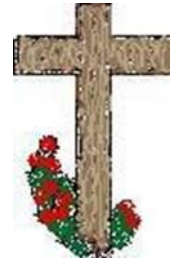




CROSS COUNTRY EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

An Emmaus Fourth Days Community
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There are some church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" but are just sitting on the premises.

Many folks want to serve God but as advisors!

Upcoming 2009 Gatherings

April 13 **FBC, Seymour**
May 11 **St. John's UMC, Stamford**
June 8 **FBC, Haskell**

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NOTICE TO ALL CCEC CLERGY

The CCEC web site (www.ccemmaus.net) has the form which must be completed by all those who are going to serve as Clergy on CCEC Walk or Chrysalis Flight Teams. Please complete this form and mail it to Dusty Garison at **(NOT the address on the application form):**

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2010 CCEC LAY DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED

The following Lay Directors for 2010 were announced at the March CCEC Gathering at Haskell:

- 171 Jan 21-24 Kelly Boeve
Butman
- 172 Mar 10-13 Bill Myers
Lueders
- 173 Apr 22-25 Melyn Wittenborn
Lueders
- 174 Aug 12-15 Dave Harrison
Butman
- 175 Sep 16-19 Carla Nall
Lueders
- 176 Sep 30-Oct 3 Jeff Schnoor
Butman
- 177 Nov 11-14 Myra Moss
Butman
- 178 Dec 2-5 Sammy Ferguson
Lueders

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

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.**

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC

I have long thought about the subject of the music chosen for the Praise and Worship during church, and even our Community Gatherings. I have seen a church divided by the subject of music and videos. And I have heard about the subject often. I love music, flat out. And I especially love spiritual music – even before my Walk to Emmaus with it's contemporary sound. I know what it is like to be moved to tears while listening to that music. And still I cannot hear "How Great Thou Art" without wet eyes. All of this has inspired me to thought often – and I want to share my thoughts with you. I believe that the purpose of our spiritual music is PRAISE AND WORSHIP, just as it is usually titled.

Is the music worth the turmoil it can cause in a church or other organization? I don't think so, BUT I do think music directors need to give more thought to their selection. I cannot help but feel there is little that is more uplifting than to hear an entire congregation lifting their voices and spirits. There is a place for the trained and beautiful voices of a choir. That is to lead the congregation, and, occasionally, perform music during which the congregation listens. BUT the congregation needs to be allowed to participate. In order for that to happen the music and words must be known, or at least easily mastered after being heard once or twice. Many of us listen to spiritual radio stations while in our cars, or at home or the office – I, for one, find myself frequently trying to avoid many of the newest songs. They simply do not appeal to my taste. As an example, "How Great Thou Art", "Send Your Fire", "Mary, Did You Know?", and "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Broken)" are on my iTunes download list – and I am very finicky about that list.

I love to hear a beautiful choir – BUT I WANT TO PARTICIPATE, EVEN IF ONLY IN MY OWN FEEBLE WAY! I want to Praise and Worship also. Too often I have looked around only to see many members of the congregation with mouths closed during the singing, only to see those people stand up and belt out "How Great Thou Art" or Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Broken)". And I wondered why the music director on the stage could not seem to see all of this. "What is on his mind?", I wondered—Is he blind or deaf?

We are so blessed with our Community's music directors and leaders – They instinctively understand the meaning of Praise and Worship. THANK YOU to all of our Praise and Worship leaders. But, remember—if our churches were perfect, we couldn't belong!

Praise and Worship music blesses me!

Dick McCallon

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

I have completed three board meetings as Lay Director of this community and a smile comes to my face as I think of how awesome it is to spend time with such dedicated, hard-working, and fun loving brothers and sisters in Christ. We laugh, we pray, and we spend time, effort and energy taking care of all the details that are necessary to manage a community as large as our Cross Country family. Your Cross Country Emmaus board is amazingly committed to serving you and all of those whom God continues to call closer to Him through the Walk to Emmaus. We strive to keep our hearts tuned to His voice and our actions in line with His Will. Sometimes we agonize over our decisions and at other times God guides us in such a way that our decisions come quickly and simply. Please take the time to thank these board members and please continue to pray for them and their decisions for Cross Country Emmaus. Give them a hug or a hand shake to let them know you care.

God has blessed our community abundantly through the generosity of each of you. Our walks have been full and you have given over and above what has been asked or needed to do His Will and His Work. Thank you to each of you who have stepped up to the call for serving in Cross Country. I ask you to please continue to lift up the men and women who are leading the upcoming walks and also please continue praying for those whose walks are already past. So often after a Lay Director is finished with his or her walk, we as a community just seem to mark them off our prayer lists. Think about them....and continue to lift them up. Just because their "walk" is over, doesn't mean the enemy stops working.

*One of the main things that God has laid on my heart as Lay Director of Cross Country is our attendance at our monthly gatherings. Cross Country is spread over 12 counties + and each month many of you have to travel great distances to be with us. In doing so, you must travel that same distance home. I realize it is very hard to do this especially if you work and/or have small children...so in an effort to get you back on the road home, we are beginning our **worship/music at 7:45 each month**. We ask that as you finish with the fellowship meal you prepare for the worship service. The music will begin at 7:45, and I promise we are working to get you on your way home by just after 9:00. Please join us each month. The music has been awesome and the speakers have been uplifting. It is a wonderful time to see those old friends, and possibly make some new ones. Hope to see you this month.*

Jan

EXTRAS!

