



CROSS COUNTRY EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

An Emmaus Fourth Days Community
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Question

Is this the last Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend that I will ever participate in as a Team Member?

Answer

*We don't know. Treat every one that you participate in as if it will be the last weekend in which you will ever serve as a team member for a Walk or Flight—it might very well be your last time. **And everyone should read and reflect on the Team Canons prior to serving — they are in your closing packet, and on our web site! Will the Pilgrims and Caterpillars see Christ reflected in you, your actions, your words?***

Volunteers Needed

On April 29, the Closing Date for Walk 150, there will not be a team from following Walks or Flights to aid in the cleanup - those teams will be in the formative stages. Volunteers are requested to be there to help what we know will be a very tired Agape team at that closing. Please mark it on your calendars.

Upcoming 2007 Gatherings

April 9	FBC, Seymour
May 14	St. John's UMC, Stamford
June 11	FBC, Haskell
	(date subject to change to June 4)

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I'm Still Here!

There is a true story about a football team during off-season workouts - when they would become weary of the grind, of the pain, sweat and what seemed like minimal gains from all of their efforts - and with no games in the near future. At those times, there would often be thoughts of just quitting, it didn't seem worth it. During one of those times, when it seemed likely that quitting the team was a real possibility for the quarterback, another player was heard to yell out, "I'm still here". And from that time on, when times got rough again, some player would be heard to yell out "I'm still here." Sometimes when we are discouraged, weary of the effort, the rewards seem distant - we are just worn down - perhaps then we also need to stop and yell out defiantly "I'm still here."

Derived from "The Man I Want To Be", Neal Jeffrey, with his permission. (Associate Pastor, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.). Baylor Univ. All-American quarterback, NFL San Diego Chargers quarterback . This man is a Blessing!

De Colores

Our Music Teams

We owe so much to our music teams who have blessed us with their awesome talents AND their servanthood. They have enlivened our Walks, Flights and Gatherings—they have inspired us, caused us to reflect, allowed us to worship and praise with them. There are too many to mention names but you all need to know how much you are appreciated. The dedication you exhibit should be an inspiration to all of us. If you are a member of one of these teams, please don't ever underestimate your contributions to CCEC, it's members, Pilgrims, and Caterpillars. May God Bless you even more than He has.

Sponsorship

Good sponsorship is vital to the continuation of the Emmaus Movement. We are faced with the challenge of educating pilgrims on the role and importance of good sponsorship. It is the most important part of Emmaus. **It is the first act of agape before the "Walk" even begins.** We repeat this in each of our newsletters because Sponsorship, and the resulting Fourth Days, are the reason for our Community's existence—**We are a Fourth Days Community.**

Seeking His Face

Deuteronomy 34:10 "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face."

One of the great differences between Moses and any other character in the Bible is how God describes Moses. Moses was a friend of God, and he met God face to face. "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend" (Ex. 33:11a). So often, we view others for what they can do for us, instead of who they are. There is a difference between being a servant and being a friend.

Do you seek God's face, or do you spend more time seeking His hand? God wants us to seek Him for our every need. However, there is a higher calling for every believer. That is to seek God's face, and to see Him for His love and tenderness toward us as His children. He can provide for our physical needs, but when we see Him face to face, we are changed. We no longer see Him as one to be feared as much as one to know intimately. We no longer view Him for what He can give to us, but for what He already has given for us.

When we see Jesus face to face, we are no longer slaves, but friends. We do not fear Him as a slave fears his master. We have entered a new kind of relationship -a relationship that has mutual respect and care.

Today, Jesus is calling you to seek His face, not just His hand. When you seek His face, you will know His Grace and His mercy in all aspects of life. Seek His face today and become a friend of God.

Rick Medeiros

Urgent — Servants Needed!

CCEC and Trudie and Jeffrey Schnoor need servants to assume responsibility for the Luminaries duties at Candlelights.

DeeDee Keefer is now responsible for CCEC's Walk to Emmaus scrapbooks. THANK you, DeeDee for serving the CCEC, AND THANKS TO Nadia Hassen for serving in this and other positions within CCEC.

Carla Thornton stepped up to serve in the Prayer Calendar role, succeeding Gayle Lovvorn who held this special position previously. THANK YOU, Carla and Gayle!

Brenda Burns is now responsible for Name Tags! THANK YOU, Brenda—and Jo Reimer for her services in this position previously.

(Important! More on page 3)

Let's Do It Again!

I think we have probably seen it all and it doesn't bother me that we use everything from a loaf of Hawaiian Bread to plain flour tortillas to represent the Body of our Savior during Communion services at Community, Candlelight and Closing. The recently revealed story of a liberal church group in another state using pretzels and margaritas, however, seems too far fetched to imagine. Call me conservative. No matter what we use as the elements, our heart should kneel as we observe this Means of Grace. Jesus gave up His own life as a sacrifice for His people. He took God's judgment for our wrongdoings, and He asked us to remember.

There is so much love in the body of His people we call Cross Country Emmaus Community. A chance to greet, hug and visit with friends, and potential friends, is wonderful, and we look forward to these times, but the Communion service time is His time. At closing for Walk #136, we asked that the Community remain reverent until everyone had been served. It was the most beautiful service I've ever seen. Moments later Shackles fell away and the chapel was filled with rejoicing, noisy people, openly praising God. Other Walk leaders and clergy have requested the same thing; that every person have an opportunity to commune with God in praise and thanksgiving for His unspeakable gift of the Savior. To remember. Let's do it again, and again. Let's make a habit of giving these special few moments to the Lord out of a grateful heart for what He has done.

