



**CROSS COUNTRY  
EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
NEWS**  
*An Emmaus Fourth Days Community*  
July—August—September 2008

**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

**Upcoming 2008 Gatherings**

<b>July 14</b>	<b>FBC, Seymour</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>St. John's UMC, Stamford</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>FBC, Haskell</b>

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**NOTICE TO ALL CCEC CLERGY**

The CCEC web site ([www.ccemmaus.net](http://www.ccemmaus.net)) has 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 the form and mail it to Dusty Garison at the address specified on the form. Thank You!

**2009 CCEC LAY DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED**

The Lay Directors for 2009 have been announced. Exact dates will be provided as they become available. As has been said in the past "Let's all be in prayer for these folks .... ". And we all know of the work, details and, above all, PRAYERS, that go into these Walks. Pray for the Pilgrims, the Team members, the Speakers—for open hearts and minds—search out the Pilgrims God wishes for you to sponsor, and pray over your Agape.

*Thank you!*

Walk	Month	Location	LD
163	Jan	Butman	Myra King
164	Mar	Lueders	Jimmie Wiley
165	Apr	Lueders	Melyn Wittenborn
166	Aug	Butman	Bill Longan
167	Sep	Lueders	Sue Wright
168	Oct	Butman	Lonnie Click
169	Nov	Butman	Lisa Snead
170	Dec	Lueders	Dick McCallon

(Chrysalis Flights will be announced later.)

**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.

### MY NAME IS SHELLEY CLARK

I just finished Walk 158. I had been on the list for several months and was so excited about going. The closer it got for me to leave the more excited I would get. But the day finally came for me to leave and I was getting nervous. I was asking myself what if I have to get up and talk, What if I get upset in front of others, what if, what if. I keep saying to myself I need this walk so bad. I called my sister hours before I was to leave. I knew she had been on a walk before, so I had to talk to her. I said 'Sis, I'm too nervous I don't think I can do this. You see, we were sort of alike in not showing our feelings or opening up. All she said was go, you will be o.k. So I went and I cried and I talked and I cried some more. I was having a hard time turning everything over to God but when we walked through those doors at the candle lighting and as I turned to walk down the aisle I saw my sister standing there, holding her light. it all came out of me, and I cried some more. I had grown up in the church going to church ever time the doors were open. I had wandered away from God and was trying to get my relationship back with him but still having some struggles in how to handle things. I went on my walk and I turned everything over to God for him to handle. I have never felt or been so close to God in my life. It is the most awesome feeling in the world to have Christ in my life in my heart. At the end on Sunday I was asked to describe my walk and what I'm going to do and how I'm going to practice what I've learned. All I could do was cry and say how Awesome it was. The feelings on love and peace and freedom I have. I will study and keep learning every day. I will lead others to the Christ. One day I want to tell others my testimony because I do have a great one and I know I can help others know that they are loved and whatever they have done in their past can be forgiven. Thank you to all my new friends and family. I love you all.

Shelley

*(Thank You, Shelley—you have blessed us)*

### LORD, PROP US UP

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old deacon who always prayed, 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side.' After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently. He answered, 'Well sir, you see, it's like this... I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time; it's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years.

It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about that and

how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time.

I've withstood a lot of life's storms. I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times.

Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't . So we need to pray, 'Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.'

*Jan Williams*

### TEMPER

When a person loses his temper, one of the most common expressions used to describe the situation is "fly off the handle." This phrase refers to the head of a hammer coming loose from its handle as the carpenter attempts to use it. Several things happen as a result:

\* First, the hammer becomes useless -- no longer good for work. In like manner, when a person loses his temper, he often loses his effectiveness. Anything he says may not be taken seriously and is likely to be unproductive.

\* Second, the hammerhead -- twirling and out of control -- is likely to cause some type of damage to anything in its path. The people who lose their temper, cause damage, even if they don't realize it -- perhaps physically to people or objects in their way, and nearly always emotionally to others who feel they are victims of uncontrolled wrath.

