



## CROSS COUNTRY EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

*An Emmaus Fourth Days Community*  
October—November - December 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>October 13</b>	<b>FBC, Seymour</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>St. John's UMC, Stamford</b>
<b>December 1</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. 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/Butterflys, the Team members, the Speakers—for open hearts and minds—search out the Pilgrims and Butterflys that God wishes for you to sponsor, and pray over your Agape.

*Thank you!*

Walk/ Flight	Date	Location	LD
163	Jan 22-25	Butman	Myra King
164	Mar 4-7	Lueders	Jimmy Wiley
165	Apr 23-26	Lueders	Melyn Wittenborn
40	June 4-7	Lueders	Amy Easterling
41	June 4-7	Lueders	Josh Fry
166	Aug 13-16	Butman	Bill Longan
167	Sep 17-20	Lueders	Sue Wright
168	Oct 1-4	Butman	Lonnie Pittman
169	Nov 12-15	Butman	Lisa Snead
170	Dec 3-6	Lueders	Dick McCallon

### 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 SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND CHARITY

Those of us who have been on a walk have heard the phrase “in the spirit of cooperation and charity” many times. Before each talk, we are encouraged to listen to the speaker and give them our full attention with the introduction...“Ladies and gentlemen with a clean sheet of paper, high idealism, and in the spirit of cooperation and charity, let us prepare for the next talk to be given by a....” Have you ever thought about what the spirit of cooperation and charity means when it comes to other activities in the Emmaus community? I like to think it means that we all work together toward a common goal, exercising common courtesy to those leading the activity, while being open and obedient to the authority under which we operate. That’s a lot of words—let me be more specific.

During candlelight worship services and while the team is gathering information, the audience needs to give their attention to those leading the service and participate in an orderly fashion. I attended a candlelight service recently and when the lay director in training was trying to make a list of towns, churches, and communities, the audience continued talking. It was very noisy and made it difficult for the person trying to get the information to hear and prepare the list. Acoustics in our chapels are not the best and it really helps when the audience is quiet. There is usually plenty of time for fellowship after the service while we are waiting on pilgrims to come in for candlelight.

During closing ceremonies and communion services, having a spirit of cooperation and charity means being reverent while all participants are being served communion. The spiritual director should not have to stop serving communion to the team and pilgrims and come to the microphone to remind every one to be quiet and reverent, especially if he or she has reminded us before starting the communion service to do so. My question is this, should we as the body of Christ even have to be reminded to be reverent during communion? I have never heard a pastor remind the congregation during a worship service to be reverent during a communion, have you? I recently attended a closing ceremony and during communion, the community, pilgrims, and team were so noisy, the spiritual director quit serving and came to the microphone to remind us to be quiet, and then before he finished serving the team....people started stacking up the chairs. The lay director or spiritual director did not have an opportunity to say any closing remarks after the communion service because the audience dismissed themselves and started packing up to leave—it was chaos and I imagine for those still waiting to partake of the elements it was very distracting. I am writing this as a reminder to our community, let us have a spirit of cooperation and charity—and common

courtesy and reverence—when we meet together as an Emmaus community, whether it is during a walk or during our community gatherings.

*Lynna Cox, CCEC Lay Director 2008*

## VISITORS

I have noticed during the past couple of years more and more visitors attending walk weekend activities, including sponsor’s hour, candlelight, and closing. By visitors, I mean persons who have not attended an Emmaus weekend. The guidelines from the Upper Room are specific in stating that persons who have not attended a walk should not be invited to attend these activities. We are under the authority of the Upper Room and as such, we should be willing to observe their guidelines. Visitors are welcome to community gatherings each month and to mini community gatherings. Community gatherings are the place for visitors to experience first hand the fellowship of the Emmaus community. A person who has not been on a walk should get to experience the activities of the weekend for the first time as a pilgrim rather than as a visitor. If someone has attended a sponsor’s hour, candlelight or closing before going on a walk, they have something to “anticipate” because they know what is coming. One of the most meaningful things to me as a pilgrim was finding out during the weekend that our sponsors had prayed for us during sponsor’s hour while holding our lanyards. There are some who attended these activities before going on the walk that would argue with the rule; however, they really don’t know whether or not it changed their walk experience because they didn’t first experience them during their walk. If a family member of a pilgrim or the pilgrim asks if the family member can attend, a proper response could be something like this: “Walk activities are for persons who have attended or who are attending the walk. There is nothing secret about the activities but we are under the authority of the Upper Room and it is their guideline that visitors not attend. I want the weekend to be special for you if you decide to attend someday and as your friend I hope you will trust me and understand. You are welcome to go with us to dinner before I take your pilgrim to send off and you are welcome to come to our community gatherings.”

I encourage the membership of Cross Country Emmaus Community to submit to the authority of the Upper Room in a spirit of cooperation and charity with respect to the Walk to Emmaus. When we knowingly refuse to abide by their guidelines, we are in rebellion and this gives the enemy an open door to our community activities. This applies not only to visitors attending walk weekend functions but also to conducting the walk weekend according to the guidelines set forth by the Upper Room.

*Lynna Cox, CCEC Lay Director 2008*

### NAME TAGS FOR NEW PILGRIMS

Starting with the September 2008 walk, CCEC is going to try something new when it comes to ordering name tags. The name tags for each pilgrim attending the walk will be ordered during the weekend and presented to the pilgrims during the cross ceremony on Sunday afternoon before closing. The cost of the name tag will be included in the current registration fee of \$150.00. We will continue ordering replacement name tags through Brenda Burns in Seymour. Other communities order and present their name tags to pilgrims during the walk and this should be a more efficient method plus the pilgrims should feel more a part of the community at the very beginning of their Fourth Days. The lay director in training for the walk will prepare a final list of pilgrims and give it to the agape chairperson on Thursday night. The agape chairperson will fax or deliver the list of pilgrims to Lee Butler in Abilene on Friday morning. The name tags will be ready for pick up on Saturday when someone goes to pick up the weekend pictures. Hopefully, this new method of ordering name tags will be implemented smoothly. The Board appreciates everyone's help in the implementation process.

*Lynna Cox, CCEC Lay Director 2008*

### 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 their addresses.

### CROSS COUNTRY NAME TAGS PROCESSING

The Walk and Chrysalis Agape Chairpersons are now responsible for providing a list of Pilgrims that will be used to make up Community Name Tags that will be given to the Pilgrims / Caterpillars at the same time that Lanyards and Crosses are given on the last day of the weekend. Brenda Burns (see Contacts on page 4) will still be responsible for obtaining the name tags for anyone else. The CCEC Board believes this will provide a greater sense of involvement with the CCEC Community and streamline the process of providing name tags, formerly a responsibility of Sponsors. Brenda still has a large inventory of name tags that were ordered but never picked up. Please see her at monthly Community Gatherings if you ordered a name tag but failed to pick it up.

### 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 10 Candlelights a year and your efforts are really needed.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*The Team Selection Committee is in need of volunteers to serve for 2008-2009—see page 1 for the current vacancies. Please contact Jana Grisham (940.989.3651) or Danny Wain-scott (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.*

### BEAUTIFUL CHRISTIAN SISTER

By Maya Angelou

A woman's heart should be so hidden in Christ that a man should have to seek Him first to find her. 'When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not shouting 'I'm clean livin' I'm whispering 'I was lost, Now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.'

When I say.. 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect, My flaws are far too visible but, God believes I am worth it.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou, I'm just a simple sinner Who received God's good grace, somehow.'

*There are a lot of answers in this, for men as well as women.*

## Community Sponsors

Date	City	Sponsor
October 13	Seymour	Olney/ Throckmorton
November 10	Stamford	Knox City/Munday
December 1	Haskell	Haskell

Candlelight Schedule  
(October 2008 thru September 2009)

Walk 161 David Wright  
Walk 162 Ruth Ann Medeiros  
Walk 163 Myra King  
Walk 164 Jimmy Wiley  
Walk 165 Melyn Wittenborn  
*Flights 40/41 Easterling/Fry*  
Walk 166 Bill Longan  
Walk 167 Sue Wright

October 4 Butman  
November 8 Butman  
January 24 Butman  
March 6 Lueders  
April 25 Lueders  
June 6 Lueders  
August 15 Butman  
September 19 Lueders



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

Date	M/W	Walk #	Place	Lay Director / Spiritual Director
October 2—5, 2008	M	161	Butman	David Wright / TBA
November 6—9, 2008	W	162	Butman	Ruth Ann Medeiros / TBA
January 22—25, 2009	W	163	Butman	Myra King / Carter Edmondson
March 4—7	M	164	Lueders	Jimmy Wiley / TBA
April 23—26	W	165	Lueders	Melyn Wittenborn / TBA
June 4—7	G/B	<i>Flights 40 &amp; 41</i>	<i>Lueders</i>	<i>Amy Easterling and Josh Fry LDs</i>

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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**Class of 2009:** Jana Grisham, Lonnie Pittman, Roy Wright, Dusty Garison (SD), Jan Williams  
**Class of 2010:** Judy Underwood, Lonnie Click, Danny Wainscott, Darlene Cleveland  
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