Darlene Cleveland

About The Prayer Calendars

We all know that prayer is the key to all Walks and Chrysalis Flights, but we have not been filling up the prayer calendars as we should. People say, "I pray anyway, even if I'm not signed up." Of course, you do! But the pilgrims need to see our names on that calendar! They need to see their sponsor's name and family members' names. Team members and people giving talks need to see their spouse's and friends' names. They all need to know that those close to them as well as other members of the Body of Christ are praying for them.

Remember you can also "reserve" a time slot to pray for every Walk or Flight just by letting Carla Thornton know the particular time you wish to reserve—it will be written on the calendar for each Walk or Flight. Please sign up to pray. Let's all do our part. *Gayle Lovvorn*

Carla Thornton: 706 E. McArthur Rotan, TX 79546
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(Gayle was responsible for the Prayer Calendar until March 2007)

Walk and Chrysalis Applications

All Walk and Chrysalis Applications, and applications to work as a Team member for Walks and Chrysalis Weekends are now the responsibility of Lisa Snead. You can contact her at

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shopgal65@yahoo.com

Thank you, Lisa for serving CCEC in such vital jobs.

“Are You There”

I heard something really cool last month at our Emmaus Mini-Community Meeting. A speaker was talking about the trials that we go through in life, and how sometimes, people feel very alone as they walk through the valley, and sometimes they think that God may have forsaken them. They cry out to God and ask, "Are you there?" But if we remember when we were growing up and going to school, when one of our school teachers administered a test, the teacher sat quietly while we completed it. Tests are what teach us and grow us and measure our progress. Never think that God has forsaken you, sometimes, He's just being the good teacher, and sitting quietly while you complete your test.

Vanessa Oakley

Emmaus and The Church

Rotan FUMC celebrated our 100th Anniversary on March 4th. A great deal of preparation took place before the event; one of the major projects was to bring the church history up to date. In reviewing the activities of the last 25 years, we discovered a time when the church almost died! Attendance was down to six or seven on Sunday mornings and there was almost no outreach or ministry. At that time, one person went on a Walk to Emmaus; One Person! That one came back with a vision for our church! We are alive and well, here in Rotan, and reaching out to our Community and beyond because One Emmaus person, several years ago, made a difference! Folks, this is what Emmaus is all about; building our churches. One Person made all the difference in the world here in our church. Perhaps when We are selecting Lay Directors for Walks, Board members, or persons for whatever place of service, we might look at what these prospective Emmaus leaders are doing within their own churches, as well as whether they attend Emmaus events or not. Just think what 6000 CCEC members could do if each of us caught a vision for our own church!

Darlene Cleveland

Where are You?

Hey former Lay Directors! Where are you? Did you peak out? Were you tired? Had you achieved the pinnacle of success with the Walk you led? Your Community and the people in it still need you; nothing has changed. Come back to the Gatherings, come back to servanthood—it's not over!

Where are the servants who phone friends who no longer attend our Gatherings? Wouldn't it be great to see our friends with whom we shared so many moments—make a call today and invite someone back to the Gatherings. Tell them how much you miss them and how much the the CCEC misses them. And how much they are needed! No one has been traded or benched, and **We don't have an off-season!**

Mini-Communities

CCEC has 2 new mini-communities—Lingleville and Springtown. And they are thriving, with monthly Gatherings and sending Pilgrims to the CCEC Walks. Information is available on our web site at ccemmaus.net or you may contact (Springtown) Jose Sanchez (682 438-4284) or email jSanchez3744@sprintpcs.com. For Lingleville, contact Stephen LaDuque (254 968-4315) or email sml@drladudque.com. If you live in these areas or have friends that live there, please be sure they know about these new mini-communities.

Friends of Faith

Friends of Faith invites all women to the Blessings Brunch, Saturday, **April 14**, 2007, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Join us for a morning of worship, praise, and fellowship. Guest Speaker will be Kathy Manske. We will meet in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Friends of Faith Singers will lead in the praises. Bring a finger food Covered Dish for the luncheon. A love offering will be taken.

Earlene Griffith

Agape Chairpersons, Lay Directors and Board Representatives!

As part of the Team duties, packets need to be prepared for the Scrapbook Keeper, the Data Base Administrator and the Newsletter Editor. The last 2 need only the lists of Team Members and Pilgrims/Caterpillars. If you have served as Chairperson, and did not turn these items in, please do so as soon as possible. Our historical records are not up-to-date because this responsibility has, at times, been ignored. Lay Directors and Board Representatives — please ensure that these packets are prepared and delivered appropriately.

Thank You!

Community Sponsors		
Date	City	Sponsor
April 9	Seymour	Archer City
May 14	Stamford	Aspermont
June 11 *	Haskell	Hamlin

Candlelight Schedule (Thru September)	
Walk 150 Billie McCallon	April 28 Lueders
Flight 34 Paula Sammons	June 16 McMurry
Flight 35 Luke Nievar	June 16 McMurry
Walk 151 Roy Wright	August 18 Butman
Walk 152 Shirley Bethel	September 8 Lueders



2007 Walks / Flights (thru September)

Date	M/W	Walk #	Place	Lay Director / Spiritual Director
April 26—29	W	150	Lueders	Billie McCallon / Dan Hooper
June 14—17	G	34	McMurry	Paula Sammons / Philip Martin
June 14—17	B	35	McMurry	Luke Nievar / TBA
August 16—19	M	151	Butman	Roy Wright / TBA
September 6—9	W	152	Lueders	Shirley Bethel / TBA

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