



## CROSS COUNTRY EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

*An Emmaus Fourth Days Community*  
January—February—March 2009



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### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED READING

***“The Shack” Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity***

Author, W. P. Young

(Recommended by Dick McCallon, John Mooney)

***“same kind of different As Me”***

Authors, Ron Hall and Denver Moore, with Lynn Vincent

(Recommended by Lynna Cox)

### Upcoming 2009 Gatherings

**January 12**      **FBC, Seymour**  
**February 9**      **St. John’s UMC, Stamford**  
**March 9**          **FBC, Haskell**

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[www.ccemmaus.net](http://www.ccemmaus.net)

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### NOTICE TO ALL CCEC CLERGY

The CCEC web site ([www.ccemmaus.net](http://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):**

**1249 N. 17th Street  
Abilene, TX 79601**

### CLASS OF 2011 CCEC Board of Directors

The following CCEC members were elected to the CCEC Board, Class of 2011, in October:

Margaret Calhoun

Dave Harrison

Cathy Bartley

Randal Kinnibrough

Jack Dominguez

Thank you all for stepping up and serving the CCEC Community. These and all other members of our Board deserve our gratitude and prayers, as do all former members of the Board and all who serve and have served the Community.

Jan Williams will be the CCEC Lay Director for 2009, and H. B. Graves will serve as the Spiritual Director beginning in June, succeeding Dusty Garison. And we are so grateful to the departing class of 2008—Bob McWhorter, Ed Ekdahl, Lynna Cox, Marla Hawkins and Judy Haynes.

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.**

## THE UNSEEN PLAYER

The story is told of a colony of mice who made their home at the bottom of a large upright piano. To them, music was frequent, even routine. It filled all the dark spaces with lovely melodies and harmonies.

At first the mice were impressed by the music. They drew comfort and wonder from the thought that someone made the music -- though invisible to them, yet close to them. They loved to tell stories about the great Unseen Player.

Then one day an adventuresome mouse climbed up part of the way in the piano and returned with an elaborate explanation about how the music was made. Wires were the secret -- tightly stretched wires of various lengths that vibrated and trembled from time to time. A second mouse ventured forth and came back telling of hammers -- many hammers dancing and leaping on the wires. The mice decided they must revise their old opinions. The theory they developed was complicated, but complete with evidence. In the end, the mice concluded that they lived in a purely mechanical and mathematical world. The story of the Unseen Player was relegated to mere myth.

The Unseen Player continued to play nonetheless.

## CCEC TREASURER

Danny Wainscott is succeeding Marla Hawkins as CCEC Treasurer. Thank you, Danny, for volunteering for this vital position, AND THANK YOU, Marla, for the years that you performed this duty, and other duties for CCEC.

## A CHRISTIAN

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.'

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change'. The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?' 'Yes' he replied.

'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.'

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.'

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself Christian.'

*Watch your thoughts; they become words.*

*Watch your words; they become actions.*

*Watch your actions; they become habits.*

*Watch your habits; they become character.*

*Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.*

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not PROTECT you.

Stay FAITHFUL and Be GRATEFUL!

## CLERGY TRAINING—NOTE!!

*My name is Scott L. Willis, and I am the Spiritual Director for Signal Mountain Emmaus Community in Big Spring, Texas. I have invited Reverend Mike Cave, Regional Representative for the South Central Emmaus Community (a part of the Upper Room staff) to come to Big Spring and share about the qualifications for Clergy on the Walks and to do the certification training as required for the Upper Room.*

*This training for ALL clergy will be Saturday, January 31 from 8:30am – 2pm. It will be held at First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, Texas. The application for clergy can be found at [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org) click on Walk to Emmaus and then on clergy application. This needs to be completed and sent to Mike Cave before the training or you may bring it with you.*

*(Rev Mike Cave*

*6727 Ambush Dr*

*San Antonio TX 78240-2880 )*

*Please call me if you have any questions:*

*Scott L. Willis*

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*Or you may also reply via email ([smemmaus@suddenlink.net](mailto:smemmaus@suddenlink.net))*

*We have several hotels here in Big Spring such as a Holiday Inn Express and the New Palace Inn (Best Western) which are located north of town off of Interstate 20 and HWY 87, which is approximately 1.5 miles north of First United Methodist Church.*

*In Christ, Scott L. Willis M.Div, M.S., Spiritual Director, Signal Mountain Emmaus Community, Big Spring, Texas. PLEASE CONTACT DUSTY GARISON ([dgpreacher@yahoo.com](mailto:dgpreacher@yahoo.com)), CCEC SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, IF QUESTIONS.*

## WALK AND CHRYSALIS SCRAPBOOKS

**Agape Chairmen!** Please do not forget to send your Scrapbooks to DeeDee Keefer (Walk) or Don Hawkins (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 about 9 Candlelights this year and your efforts are really needed.

