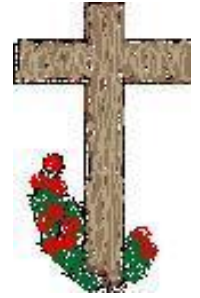


## CROSS COUNTRY EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

*An Emmaus Fourth Days Community*  
JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2007



### Volunteers Needed

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help our community besides come to meetings and sponsor pilgrims? Well, here's an opportunity for you. We need two people from Knox county, one person from Stonewall county, and two people from Throckmorton county to serve on the Team Selection committee. 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 Committee** reviews the list to make sure that all prospective members meet the eligibility criteria (active in the community, active in a reunion group, active in their church, and number of walks worked) and makes suggestions to the Lay Directors about who from their county is eligible to work walks. These suggestions can really help the Lay Directors as they work to get a team together.

The Team Selection Committee meets after the big community meeting and this meeting takes about 30 minutes. Team Selection Committee members serve for two years. If you are from one of these counties and would like to serve, please contact Lynna Cox by email at [lynnabeth@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnabeth@hotmail.com) or at our **Gatherings**.

### Upcoming 2007 Gatherings

July 9            FBC, Seymour  
August 13       St. John's UMC, Stamford  
September 10 FBC, Haskell

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### 2008 Walk and Flight Schedule

Walk #	M/W	LD	Date	Location
156	W	Priscilla DuValle	Jan 24-27	Butman
157	M	Mac Reid	Mar 5-8	Lueders
158	W	Beverly Kinnibrugh	Apr 24-27	Lueders
38 *	G	TBA	June	TBA
39 *	B	TBA	June	TBA
159	M	Eddy McIlwain	Aug 14-17	Butman
160	W	Suzie Miller	Sep18-21	Lueders
161	M	David Wright	Oct 2-5	Butman
162	W	Ruth Medeiros	Nov 6-9	Butman

\* Chrysalis Flight

*Let's all be in prayer for these folks. Though it seems a long time until 2008, it may well be here before you know it. When asked to be Lay Directors, not one felt they were worthy to lead a Walk. This shows they have a humble servant's heart, and that God will use them greatly to accomplish His purpose. Let's offer them our support and help even now as they start preparing for their Walk, and keep them in our prayers as God starts giving them direction.*

*James Wittenborn, CCEC Lay Director*

### NOTICE TO ALL CCEC CLERGY

The CCEC web site will soon have a form which must be completed by all those who are going to serve as Clergy on CCEC Walk or Chrysalis Flight Teams. Please complete and mail to Dusty Garison at the address specified on the form. Thank 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.

## CCEC

There is a story of a set of identical twins. One of the twins was a hopeless optimist. "Everything is coming up roses!" he would say. The other twin was a sad and hopeless pessimist. He thought that Murphy's Law was written by his twin brother. The worried parents asked their minister for advice. The minister suggested balancing the twin's personalities. "On their next birthday, put them in separate rooms to open their gifts. Give the pessimist the best toys you can afford (to show him good things can happen), and give the optimist a box of manure (to remind him....well you know some things just happen)." The parents followed these instructions and carefully observed the results. When they peeked in on the pessimist, they heard him complaining, "I don't like the color of this computer....I'll bet this calculator will break...I don't like this game...I know someone who's got a bigger toy car than this...." Tiptoeing across the hallway, the parents peeked in and saw their little optimist happy as he could be, throwing manure up in the air. He was giggling, "You can't fool me! Where there's this much manure.....there's gotta be a pony!"

I hear people in our Community talking about Cross Country Emmaus in those two ways. There are the pessimists who see the obstacles, challenges, and limitations of our Emmaus Community. Then there are those who see the possibilities, opportunities, and resources that Cross Country owns to meet the needs for now and for future Pilgrims and Butterflies.

I listen to folks talk. There are those who can't wait to go on a walk and find "life" and a closer walk with Jesus. Then there are those who have been on a walk who want to fight it to the bitter end...and only want to see Emmaus in their rear view mirror. Then you see and hear many of those same people a few years later talk of how they miss Emmaus, the celebrations of pilgrims and butterflies, and the "family" closeness of their walk and this community. Then they say, "When I started "back" getting involved, it was like "coming home".

