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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.*

June 4 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.

June 2013

JUNE 2013

De Colores Community,

My name is Doug Akers, Walk 113. I am and have been the board member over the Music and Technical Committee of Big Country Emmaus, and this is my last year (thank you Jesus). My walk was in 2004 and since that time it's been a great privilege to be able to be Music Chief on numerous walks over the years. I've made many life-long and eternal friends within this community that I could write a complete book about.

My fourth days have been challenging, but God has always been present. The most recent evidence of His presence was the Kairos I was blessed to participate on this last April. As the Music Team can testify to this, the obstacles were challenging to even get to go. But as God is always on time, we were assured that our time was pre-ordained once we made it in. Make no mistake, the prison is a very dark place, but once God opened the door, miracles started to happen and freedom started to reign. I would encourage anyone to participate in this ministry, because this is what Jesus would do. He came for all of us, even the outcast of society. These men and women in white just need someone to love them and they deserve the chance to meet Jesus just as we did.

Psalm 42:2—My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

He's shown up and shown off many times for me and I'll be forever grateful. *His* love never fails.

May God's blessings be upon you. May Jesus' love shine from you and may you always fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

Doug

2013 Walks

July 18-21	Girls #56	Lisa Welker
July 18-21	Boys #57	Jimmy Hall
Aug. 22-25	Men's Walk #189	Ed Buckner
Sept. 19-22	Women's Walk #190	Sharon Button
October 17-20	Men's Walk #191	Jason Murphy
November 14-17	Women's Walk #192	Phyllis Jenson

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:

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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

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Chrysalis Corner

Hebrews 4:16 says “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

God’s grace and mercy can be viewed as two sides of the same coin. Grace on one side is when God gives us what we don’t deserve; mercy on the other is when God doesn’t give us what we do deserve. Religion says “you need to go away, clean yourself up and sort yourself out before you can be accepted and forgiven” but Grace says “come as you are. You are already forgiven and clean.”

Holley Gerth, author and counselor, tells of her own experience with God’s grace, when God whispered to her heart “all of the mistakes and failures that you remember, all the secrets you run from, all the regrets and remorse...they are all gone. Every one of them has been torn from the story of your life. You are forgiven. You are accepted. You are loved.” She realized that God loves her. He doesn’t just tolerate her. He doesn’t just put up with her because she is a Christian and He has to. He really, truly loves her.

Christa Black, songwriter and author, believes the Western world is suffering from addictions, depression, eating disorders and self-image problems because we’ve put the cart before the horse. We try to appear lovable in hopes to someday be lovable. Which, she says, is why Jesus is the ONLY solution to every heart problem. He’s the only one who says, “Hey, I’ve already covered it. And there’s actually nothing that you can do—or that you’ve ever done—that could ever separate you from My love. Now, come over here and get filled up so deeply that you abide in that love and that love abides in you. And once you do, you’ll feel more secure and more confident than you ever have before.”

Do you know a youth or young adult who needs to experience God’s grace and Christian love? Better yet, think about it this way: Do you know a youth or young adult who DOESN’T need to experience God’s grace and Christian love?

On a Chrysalis weekend, the youth and young adults enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshipping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around 15 talks given by youth and adult laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God’s grace, and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. They will also discover how grace is real in their life, how they live a life of grace and how they bring that grace to others. They will experience God’s grace through the prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Big Country Chrysalis and Emmaus communities. They will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip them for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership. ~ The Upper Room

The Big Country Emmaus Chrysalis Weekend for 2013 will be July 18-21. Please consider sponsoring a young man or young lady this summer. Applications are available on-line at www.bigcountryemmaus.org.

De Colores,

Melissa Ledbetter

Chrysalis Board Member