And THANKS to Lynna Cox, our Lay Director for 2008, for her many years of service to the CCEC—and do not forget Dusty Garison for his many years of service—and they both continue to serve the CCEC—thank them personally when you see them.

### CURRENT TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE

Knox City—Marla Hawkins	1 Vacancy
Baylor—Baldo/Michelle Campos & Rosann Owens	
Throckmorton—Mary Jones & Debbie Davis	
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.**

**Smile Time:** A preacher was making his rounds to his parishioners on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" asked the preacher. "I just want enough to go out and buy me a bicycle," replied the little boy. After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?" The youngster asked if he could try the bike out first, and after riding it around a little while, said, "Mister, you've got a deal"

The preacher took the mower and began to try to crank it. He pulled the string a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start." Replied the lad, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started." The preacher said, "I'm a minister, and I cannot cuss. It's been so long since I was saved that I don't even remember how to cuss." The little boy looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pullin' on that string. . . it'll come back to ya!"

\*God's Devotion Book

## FROM LYNNA COX, CCEC LAY DIRECTOR 2008

*To the Cross Country Community:*

*Just a short note to say thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your community lay director in 2008. It was a joy to me to serve and a rewarding experience. I am thankful for the ways that God allowed me to use my gifts of administration throughout the years I have served on the Board. I am especially thankful to all who volunteered to serve over the past year.*

*I want to especially thank the Community for the lovely Women of Faith Bible given to me at the December gathering. I had told my house church family a week or so before that I wanted to get a "Message" version of the whole bible but I had not bought one yet because I was waiting on the right sale. God is so good, he provided me one through the Emmaus community. I will treasure it always as a gift from Him as well as the Community.*

*As I end my term on the Board and as Lay Director, I ask that you consider attending our monthly gatherings on a regular basis. You are missed when you aren't there. It's so easy to get out of the habit of attending and before you know it, you have quit altogether. I want to challenge you to try to at least attend the gatherings in your area next year. I looked out over the crowd each month and wondered which ones will be there in the years to come. So many have been on a walk since I went in 2001 and so few are still active. So many have been lay directors of walks and they are no longer active. Yes, our priorities and situations change as the years go by and God calls us to different places and different ministries because that is what Emmaus does—prepares us for Christian service. But, if you are just out of the habit of attending and not involved in new activities, please consider joining us again.*

*I pray that every member of the community will give full support to Jan Williams, the 2009 Lay Director, the Board, and each walk/flight next year.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you all as you continue to seek His face.*

DeColores.....Lynna Cox

### Speaking With God

*"God, I like me best when I am with you."*

*What would you say in a conversation with God? How often do you have a conversation with Him?*

*Why not more often?*

## Community Sponsors

Date	City	Sponsor
January 12	Seymour	Seymour
February 9	Stamford	Stamford
March 9	Haskell	Albany

Candlelight Schedule  
2009

Walk 163 Myra King	January 24 Butman
Walk 164 Jimmy Wiley	March 6 Lueders
Walk 165 Melyn Wittenborn	April 25 Lueders
<i>Flights 40/41 Easterling/Fry</i>	<i>June 6 Lueders</i>
Walk 166 Bill Longan	August 15 Butman
Walk 167 Sue Wright	September 19 Lueders
Walk 168 Lonnie Click	October 3 Butman
Walk 169 Lisa Snead	November 14 Butman
Walk 170 Dick McCallon	December 5 Lueders



## Walks and Flights (January 2009 – September 2009)

Date	M/W	Walk #	Place	Lay Director / Spiritual Director
January 22—25	W	163	Butman	Myra King / Carter Edmondson
March 4—7	M	164	Lueders	Jimmy Wiley / Cody Cochran
April 23—26	W	165	Lueders	Melyn Wittenborn / TBA
<i>June 4—7</i>	<i>G/B</i>	<i>Flights 40 &amp; 41</i>	<i>Lueders</i>	<i>Amy Easterling and Josh Fry LDs</i>
August 13-16	M	166	Butman	Bill Longan / TBA
September 17-20	W	167	Lueders	Sue Wright / TBA

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

**Class of 2009:** Jana Grisham, Lonnie Pittman, Roy Wright, Dusty Garison (SD), Jan Williams (LD)  
**Class of 2010:** Judy Underwood, Lonnie Click, Danny Wainscott, Darlene Cleveland  
**Class of 2011:** Dave Harrison, Margaret Calhoun, Cathy Bartley, Randal Kinnibrugh, Jack Dominguez  
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