\* Third, the repair of both the hammer and the resulting damage takes time. The people who lose their tempers may recover quickly, but the one who is the victim of a hot temper rarely recovers as quickly.

Remember, your temper is like a fire. It gets very destructive when it gets out of control.

**Scripture: Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control. Proverbs 25:28 NIV**

### Will Rogers "Cowboy Wisdom"

"It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge. You can't unsay a cruel word. Every path has a few puddles. When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty. The best sermons are lived, not preached. Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway. Don't judge folks by their relatives. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer."

**Smile Time:** In a small mid-western conservative town, a new bar started constructing a building to open up their business. With petitions and prayers a local church promptly started a campaign to block the bar from opening. Work progressed, however, right up till the week before opening, when a lightning strike hit the bar, and it burned to the ground.

The church folks were rather smug in their outlook after that, till the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church was, through its prayers and congregations, ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means. In its reply to the court, the church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise.

As the case made its way into court, the judge looked over the paperwork at the hearing and commented: "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but as it appears from the paperwork, we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that doesn't!"

### WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, 'This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.'

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, 'This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them. I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. 'This is the Acknowledgment Section,' my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed 'How is it that there is no work going on here?' I asked. 'So sad,' the angel sighed. 'After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments.'

'How does one acknowledge God's blessings?' I asked.

'Simple,' the angel answered. Just say, 'Thank you, Lord.'

'What blessings should they acknowledge?' I asked. 'If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy'.

'And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity.' 'If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ... you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day.' 'If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ... you are ahead of 700 million people in the world.'

'If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world!' 'If your parents are still alive and still married ...you are very rare.' 'If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair.'

Ok, what now? How can I start? If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that you are thought of as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all. Have a good day, count your blessings, and, if you want, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

**ATTN: Acknowledge Dept.:** 'Thank you Lord, for giving us the ability to share this message and for giving us so many wonderful people to share it with.' We thank God for everything, especially all our families and friends!!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*The Team Selection Committee is in need of volunteers to serve for 2008-2009. Please contact Jana Grisham (940.989.3651) or Danny Wainscott (940.657.3221) if you are interested in serving. If you live in one of the following areas, please consider volunteering to serve on the committee: Archer, Fisher, Jones, Haskell, Knox City, and Stonewall. Members of the Team Selection Committee should be active in their local church, active in the Emmaus Community and involved in a reunion group.*

*The Team Selection Committee reviews the prospective team lists for walks in the upcoming year. Lay directors are asked to select their team according to certain guidelines and it is the responsibility of the Team Selection Committee to review prospective team lists, except for clergy, and make suggestions to the upcoming lay directors about persons who are or who are not qualified to work walks. The Committee meets immediately following the Community meeting and alternates between the towns.*

**Community Sponsors**

Date	City	Sponsor
July 14	Seymour	Throckmorton
August 11	Stamford	Roby / Rotan
September 8	Haskell	Anson

**Candlelight Schedule  
(January 2008 thru December 2008)**

Walk 156 Priscilla DuValle	January 26 Butman
Walk 157 Mac Reid (Wed-Sat)	March 7 Lueders
Walk 158 Beverly Kinnibrugh	April 26 Lueders
Flights 39 Boys/38 Girls	August 2/August 9
Walk 159 Eddy McIlwain	August 16 Butman
Walk 160 Suzie Miller	September 20 Lueders
Walk 161 David Wright	October 4 Butman
Walk 162 Ruth Ann Medeiros	November 8 Butman
(No December Chrysalis Flights are planned)	



**Walks and Flights (July 2008 – November)**

Date	M/W	Walk #	Place	Lay Director / Spiritual Director
August 14—17	M	159	Butman	Eddy McIlwain / TBA
September 18—21	W	160	Lueders	Suzie Miller / TBA
October 2—5	M	161	Butman	David Wright / TBA
November 6—9	W	162	Butman	Ruth Ann Medeiros / TBA
July 31—August 3	B	Flight 39	McMurry	Guy Duke / TBA
August 7—10	G	Flight 38	McMurry	Heather Waters / TBA

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