It was all put in perspective for me when my two Marine son-in-laws came home from some time in Iraq. They returned home after months in the "far country" telling us of towns that were torn apart caused by mortars, walls on the store fronts riddled with bullet holes, and families and lives destroyed. (Much like some of our lives when we are in the far country and not in God's Will. ) They came home from Iraq and their observation was, "THIS IS HOME". They saw and felt the spirit of "home" and it made them feel welcome and safe. This is much like the way we are in Cross Country. Many of us have been in the far country for some time with sickness, death, divorce, or denial. It's time to come back to us! Get involved in sponsoring someone on a walk, attend candlelight or closing. Make a point to come to a monthly gathering. I will assure you it will make you feel loved, give you a refreshed spirit of the Lord in your life, make you feel welcome and safe, and give you a sense of "coming home". I talk to people just about every week in some way about Emmaus, and what it is all about. Many are very interested in what Emmaus is about, and yet some are not, but when you get down to the bottom line of it all, just like with anything in your life.....it's what you decide to make of it. Isn't it that same way with those of us who have been in Emmaus

for many years? It reminds me of a familiar story:

Outside the barber shop in a small western town a stranger rode his horse up to the hitching post. A local man was sitting on the porch taking in life as it passed by. "Say", said the stranger, "what kind of town is this, before I get off my horse and spend my time here?" "Well" said the man, "what kind of town did you leave?" "It was an ugly town with cold people, and no chance to find a job." "That's pretty much the way it is here," said the old timer, "You might as well keep on traveling."

After about an hour or so another stranger rode up and asked the same exact question to the man seated on the porch. "Well, what kind of town did you leave?" he asked the stranger. "It was a quaint little community, people were warm and friendly and willing to help you get settled and fit in." "That's pretty much the way it is here," said the old timer, "you might as well step down and make it home."

The barber inside, hearing both exchanges, asked the man on the porch, "You told two completely different stories to those two strangers, why?"

"Well, said the old man, "I've found that you pretty much find things the way you left them, as it goes in life, so it does for the town. If you're looking for the bad you'll encounter it, and if you look for the good it'll find you too."

When you are given the opportunity to serve in some capacity in Emmaus whether it's on the Board of Directors, to serve a meal for a team meeting, sponsor someone on a Walk or Chrysalis, support the community each month by attending the gatherings or be a Lay Director... it is pretty much up to you. What will your choice be? We as an Emmaus Community "work" for Cross Country to be ONE THING.... A place to celebrate Jesus Christ, find a relationship with Him, and go out and serve Him in your own church and community. Cross Country has always been a "place" where those seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ can come together and celebrate His Love, laugh a little, cry a lot and worship Jesus Christ to the fullest. We are still that place now, and we'll be that place next year and however long God gives us.

This Cross Country Emmaus Community is your Community, and we should all be committed to communicating this same spirit to others who will listen, and to do the things that keep Cross Country a "tool" that other people want use in their own lives.

Aren't you glad you are a part of Cross Country Emmaus?

It is my desire that you find the "tool" of Cross Country Emmaus to be a good place to be involved in and stay involved in....but then again, that's entirely up to you.

*Jan Williams, Olney*

*(Thank you, Jan. I don't think it could have been said any better. I can personally testify to that lifting of the spirit after attending our CCEC Gatherings—an "Emmaus moment". Please pay close attention to all of this article and let it bring you closer in your relationship with your Emmaus Community.*

**AND—if you wish to nominate someone to, or serve, on the CCEC Board or in some other needed capacity, please contact Jan at [chamber@brazosnet.com](mailto:chamber@brazosnet.com) or at our monthly Gathering—ed.)**

### Defining Moments

Acts 9:3 *As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.*

- For Moses, it was the burning bush.
  - For Peter, it was walking on water.
  - For Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, it was walking through the burning furnace untouched.
  - For Paul, it was being blinded and spoken to by Jesus on the Damascus road.
  - For Daniel, it was deliverance from the lions' den.
- For Joshua, it was parting the Jordan River and crossing into the Promised Land.

There have been many defining moments in the lives of human beings that changed their lives forever. These defining moments often set the course for the balance of their lives. We could go on and on. Each of these servants had years of preparation leading up to their defining moment. These moments forced the servants to be involved in something beyond their human experiences. It took them outside their own paradigms of life. God had to move them outside their own boxes. And when He did, their lives were never the same.