"If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!"

"God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called."

WALK AND CHRYSALIS SCRAPBOOKS

Agape Chairmen! Please do not forget to send your Scrapbooks to DeeDee Keefer (Walk) or Paula Sammons (Chrysalis) - see Contacts on page 4 for contact info.

SO MANY THANKS

Thanks to all of you who help set up and pack up the luminaries at Candlelights—Dave and Barbara Harrison really appreciate your help and thoughtfulness. CCEC has 9 Candlelights this year and your efforts are really needed.

And special thanks to Hank and Cynthia Van Schalkwyk of Goree for assuming the CCEC Trailer duties from Jimmy and Jana Grisham who had this position for so long. Look at the Contacts page on the web site or page 4 of our newsletters to see who is serving this Emmaus Community—and be ready to step in when you are needed.

CURRENT TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE

If you are new to Cross Country Emmaus and wondered what you might could do to help our community besides come to gatherings and sponsor pilgrims, then I have an answer for you!!! We need YOU! Here is an opportunity for you to get involved with our community, meet new people, and understand a little more about Emmaus. We need volunteers to serve on our Team Selection committee. As of now these are the areas where we need your help:

Knox City —Marla Hawkins	1 Vacancy
Baylor —Baldo/Michelle Campos & Rosann Owens	
Throckmorton —	2 Vacancies
Young —Jimmie Wiley and Carla Nall	
Jones —Marsha Bailey	1 Vacancy
Shack-Steph-Erath — Mary Hallmark and LC/Charleen Donaway	
Fisher —David Smith	1 Vacancy
Haskell —Kenneth Jarred	1 Vacancy
Stonewall —	2 Vacancies
Archer —	2 Vacancies

As you can see we need several more volunteers willing to serve our Emmaus Community. Contact Danny Wainscott (940) 657-3221 or Jana Grisham (940) 989-3651.

(The Team Selection Committee meets periodically to go over prospective team lists that are submitted by the Lay Directors of upcoming Walks. The Team Selection

-spective team members meet the eligibility criteria of being active in the Cross Country Community, active in a reunion group, active in their church, and the number of walks they have worked. The Team Selection Committee also makes suggestions to the Lay Directors about who from their area is eligible to work walks. These suggestions can help the Lay Directors as they work to get a team together.)

The Team Selection Committee meets after the monthly community meeting and this meeting takes about 30 minutes. Team Selection Committee members serve for two years.

CHRYSALIS

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word."(Psalm 119:9) My heart has been burdened for our youth. Our young people are not only the future of our country...they are the tomorrow of our Christian Faith. A faith that has been challenged by a world that has godless values.

The bible clearly says to "Train a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not part from it."(Proverbs 22:6) So I ask that you prayerfully and diligently be concerned for our children to know Christ and have a personal relationship with Him. And to have a boldness about them to stand strong thru the trials of this world. As a stone is thrown into a body of water it causes a ripple effect, so should our concern be for the Body of Christ, spreading God's Good News of Salvation that has been paid in full for all His children; they need only to ask and it shall be given to them.

If you have sponsored or plan to sponsor someone for a Chrysalis send them a little note, a phone call or even e-mail just to let them know you are praying for them. We are having a "Hoot" (youth led) at the May meeting. This is a perfect opportunity for them to come worship with us, and to be encouraged by other youth. Please keep in mind that Christ Is Counting On You!!

DeColores, Paula Sammons,
Chrysalis Lay Director

LAY DIRECTORS, SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS, TEAM MEMBERS AND PILGRIMS

Please do not forget your submission to the newsletter editor after your Walk has ended. Many people would be very interested to hear what you have to say. Lay Directors and Agape Chairman—do not forget the Scrapbook requirements—please see your manuals for details.

Community Sponsors

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
April 13	Seymour	Archer City
May 11	Stamford	Aspermont/Old Glory/Rule
June 8	Haskell	Hamlin

**Candlelight Schedule
2009**

April-December

Walk 165 Teri Barrington <i>Flights 40/41 Easterling/Fry</i>	April 25 Lueders June 6 Lueders
Walk 166 Bill Longan	August 15 Butman
Walk 167 Sue Wright	September 19 Lueders
Walk 168 Lonnie Pittman	October 3 Butman
Walk 169 Lisa Snead	November 14 Butman
Walk 170 Dick McCallon	December 5 Lueders



Walks and Flights (April 2009 – December 2009)

Date	M/W	Walk #	Place	Lay Director / Spiritual Director
April 23—26	W	165	Lueders	Teri Barrington / Darrell Marion
June 4—7	G/B	<i>Flights 40 & 41</i>	Lueders	<i>Amy Easterling / Josh Fry LDs</i>
August 13-16	M	166	Butman	Bill Longan / Joel Sanders
September 17-20	W	167	Lueders	Sue Wright / TBA
October 1—4	M	168	Butman	Lonnie Pittman / Joel Sanders
November 12—15	W	169	Butman	Lisa Snead / Dusty Garison
December 3—6	M	170	Lueders	Dick McCallon / Clint Sissom

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Class of 2009: Jana Grisham, Lonnie Pittman, Roy Wright, Dusty Garison (SD), Jan Williams (LD)
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