

Big Country EMMAUS community

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

March 5 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.

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I recently shared a devotional about the art of Kintsugi. Kintsugi is a Japanese word that means "golden joinery". The beginning of this art may have originated when shogun Ashikaga Yoshimasa sent a damaged Chinese tea bowl back to China for repairs in the late 15th century. When it was returned to him it had been repaired with ugly metal staples. It was no longer useful, pretty or desirable. This experience may have prompted Japanese craftsmen to look for a better way to repair delicate items. So then came Kintsugi. It was a process of fixing broken pottery with a lacquer resin sprinkled with powdered gold. This became a very popular collector's item, so much so that some were accused of deliberately smashing pottery so it could be repaired with the beautiful gold seams of Kintsugi. There even became master craftsmen that specialized in those repairs and it was in much demand.

I tried making a little Kintsugi myself to be a visual aid when I led this devotional. I, of course, didn't actually break the plates I used, but simply ran a golden uneven line of glitter paint over the plate as if a break had occurred and been repaired. Amazingly enough, the plate took on a beautiful look. It became a prettier piece and very unique. I got how this might be a greater form of art than the original unbroken piece. I felt the plate worth more than it had been before.

It make me think of how we are sometimes in places in our life when we are "broken". When God breaks our hearts for others or for a situation, we truly are worth more than we were before. Just like the Kintsugi pottery. Or maybe it's brokenness during times when we struggle and can't even begin to see how God thinks this is something that should happen. Then, as we down our heads and walk in faith we slowly begin to see a glimpse of a reason for the event. Maybe we see how that hard time has shaped us into someone who is a little more like Christ. Or maybe we begin to minister to someone who has gone through a similar experience. And because we have walked that valley, we can truly reach them for Christ as no one else can. Our hearts are not the same; there are golden edges mended by our Master Craftsman, Jesus.

We all have cracks and brokenness. Allow Jesus to repair your heart with gold. Allow Him to gently heal and then recreate you to be a closer representation of Him. Allow Him to use you in your church, in Emmaus and in the lives of others. De Colores!

Diane Walker

Community Spiritual Director

2013 Walks

March 21-24	Men's Walk #187	Allen Botkin
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	

Chrysalis Corner

I am very excited about the Chrysalis this summer! I have been involved in Chrysalis for about 10 years now, and I get to be a part of it again this year.

There is a mindset these days that the upcoming generations are bad. How many times do we hear things like “kids these days” or “those darn kids”. I suppose I have been guilty of saying something to that effect before as well. However, I can tell you without a doubt that all is not lost. Through Chrysalis and other ministries, I have met some awesome young people. Sure, some have had struggles or rough lives and some have not, but I see a generation coming up that can change the world if they want to. I see youth that are full of God, forgiven by God, loved my God, and directed by God. If He is with them, then the “world” does not stand a chance. These young folks are amazing, and if you don’t believe me just try to observe a youth mission trip, a D-Now group, a FCA group, or a Chrysalis. One of the objectives of Chrysalis is to help raise up young people to be leaders in their church and community, and I have seen exactly that. Some of us “grown ups” have matured along the way as well.

You think they are too young? Joseph the son of Jacob was made overseer in the house of the Captain of the Guard in Egypt when he was just 17. Ruth was a young widow when she chose to dwell with her mother-in-law to be a blessing to her. David was only a boy when he killed a giant. Jehoash was 7 years old when he became King of Judah. Josiah was 8 years old when he became King in Jerusalem. Mary of Nazareth was a young virgin when she conceived the Savior, Jesus. Don’t ever use “too young” as an excuse. God has called all of us in His time and His way.

Today’s youth is NOT lost. The up and coming generations can be the greatest ever, but we need to help them. Please consider sponsoring a young man or young lady on a Chrysalis this summer. I’ll leave you with a verse:

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

De Colores

Jimmy Hall

Lay Director Boys Chrysalis #57

2013 Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director:

Bob Jarrell—669-4330

Community Spiritual Director:

Diane Walker—201-2108

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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

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Men's Walk 187—March 21-24, 2013
Lay Director—Allen Botkin
Spiritual Director—Randy Reese

Walk 187 Team List (as of 2-27)

Chancey Apple	Nick Arrott
Allen Botkin	Lonnie Burleson
Lee Butler	Danny Chatelain
Anthony Crespo	Billy Crim
Billie Currey	Robert Delgado
Allan Farmer	Barry Ferguson
Chance Finley	Nick Franklin
Jim Gravley	Todd Yadow
Beau Green	Mel Haley
Jimmy Hall	Dan Haught
Scott Hay	Mark Hewitt
Lane Jackson	Carl Johnson
Jeff LaFrance	Lynn Lawhon
David Locker	Tim McClarty
Luke McMillan	Miles Owen
Augustine Perez	Randy Reese
Will Rogers	Paul Rotenberry
David Scott	Randy Scott, Sr.
Eddie Sharp	Ron Smith
George Spindler	Danny Stevens
Bob Strader	Larry Turner
Keith Whitehurst	Roy Wright

Walk 187 Pilgrim List (as of 2-27)

Jessy Abels
Stephen Garvin
Lloyd Goldsmith
Justin Laird
Jeff Rader
Brent Gray
Billy Shipley

Please check the website for additions and changes to this pilgrim list.
www.bigcountryemmaus.org

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698-4294 by the 15th of the month.