You may be in one of three stages of life: You may not have had your "defining moment" yet - God may be preparing you with many important life experiences. You may have had your defining moment and you are living out your call. Or, you may be toward the end of your journey and you have already experienced what I speak of. We are all called to a relationship with God; and we are all called vocationally, which is often ushered in by a defining moment. And there can be more than one defining moment, each pointing you down a path that God foreordained from the foundation of the world. The secret of a great life is often a man's ability to discern the defining moments given to him, understanding them, and learning to walk in the path that leads him to his ultimate destination. Once you have had a defining moment, you are never the same. Pray that you have eyes to see and ears to hear when your Master brings a defining moment into your life.

*Rick Medeiros*

### Attention All Past Lay Directors!

Please bring your Walk cross to the Community meeting in August in Stamford for display. We have had the opportunity to look at all the crosses from time to time in the past and it is that time again. Seeing the crosses from all the different walks is a beautiful reminder of all the teams and pilgrims from past walks. Hope you can participate.

### Attention—Training!

We will have the training for new Lay Directors and Agape Chairpersons as follows:

Saturday July 21  
Anson General Hospital Conference Room  
101 Avenue J Anson, TX  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Contact Lynna Cox for directions to meeting site at  
[lynnabeth@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnabeth@hotmail.com)

Each future Lay Director needs to attend training BEFORE going to team selection. The next training is tentatively scheduled for January 2008.

### Epiphany Ministry

Please pray that God will open doors so Epiphany Ministry can go into the Victory Field Correctional Academy (Texas Youth Commission) in Vernon. Epiphany Ministries is to facilitate change in the lives of young men and women incarcerated in Juvenile Justice Facilities. God's love is manifested through a three days short course in Christianity and an on-going follow-up process to those incarcerated youth known as "Stars". If you are interested in working an Epiphany weekend, please contact Donnett Wiley at [jwiley@brazosnet.com](mailto:jwiley@brazosnet.com). Qualifications are that you must have attended an Emmaus Weekend and pass a background check. There is an Epiphany Weekend on July 19-22 in Gainesville and an Epiphany Weekend on October 5-7 in Brownwood. Donnett will be glad to get you in contact with the appropriate people for each weekend. [www.texasepiphany.com/](http://www.texasepiphany.com/) is the state web site which can be used to learn more about this great ministry.

### Thank You

I want to thank the CCEC for giving me the privilege and honor of serving as Lay Director for Walk # 150. The Lord had put it on my heart that this was to be a healing Walk, and it was — physically, mentally, and spiritually. How exciting it was to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and to see the Lord working His miracles in the lives of these ladies. Thank you, Lord !! The song, "How Great is Our God" kept coming to my mind. I also want to thank the wonderful Team, the sponsors, and everyone who prayed for this Walk. Satan tried to pull his weight a couple of times, but we were so lifted up in prayer, he did not stand a chance. Thanks also to our "anointing angels" and "prayer warriors", to the people who brought food and agape, as well as to the ladies who did the Agape Feast, the ones who did our Team Meeting lunches, and the people who prepared the Team lunch on Thursday before we set up. You are all awesome and greatly appreciated. It was each of you that made this Walk so special. May the good Lord bless you greatly as you have blessed me.

*Billie McCallon*

### 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 Agape 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
July 9	Seymour	Throckmorton
August 13	Stamford	Roby / Rotan
September 10	Haskell	Anson

**Candlelight Schedule  
(Thru December)**

Walk 151 Roy Wright	August 18 Butman
Walk 152 Shirley Bethel	September 8 Lueders
Walk 153 Rusty Fry	October 6 Butman
Walk 154 Kathy Garison	November 10 Butman
Walk 155 Will Robinson	December 8 Lueders
Flight 36 Michele Campos	December Lueders
Flight 37 Robert Duncan	December Lueders



**2007 Walks (August - December)**

Date	M/W	Walk #	Place	Lay Director / Spiritual Director
August 16—19	M	151	Butman	Roy Wright / TBA
September 6—9	W	152	Lueders	Shirley Bethel / TBA
October 4—7	M	153	Butman	Rusty Fry / TBA
November 8—11	W	154	Butman	Kathy Garison / TBA
December 6—9	M	155	Lueders	Will Robinson / TBA
December	G	36	Lueders	Michele Campos / TBA
December	B	37	Lueders	Robert Duncan / TBA

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