

The Pilgrim's Journey

CRADLE OF TEXAS EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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WORDS FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR ...

Greetings from your Lay Director;

YOU are important to God and to our Cradle of Texas Emmaus community. We want to encourage you to "fit in" and stay connected with this Emmaus family. There are many ways to stay involved such as Reunion groups, Gatherings, Team service, Sponsorship, attending Candlelight and Closing, and serving Team meals & Agape meals. We need YOU. We can use your unique gifts and talents. Choose to stay connected and get involved.

Think about this. "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." You may not realize it, but it's true.

1. At least 2 people in this world love you so much they would die for you.
2. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.
3. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone.
4. Every night, someone thinks about you before they go to sleep.
5. You mean the world to someone.
6. If not for you, someone may not be living.
7. You are special and unique.
8. When we trust God to do what's best, and wait on His time, sooner or later, you will get what you want or something better.
9. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good can still come from it.
10. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.
11. Always tell your family that you care about them; you will feel much better when they know and you'll both be happy.
12. Tell your friends that they are loved and appreciated.

YOU are LOVED and APPRECIATED!

Love from your COT Lay Director, Janis Warny



COT Emmaus Calendar

Date	Item
August 8, Saturday	Gathering (with Hoot)-Community Baptist Church Danbury, Tx
August 20, Thursday	Board Meeting
September 10-13	Walk 43 (Danbury) Brooks Bass-LD
September 17-20	Walk 44 (Danbury) Teddie Meier-LD
September 24, Thursday	Board Meeting
September 26, Saturday	Follow-Up Meeting for Walk 43 (tentative)
October 3, Saturday	Newsletter
October 3 & 10, Saturday	Team Selection Meeting for Walks 45 & 46
October 10, Saturday	Follow-Up Meeting for Walk 44 (tentative)
October 15, Thursday	Board Meeting
November 2, Monday	Newsletter
November 19, Thursday	Board Meeting
November 21/22, Sat/Sun	LD Training for Walks 45 & 46
December 3, Thursday	Board Dinner & (election of officers)
December 5 or 12, Saturday	Gathering & Annual Meeting



2009 Walk Schedule

Men's #43 Danbury September 10-13 LD: Brooks Bass
Women's #44 Danbury September 17-20 LD: Teddie Meier



HOOT

Saturday, August 8th

at

Community Baptist Church

Danbury, TX

5:00 - 5:30 Flight 92 Follow Up

5:30 - 6:30 Volleyball/Outdoor Games

6:30 Join Emmaus Community for BBQ

7:30 Join Emmaus Community for Worship

Please bring chips & dip or dessert

Worship Music by Nick Lipscomb

Fellowship & Games after Worship

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Be a Part of an Emmaus Team

The Emmaus movement does not exist primarily for the weekend Walks. Its purposes are to deepen the faith of individuals, to increase the faith of congregations, and to bring Christianity to the world. Emmaus gives pilgrims the skills needed for leadership and invites them to make the commitment needed to build up the church for the sake of Jesus Christ. The questions asked at the closing - "What has this weekend meant to you?" and "What are you going to do with it?" -- help pilgrims begin to comprehend the kind of servant leadership that God may require of them in the future.

If you are interested in serving as part of a team for a weekend walk, please fill out and send in a service application by clicking on or going to the following Link.

[COT Service Application](#)

http://www.geocities.com/cotemmaus/svcapp_pdf.pdf

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What is Chrysalis?

Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "chrysalis." On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love.

"Chrysalis" is the name chosen for the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus, its parent movement, because it symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. That growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship.

Chrysalis "Flights" are a three-day spiritual renewal time that provides an opportunity for you to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. The point is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community.

There will be 2 flights for the "Houston South Chrysalis" @ the Lodge in Danbury this year. The dates are:



Girls Flourney #89 (age 15-24) - July 9th-12th

Boys Flourney #92 (age 15-24) - July 30th - August 2nd

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COT Emmaus Team Service

(Marty Null, Chairman for the 2009 Team Selection Committee)

DeColores COT 4th Day Community. It has come to my attention that there have been a number of questions and comments about team service recently. After reviewing the COT Emmaus written by-laws and policies, I did not find anything that states a 4th Day is limited to working only one Walk in a calendar year. This goes for the COT Board as well as the community at large. However, there are some sound reasons for limiting team service to one Walk a year:

- **First and foremost**, it allows greater opportunities for more 4th Day to get involved in the team aspect of a Walk. As we all know, there are countless blessings to be received by working a Walk. These blessings should be shared.
- **Secondly**, in our 4th Day busy schedules, working only one walk per year allows our 4th Day to hopefully get involved in other aspects of Emmaus, such as helping at Gatherings, Candlelight, Closing, preparing the Agape dinner, preparing team lunches during team training, making Agape for the walks, etc.
- **Thirdly**, it allows each of us to concentrate on our responsibilities as sponsors. Being a sponsor requires a tremendous amount of personal time and commitment. While there are no “rules” that say you cannot be a sponsor if you are working a Walk (and we are definitely NOT advocating that), when you work a walk it’s best to have a co-sponsor who is not on the team and who can help you with the sponsor responsibilities.

