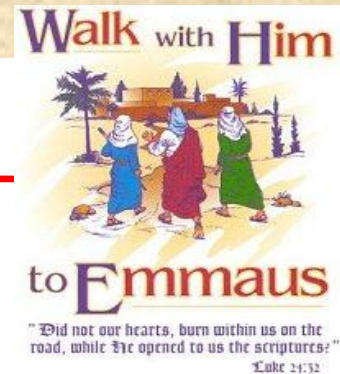


GOLDEN TRIANGLE EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Thoughts on Emmaus for 2010

By Gage Barker, Community Lay Director

De Colores Community!!

I thank you for all of your prayers, phone calls and visits. I am doing well, recovering from my fall, and by the time this article is published in the newsletter, I should be at home continuing with my recuperation. Your encouraging words have been a great comfort and motivator for me.

In this first newsletter for 2010, I want to invite you to join me in a vision for 2010 for our Emmaus Community. First let's think about the fortunate coincidence that this article is about vision and 2010, because we all know that people with 20 - 10 vision have great eyesight! That's what we want for our Emmaus community — a clear view of where we are and where we want to be in the future.

As I thought about what I would write, I began thinking about what The Walk to Emmaus means to me. First, I realized that if I were to list everything, this article would be too long, so here are a few of the highlights.

I realized that God has entrusted the Walk to Emmaus to people, and we need to work together. We have a board of directors serving the Golden Triangle Emmaus Community. Some 20 or so people have volunteered and been elected by the Community to serve in guiding the presentation of the Walk to Emmaus, and we need your help. We have committees that are forming, and we need people to serve on the committees to share the work. Do you remember what was said to you at the end of your walk

when your lay director placed the lanyard and cross around your neck — "Christ is counting on you"! And what was your response?

So the first part of my vision is to have all of our committee needs filled with people who have freed themselves for joyful obedience – that means you! Take a look at the GTEC website (www.goldentriangleemmaus.org), see what committee you can help with and then contact the leader of that committee listed on the site and volunteer!

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My walk with Jesus has been so much more meaningful and true than it was before Walk #49, and one of the amazing and wonderful parts of that have been the friendships I have found with so many different people. It's true that God reaches out to people using other people, and through the Walk to Emmaus I have seen that over and over again. I know so many more people now of different backgrounds, of different races, of different denominations and of different personalities who share so much in common in the Lord, that it is nothing short of Amazing Grace.

So the second part of my vision for 2010 is to join together to celebrate and build on our diversity and the ecumenical design of the Walk to Emmaus. Let's celebrate and build on the things we share in common as we go into our churches and work and communities to live out our discipleship, and let's share our diversity among ourselves.

To me, one of the most important steps is to take our sponsorship seriously. And I want to expand the diversity of the pilgrims we sponsor on the walks. It has been said that "sponsorship is the most important job of all," and that it "is the first gift of agape." So, as your fellow servant, I ask you to take your sponsorship of pilgrims seriously. Pray about the pilgrims you will ask and how you will serve them as a sponsor. Study the duties of sponsorship – read your Fourth Day book or the Upper Room pamphlet on sponsorship. Attend board classes on sponsorship. Then sponsor as if Christ is counting on you!

Other obvious steps to celebrate our diversity are to work together on teams presenting the Walk to Emmaus to other pilgrims, and to gather together in fellowship.

So an important direction for the second part of my vision for 2010 is to expand the diversity of the Emmaus 4th day serving on teams – ages, races, denominations, backgrounds, and personalities – let's celebrate the differences by joining together to serve as the Body of Christ.

You help our team selection committee to accomplish that when they know you are interested in working. You can go to the website and let them know, but you also can simply pray to be open to an invitation to work, because you may get called even if you haven't applied.

I also want to celebrate our differences and the things we have in common in the Lord by growing our gatherings. I know that for me, the time I spend at gatherings visiting with folks I have not seen in awhile is one of the great blessings in my life, and I look forward to it. We have gatherings on the 3rd Saturday of each month, so make plans to attend – bring friends, bring family, bring food, and be ready to share the joy of the Lord with each other.

Finally, the 2010 vision includes reunion groups. That is where we find accountability in our service and in our Christian walk. That is where we continue to meet the risen Christ. If you are in a reunion group, please make sure our reunion group committee has your information listed on the web-site. If you are not in a reunion group, I will simply say, "It's time." Need help? We stand ready to help you find a group or to form one.

I look forward to serving with you as a disciple of our Lord.

De Colores,
Gage Barker



Community Spiritual Director

By Rick Sitton

Men's Walk #127 was extraordinary. 37 Pilgrims. Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!

Now as these men enter the Fourth Day community they will live out their new commitments. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit and many recommitted their life to our Lord and Savior. Christ is counting on those men as Christ is counting on you. The local church needs these men and all of us to be servant leaders and strengthen the body of Christ by being mature Christians who say, "It's not about me." That is why we need you to sponsor at least one pilgrim for each upcoming walk. Pray now and then and



begin asking with a winsome spirit. I don't know of anything more important than being a sponsor except maybe the other side of the coin and that is working on a walk. Here is a simple truth to meditate upon that I came across this message from God on a billboard: "Here's a fashion tip for you – Make sure your walk matches your talk."

Grace and Peace
Pastor Rick

Outgoing Community Lay Director

By Johnna Cormier

De Colores!

It was my extreme honor to serve you last year as your Community Lay Director. What a wonderful group of Christians I had the privilege to work with on the Board. The willingness of each of them to serve our Lord is amazing. We completed 5 walks last year and saw approximately 150 more people join our 4th Day!

We serve an awesome God and I look forward to many more years of helping to further God's kingdom here on earth. The Walk to Emmaus is one of the most incredible tools

I've ever encountered. My main goal in life is to be a servant for the Lord and you have all helped me in that respect and I will never forget it.

God's blessings to you and to our Community of believers.

Johnna Cormier



"Did not our hearts burn within us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures." Luke 24:32

Come Join Us at the Gathering!!!

By Don Sample

What do you think of when you hear or read about the Golden Triangle Emmaus Community? Hopefully you think of relationship, because when we say we are a community, in effect we are saying we are in relationship with others who also are a part of the community. Relationships take work, and one of the features of the Walk to Emmaus, which helps us build the relationships in the community, is the follow-up after the walk. Through group reunions, community gatherings and team service we meet Christians we never knew before, and we renew our friendships with those we have known a long time and with whom we have served.

Our next opportunity to build the community is the gathering at First United Methodist Church of Vidor on March 20th at 6:00 PM. Dust off your name-tag and join in the gathering – food, fun, fellowship, and gathering in the name of the Lord is a great way to spend a Saturday evening. Call someone you know through Emmaus, maybe someone you have not seen for a while and invite them. Come meet the men who have just finished Walk #127. Renew your relationships and your community.

Be there or be square. I'll plan to see you there!

De Colores
Don Sample

Men's Walk #127 Lay Director

By Rick Davis

While trying to compose the LD letter for MW 127 I became increasingly more aware that more times than not, God is able to use the Walk to Emmaus weekend for his glory not because of anything we do, but because of our willingness to submit and allow Him to take over.

This walk began like many others about two months before the event with prayer and team meetings. As the days and weeks progressed we were confronted with the normal setbacks and changes that occur during the formation of all walks. Six days before the walk it seemed like Satan had pulled out all of the stops and was working overtime. The LD, Charlie Waldron was forced to withdraw in order to care for his mother; Board Rep Gage Barker fell and broke his hip. Several other team members also had to drop. Basically, the team was being reformed in the closing days of training.

But, as always, this community responded when called upon. TL's, ATL's, ALD and support staff served without hesitation when they were called upon to do so. Some as late as the night before the walk.

I judge the success of a walk not by anything that we do, but as a result of God's Holy Spirit working thru us. The testimonies of the 37 men on walk 127 prove that God was working thru us as the Golden Triangle Emmaus Community. For that blessing we give Him all of the glory.

DeColores
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Chrysalis Community

Greetings from the Chrysalis Community!

Chrysalis is a 3-day retreat during the month of June that aims to impact high school aged youth. The weekend focuses around helping teens become more like Christ and learn to include Him in their everyday life. “Chrysalis was an amazing experience,” Taylor VanDevender said. “It taught me that love is the easiest way to reach someone and that God understands when I make silly mistakes, but He loves me anyway.” Chrysalis is open to all youth between the ages of 15 and 18, or from exiting 9th grade to exiting 12th grade. It is NOT too early to register a caterpillar! Please prayerfully consider sponsoring sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, or other teenagers that you know. We also need team members for the flights! The girls’ flight is June 11-14 and boys’ flight is June 18-21. To sponsor a caterpillar, apply to serve on the team, or just learn more about Chrysalis, please visit our website at <http://goldentrianglechrysalis.org/>.

