear when He said, "These things I have spoken to you that your joy may be full." (John 15:11)

JOY is a weapon! Joy opens the door for miracles, for lasting change, for radical passion for God. It is a treasure that causes the lost to get saved, the broken to be healed, and transformation to come on so many levels!

Mandy McLean, Chrysalis Lay Director

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 Selection:

Gail Wright—893-4177 &

Tina Warren—439-0362

Treasurer/Sponsor's Hour:

Karen Gardner—665-1956

Babe Chick/Team Training:

Lane Jackson—338-1037 &

Patcy Kreeger—676-3394

Music Committee:

Doug Akers—201-3125

Technical/Power Point/Lap

Tops: Gary Hines—669-1981

Candlelight (inside): Liz Blazier—518-2800

Candlelight (outside) Butch Schuman

665-5411

Prayer Room: Tom Cowley—668-0435

Registration/Scholarship:

Bob Jarrell—669-4330 and

Diane Walker—201-2108

Welcoming Committee:

Tommie Moore—669-1911

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

Men's Walk 185—January 24-27, 2013
Lay Director—Darrell Maulden
Spiritual Director—Don Morrison

Walk 185 Team List (as of 12-31-12)

Darrell Maulden	Phillip Robinson
Ricky Bennett	Terry St. Pierre
Jason Bass	Tony Dycus
David Feemster	Rick Gilmore
Thomas P. Kerley	Jeff Rector
Dale Blackburn	Kendall Craig
A.M. Dycus	Rod Pringle
Corky Dement	Rob Cunningham
Lawrence Bertsch	Mike Gomez
Sid Gonzales	Donnie Pratt
Tom South	Dennis Tarrant
Steve Woodard	Terry L. Young
Jack Goble	Darell Martin
James McMillon	Wes Netz
Tommy Ross	Ricky Walker
Danny Haddox	John Randolph
Don Morrison	Jesse Bruton
Doug Smith	Paul Mathis
Randy Roy	Bobby Johnston
Jack Kiser	Michael Gilliland
Brit Pursley	Derek Brown

Walk 185 Pilgrim List (as of 12-31-12)

Jessy Ables	Stephen Garvin
Lloyd Goldsmith	Paul Gorsline
Justin Laird	Denny Marsalis
Charles Newman	Danny Reel

**Please check the website for more
up-to-date listing of Pilgrims
www.bigcountryemmaus.org**

**Agape drop off sites are: American
Classifieds, 2903 N. 3rd, Ingram
Cleaners, 2666 Buffalo Gap Rd.
Deadline for pick up is Thursday,
Jan. 24, at 11:00 am.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR