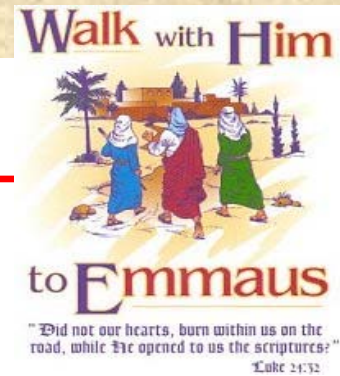


# GOLDEN TRIANGLE EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## How Then Shall We Live...

by Robert Besser, Community Spiritual Director

As I write this article, Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. It is so tempting to write about my growing excitement and joy as Easter approaches, and yet I want to write something that will inspire and challenge you in the days, weeks and months that follow Easter. I also am challenged to write something relevant for you now that you are walking in your 4<sup>th</sup> days.

So the question now is: in light of the resurrection of Christ and the Emmaus Road experience, **How Then Shall You Live?** It's a question that everyone must answer. How then shall you live? Christ's resurrections has shown us not only how to live, but through the power of his risen spirit has enabled us to live that way. And who wouldn't choose to live like Christ if this is the way to love, peace, joy, purpose, wholeness—in other words God! Jesus' death and resurrection guarantee that this is so!

How have you chosen to live and more importantly, how will you choose to live now in the light of Easter and your Emmaus Road experience? What will this mean for you? For others? For God's church?

For me? I remember the hymn "And Can It Be" and especially this verse:

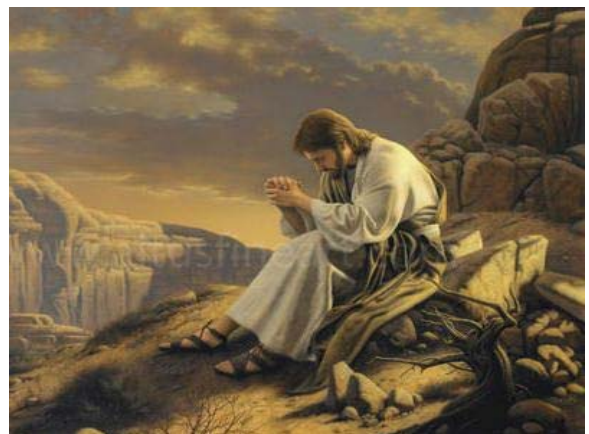
Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.

**My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

This, my friends, is how we celebrate the risen Christ. How then are you living that out?

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## FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

## By Don Sample

Dear members of the Golden Triangle Emmaus Community, De Colores!

I am blessed to serve this year as the community lay director, and since we're almost halfway through the year 2011, I want to take this opportunity to give you a brief picture of what we are trying to do on the Golden Triangle Emmaus Community Board of Directors, and to describe some of the needs we have in the community.

At our first meeting this year, I talked to the board about areas I think we need to improve and emphasize:

**Good Sponsorship** and sponsorship training for the community — good sponsorship is the backbone of a successful and healthy Emmaus community. If you listened to the presentation on sponsorship given at your follow-up meeting after your walk, you may have heard someone say that “sponsorship is the first gift of agape.” Our goal as an Emmaus community is to be a part of bringing the church to life as the body of Christ in action. That will not happen by osmosis, but only as we engage in prayerful, faithful and fruitful sponsorship. When we do, I believe the results will be truly amazing.

We are in the process right now of preparing to provide **sponsorship training**, both with specific classes, and possibly, even preparing a DVD to show the “do’s and don’ts” of sponsorship. If you would like to **volunteer** to help prepare that training, please contact either **Polly Cronk or Harry Cronk**. They are leading your committee that is working on getting our sponsorship training started.

Attendance at our **Gatherings** — I attended my first gathering in November 1994, and I continue to be blessed at gatherings as I have the opportunity to meet new people, to meet old friends and worship together with them. Our gatherings are on the **second Saturday of each month except in June and in December**. When you don't know the location, go to the GTEC website, look on the tab for events, and you will see the list.

Our board has an active committee working to find churches to host the gatherings, and the committee is looking at other formats to bring interest and variety to our gatherings. What are your ideas? **Zim Morris** is our board member who leads the gatherings committee. If you have an idea, why not contact Zim, and talk to him about your ideas? If your church can sponsor a gathering, contact Zim!

**Communication:** We are working to improve our

communication, and I encourage you to visit our **website**, to look at the GTEC **facebook page**. We are working to publish a **newsletter** more often, and on the board we frequently discuss our need to be able to provide more direct reminders and notices.

Now that I have listed just 3 of the areas we are focusing on, my question to you is how will you help?

I ask you that question for a number of reasons, but one of the main reasons is that we need **your time**, we need **your talent**, and we need **your interest**. Besides that, we have more jobs to do than we have board members. Even if you don't serve on a committee, here are some things you can help with.

For example: Will you attend a **training** session to learn about good sponsorship? Will you followup on that training by sponsoring men and women on our Emmaus walks and also sponsoring youth to attend Chrysalis. Will you **write an article** for the newsletter? Will you pick out a few **gatherings** to attend, mark them on your calendar, and then invite others to come with you? Will you take the time to use your personal Emmaus e-mail address list to send **reminders** to your friends and family about activities that are coming up in our Emmaus community? Will you volunteer to work as a **team member** on a walk?

Those are just some ideas of how you can help, but there is one that will really help. We need volunteers. We need volunteers who will contact our **community support coordinators, Kallaugh Conn and Harry Cronk**, to give time to help with Thursday snack suppers, dinners — even working a shift as a support worker on one of the walks. We need volunteers who will contact other board members to see what help they need.

You may be so eager and ready to help right now that you are wondering how to get in touch with board members. Where is their contact information?

Here's your answer:

Go to the Golden Triangle Emmaus Community's website at

**GOLDENTRIANGLEMAUS.ORG**

The board members, their names and phone numbers are listed under the section for board of directors. You also can send them e-mails.

**God Bless you and De Colores,  
Don Sample**

**GTEC,**

**It has been my pleasure & my honor to represent you this year as Asst. Spiritual Director. I can't think of a better way to go beyond our church walls and impact more lives in such a short period of time.**

**It was a true blessing to serve as Spiritual Director on WW 133. We invited the Holy Spirit to come, and I can truly say that His glory was poured out supernaturally on this walk! I know we all say that about every walk, right? Our God is truly an amazing God and He left little God nuggets for us everywhere!**

**If you haven't worked a walk lately, I encourage you to do so soon. The pilgrims that are called to Emmaus, need us to be God with skin on for them.**

**When I think of Emmaus, I always think of John 13:1-7 where Jesus washed his disciples' feet and I realize just how much he wants us to be his servants on this earth. Remember we are HIS hands and feet...**

**Till all have heard,  
Rev. Laurie Smith**



## Lay Director Report for WW # 133

By Johnna Cormier

What an honor to be asked to serve a second time as Lay Director! I was so blessed by the team God called to serve Him on WW #133! From the very beginning everyone was so willing to serve and we prayed "Come Holy Spirit" and He showed up in a mighty way! Team meetings were held in accordance to the Upper Room guidelines. We had several 4<sup>th</sup> Day that had not worked a walk in over 5 years and they embraced the changes with a willing mind and a servant's heart. From the first team meeting until the end of the walk, we could feel that this was truly something special! Lives were changed and spirits renewed, not only for the Pilgrims but for Team members as well. God is good.

It should be noted that the Asst. Spiritual Director should take care of the Support Teams Dying Moments. There would then be no danger of the Spiritual Director still being in Communion when it was time for the Means of Grace talk. The walk itself was very smooth with only very minor hiccups. We are not perfect but we work very hard at it!

The follow-up meeting was a continuation of the walk with all 30 Pilgrims and their sponsors in attendance!!! One of the Pilgrims started a private Facebook page so we can stay in touch with one another and continue to pray for one another.

I do request however that some 4<sup>th</sup> Day men show up on Sunday to help tear down. We weren't able to leave the Malloy Center until 7:30 Sunday night, because the Conference Room needed to be broken down and stored. I know Roger Herring and his reunion group usually show up but we can't always depend on the same men and by Sunday evening even the strongest women shouldn't have to wrestle with those big heavy tables.

If experiences are measured by our willingness to repeat the experience, I would have to say I would do it again in a heart beat! I thank you for the confidence placed in me. Thanks be to God for showing us his wonderful love.

De Colores,  
Johnna Cormier

## 2011 Committee Leaders:

**Community Spiritual Director**  
Robert Besser, 892-7733

**Asst. Comm. Spiritual Director**  
Laurie Smith, 284-3369

**Community Lay Director**  
Don Sample, 899-1650

**Asst. Comm. Lay Director**  
Cindy Granger, (337) 515-1391

**Secretary**  
Jesslyn Mayfield, 898-2139

**Treasurer**  
Ramona Guillory, 626-1821

**Community Support**  
Kallaugh Conn, 893-1650  
Harry Cronk, 656-3588

**Purchasing & Properties**  
Rick Davis, 753-3581

**Gatherings**  
Zim Morris, 749-0166

**Music**  
Russell Cardwell, 466-5366

**Chrysalis**  
Leigh Waldrep, 550-1218

**Pilgrim, Team, Community Registrar**  
Sandy Wilson, 670-6153

**Team Selection**  
Donna Windhorst, 293-1731 (women)  
Brian Blevins, 363-0187 (men)

**Chair of Internet & Technology**

**Training**  
Linda Morris, 626-4113 (women)  
Richard Breedlove, 755-7508 (men)

**Facilities**  
Tom Crump, 284-1649

**Diversity**  
Gage Barker, 790-7106

**Reunion Groups/Follow-up**  
Esther Daniel, 790-2969

**Agape**  
Debbie Daly, 313-1008

**Prayer Vigil**  
Theresa Cowart, 735-9232

**Newsletter & Publicity**  
Kay Wallage, 781-7221

## 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 Van Devender 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade to exiting 12<sup>th</sup> 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! To sponsor a caterpillar, apply to serve on the team, or just learn more about Chrysalis, please visit our website at <http://goldentrianglechrysalis.org/>.

#### Wow What a Flight!

It was an honor to serve as Lay Director of the Girl’s Chrysalis Flight #29. God provided the team with 12 sweet Butterflies, and they blessed each one of us. I think they really all came together as one great circle of friends. The hope and prayer I had for the new Butterflies as well as the team was knowing that God is always with us. (Hebrews 13:5). I pray this is something we can all remember the rest of our lives. It was truly a blessing to be on that 72 hour journey, and I thank the Golden Triangle Chrysalis Community, the parents and the grandparents of the new Butterflies for the opportunity.

Fly With Christ,

Sherry Leger

## 2011 Chrysalis Flight Dates

(Open to youth who have finished 9<sup>th</sup> grade to new high school graduates, age 15-18)

Girl’s Flight #29    June 9-12    LD – Sherry Leger

Boy’s Flight #30    June 23-26    LD – Russell Cardwell

Chrysalis Community Lay Director – Leigh Waldrep



**God's Special Time**

*Kairos Prison Ministry*

*Texas Chapter*

## Kairos of Texas

**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/>



**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/>

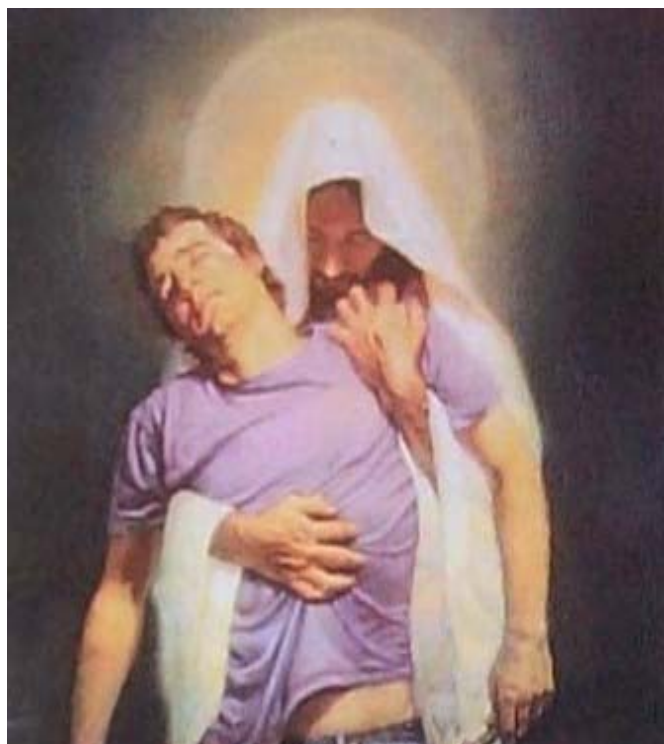
The mission statement of Epiphany Ministry, Inc. is:

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

## Epiphany update from Sandra Marino...

With the closing of the Al Price State Juvenile Facility located here in Beaumont, Epiphany Ministries at this Facility will no longer be stationed in this area. The Epiphany Ministry of Texas will continue to serve at all other Texas State Juvenile Facilities. I am asking if you will please keep the young boys and staff in your prayers as they are making this major transition. For updates on Epiphany Ministries you can always go to [www.texasepiphany.com](http://www.texasepiphany.com). I would like to thank all of the Emmaus community for all the prayers and support of this ministry while it was here at Al Price.

God Bless, Sandra Marino



## 2011 Dates – Walks, Gatherings & Board Meetings



### 2011 Walks

Men's Walk	#132	Jan. 27-30	Harry Cronk
Women's Walk	#133	Feb. 24-27	Johnna Cormier
Women's Walk	#134	July 28-31	Liz Sheffield
Men's Walk	#135	Sept. 22-25	John Shepherd
Women's Walk	#136	Oct. 20-23	Cindy Granger

Gatherings are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!!!

Upcoming Gatherings: July 16: 1<sup>ST</sup> UMC Winnie  
 August 20: Wesley UMC Nederland

Check the website as well for updates on upcoming gatherings.



### 2011 GTEC Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every other month, beginning in January. All are welcome to attend.

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

4<sup>th</sup> Day come out and support the walks:

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

SEE YOU AT WOMEN'S WALK #134!!

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