A “Hoot” will be held March 20th, 5:00pm preceding the gathering.

2010 Chrysalis Flight Dates

(Open to youth who have finished 9th grade to new high graduates, 15-18)

We are in need of Team members and Butterflies!!!

Girl’s Flight #27 June 10 - 13 LD – Cindy Rodriguez

Boy’s Flight #28 June 24 - 27 LD – Gary Floyd

Kairos of Texas

By Billie Stanton

Kairos of Texas ... to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. To learn more....

<http://thebamfordgroup.com/kairos/>



"Kairos Closing Application.doc"

Here is application for closing:

Kairos will be starting March 18-21, 2010. Closing will be March 21st and if you would like to attend we need your closing application turned into Mark Fox by Feb. 28th.

Even If you are not sure you can attend, go ahead and fill an application out and mail it in. If something comes up and



Epiphany Ministry, Inc...

By Sherry Boutte

Epiphany Ministry, Inc. ...

is an ecumenical Christian Ministry for young men and women who are in the custody of Juvenile Justice Facilities. To learn more...

<http://www.epiphanyministry.com/>

The mission statement of Epiphany Ministry, Inc. is:

"TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE TO INCARCERATED JUVENILES."

Upcoming Epiphany Weekend:

We will be having an Epiphany weekend March 4-7, 2010. The Lay Director will be Tessy Cryer. We will need prayer support and wall agape. We cannot do a weekend without prayer. If anyone would like to donate green agape we would greatly appreciate it. It cost around \$125.00 per youth. We don't have pilgrim fees as Emmaus does. Our green Agape comes strictly from donations only. So if you would like to be a part of this blessing you can give your green agape to the contact information as follows:



God's Special Time
Kairos Prison Ministry
Texas Chapter

You cannot be there, that is ok; however if you decide at the last minute to attend and have not turned in the application, you cannot attend.

I ask that you prayerfully consider attending this closing for the inmates. It is amazing how appreciative they are for the free world to attend. It is truly Christ Helping Hands when they look out and see you taking out a few hours of your day to attend.

Thanks.
Billie Stanton

You may mail it to:

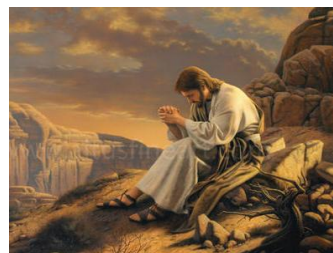
P. O. Box 2003
Vidor, Texas 77670-2004

Or contact:

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God Always provides our needs.
Praise and Honor to Him and Him above.

UAC Chair: Sherry Boutte
UAC Liaison: Paul Boutte



Walks, Gatherings, Meeting Dates

2010 Walks

Women's Walk #128	Feb. 25-28	Cindy Deranger, LD
Women's Walk #129	July 22-25	Viki Pickard, LD
Men's Walk #130	Sept. 23-26	Rick Carruth, LD
Women's Walk #131	Oct. 14-17	Sharon Mannino, LD

2010 Gatherings

February 20 - Trinity United Methodist Church, 3430 Harrison Ave, Beaumont, TX

March 20 - 1st United Methodist Church at 501 N. Main St., Vidor, TX 77662

2010 GTEC Board Meetings

All Board Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00pm at Wesley United Methodist Church in Beaumont. All are welcome to attend.

HELP NEEDED

If you have a reunion group or a group of people from your church that can do the Thursday night Snack Supper or Agape Dinner on Saturday evening for the walk please contact the Community Support Coordinator, Richard Breedlove, 755-7508 to volunteer.

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We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.goldentriangleemmaus.com

Remember team applications need to be turned in at least 4 months prior to the walk.

4th Day come out and support the walks:

Send Off – Thursday, 6pm
Candlelight – Saturday, 8pm
Closing – Sunday, 4pm

Gatherings are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at various churches. Snack supper is at 6:00pm – bring your family and your food. Worship follows at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to gatherings! PLEASE attend the gatherings – we have reformatted the event so that there is less talk and more worship, music & praise!!!

Check the website as well for updates on upcoming gatherings.

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