On the subject of our 4th Day working more than one walk per calendar year..... IT DOES AND WILL HAPPEN FROM TIME TO TIME. Usually this is due to circumstances that are out of the control of the Team Selection Committee. Circumstances, such as a team member having to leave the team because of a sudden illness, family issue, etc. In all cases, as teams are being formed by the Team Selection Committee, one of the first considerations when putting a team “pick-list” together is the last time a “team candidate” has worked a Walk. When unforeseen circumstances arise just before a Walk begins, and a team member has to be replaced, the Team Selection Committee must consider time constraints and prior Walk experience, rather than last Walk worked.

Finally, if you want to work a Walk, please put in an application. 4th Day with applications, who have not worked a recent Walk, are usually the first to be considered for a team. Also, if you receive a call to work a Walk, please prayerfully consider it and respond to the call within 2-3 days. This allows the Walk LD to have adequate time to fill team positions, reducing the need for last minute replacements.

Discontinue US Postal Mailing of COT Newsletter!

The Cradle of Texas Emmaus community would like to send all newsletters to the community using EMAIL for all future COT newsletters. It is very important that if you have a change in your email address that you let us know so that we can make sure that you will receive your newsletter. For any changes or additions to email please contact Jim Hill at jimhill9@swbell.net.

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FAQ

Several questions seem to keep coming to the board about the Emmaus Weekend so we decided to create a new column in our news letter to address your questions So here it is

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can a member of the 4th day serve on more than one team per year?

A. Yes. There is nothing in the bylaws/Policies that controls the number of times a member of the 4th day can serve on a team during a calendar year. The team selection committee has the responsibility to make sure the opportunity to serve on a team is available to all of the 4th day and works hard to avoid people serving on more than one team during the year.

Q. Why haven't I been asked to serve on a team?

A. No system 100% accurate. The best way to get called for team service is for you to turn in a team service application. Team selection committee typically gets less than 10 team service applications for any walk, and sometimes none. Those turning in applications are given priority for team service.

Q. Can a young adult who has gone on a Chrysalis weekend as a youth still go on an Emmaus weekend?

A. Yes. There are some restrictions but if you went on a Chrysalis weekend and have not served on an Emmaus team you can attend an Emmaus weekend as a pilgrim. You are also eligible to serve on an Emmaus team after you have gone on a Chrysalis weekend, as long as you are now 18 or older. Once you serve on an Emmaus team you are no longer eligible to attend an Emmaus weekend as a pilgrim.

Q. How do I get on the Emmaus Board?

A. Let any current board member know of your desire to serve on the board. The number of elected board members varies from year to year but there are typically about 5 new board members every year. Elected board members serve a 3 year term. There are also appointed board members and assistants who work with the elected board members in particular service groups.

Q. Why does the walk Lay Director keep calling me to serve on a team when I don't call them back?

A. Lay Directors are given a list of potential team members for each walk. The list is prioritized and the LD is required to start with the top name on the list and continue down in the order the names appear. They can not go to the next person on the list until the first person has responded. If you are called and can not or do not want to serve please respond to the LD quickly or the whole team formation process is delayed. Remember no is an answer.

Q. Can the community Lay Director serve on a walk team?

A. Yes. There is nothing in the bylaws/Policies that prohibits the community Lay Director from serving on a walk team. Under normal circumstances this is avoided so the

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Cradle Of Texas Emmaus Community Gathering And Chrysalis HOOT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
6114 5th St
Danbury.

Meal in Fellowship Hall 6:30 – 7:15 PM
Gathering in Sanctuary 7:15 – 9:00 PM

Brisket will be furnished. Others please bring:
A-F bring dessert, G-N, bring vegetable, O-Z bring salad

Everyone is invited. Child care will not be provided.

If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who has not been on a Walk, they are invited to attend the Gathering.
This is a great way to introduce them to Emmaus!

Questions, please call Margaret Spears @979-415-4554

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