

November 2006

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

Houston North Emmaus Community

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

It has been a blessed year by the Lord with all the new challenges in our conference, in Emmaus policies and procedures, a new location for all the walks and a new Spiritual Director. There were times during the year where I felt I was not accomplishing God's will with Emmaus. I got disappointed and frustrated with things that were happening. But, I realized it was me... (surprise) not the things or even the people. God reminded me, that when I am weak, helpless and hopeless, that's when He is carrying me and working it all out for the greater good. Apostle Paul recorded, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. So now, whenever, I get in that pity party mood, and yes women are moody, I dig in deeper into the rock of my salvation Jesus Christ, and drink from his well of Living Water to get re-energized, refreshed and renewed.

Do you need a drink? Will you drink with me in celebration as one year closes and the next one opens with expectations and anticipation of God's will in our lives?

As the Community Spiritual Director, I also want to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of you for your faithfulness and patience as you served the Emmaus Community this past year. It is my prayer that you will continue serving our Lord and Master, and you will bring others to the saving grace of Jesus Christ My prayer for Emmaus Community, recorded in Ephesians 1:15-23 by Apostle Paul.

Lord Jesus, "I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason, I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.."

AMEN.

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year...
as we bow down and worship Him the Lord Jesus Christ!
DeColores,
Rev. Dr. Carolyn McCall

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WELCOME OUR NEWEST FOURTH DAY FROM WALKS 37 & 38

MENS' WALK 37 - SEPTEMBER 21-24



PILGRIMS

Michael Bench, David Benepe, Jeffrey Bonner, Tibor Cseszko, Ronny Brown, Billy Robinson, Chris Charbonneau, Gregory Colburn, Jason Mills, David Daugherty, Charles Ellis, Grant Welty, Doug Fountain, Scott Freeman, Aubrey Hartman, Isaiah Hatten, William Eyerman, Jerry Jones, Clay Pruitt, George Lindahl, Curtis King, Kenneth Matej, Derek McCoy, Dave Montgomery, John Ritter, Ladane Roberson, Colby Ross II, Tim Bieser, Charles Zander, Trey Saunders, Jay Schlitt, Henry Schmidt, Patrick Smith, Ryan Hawkins, Ricky Smith

TEAM MEMBERS

Bill Swaim, Rev. Marty Vershel, John Smith, Kirk Smith, Tom Wanamaker, Terry Bratton, Bud Elkins, Tom Huckabee, Ken Gau, Matthew Blake, Bill Chandler, Mike Pettey, Charlie Trotter, David Blair, Louis Mascolo, John Follis, Paul Silva, Jeff Bergfield, Sheridan Sanders, Scotty Scott, Don Braden, Carl Anthony, Ed Lee, Lester Hoke, Richard Ruchhoeft, Bill Kennedy, Todd Sullivan, Joe Holecek, Paul Ellis, Earl Dague, Bill Tune, Dale Dickman, Larry Thieme, Ken Patillo, Carl Spaeth, and Day Servants.



WOMENS' WALK 38 - OCTOBER 19-22

<u>PILGRIMS</u>

Kelley Broussard, Irma Brownlow, Brenda Bryant, Annie Bullard, Diana Burke, Lisbeth Cleveland, Dana Corbit, Mary Gammill, Patti Hanson, Sylvia Harris, Tamara Harrod, Kim Hawkins, Marge Helstrom, Donna Hinman, Liz Jackson, Jennifer Jones, Jan Martel, Dawn McMachen, Shelly Oerlemans, Phyllis Palmer, Ann Paxton, Beverly Pichon, Rebecca Pubentz, Lucille Raethka, Andrea Rutledge, Debbie Saunders, Saharah Shrout, Kristie Snell, Joni Stephenson, Joan Swanson, Brandi Wax, Pam White, Laurie Zalewski

TEAM MEMBERS

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2007 BOARD INFORMATION

HNEC BOARD ELECTION RESULTS - CLASS OF 2009

(New members take office on December 12, 2006)

Community Assistant Spiritual Director - Rev. J. Larry Smith, Coldspring UMC

Board Members:

Debbie Acord - Fellowship of The Woodlands Jeannie Dominguez - Kingwood Bible Church Jeff Reinhart - Airline UMC Kirk Smith - Lakewood UMC Lindsay Tonroy - John Wesley UMC Tom Wanamaker - The Woodlands UMC



2007 BOARD MEETING DATES SET

All meetings will be held at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center in Tomball, Texas. Meetings fall on the third Tuesday of the month except for November and December.



January 16th	July 17th
February 20th	August 21st
March 20th	September 18th
April 17th	October 16th
May 15th	November 13th
June 19th	December 11th

All meetings start at 7:00 PM and are open to any Fourth Day who might wish to attend. Meeting agendas are set in advance, so anyone wishing to have a specific item placed on the agenda or with a desire to address the Board during a meeting should contact the Community Chair at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

2007 WALK INFORMATION

Houston North Emmaus Community, Inc.

Registrar: John Allred 15201 Mason Road, #1000-321, Cypress, TX 77433 Email: registrar@hnec.org

All Walks at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center, 22610 Tuwa Road, Tomball, Texas http://www.kaiserhofretreatcenter.com/

Womens' Walk #39, March 8-11

Jodi Lee, Lay Director. Tami Laugharn, Servant Team Coordinator.

Mens' Walk #40, April 19-22

Bill Maloney, Lay Director. Dan Chenoweth, Servant Team Coordinator.

Womens' Walk #41, April 26-29

Sarah Moore, Lay Director. Lollie Duroy, Servant Team Coordinator.

Mens' Walk #42, July 19-22

Morris Davidson, Lay Director. George Skirm, Servant Team Coordinator.

Womens' Walk #43, July 26-29

Margaret Fort, Lay Director. Kelly Freeman, Servant Team Coordinator.

Mens' Walk #44, September 20-23

Fred Baker, Lay Director. Hardie Davis, Servant Team Coordinator.

Womens' Walk #45, October 18-21

Marcie Huckabee, Lay Director. Annette Smith, Servant Team Coordinator.

Please pray for our Community Spiritual Directors as they work to finalize Spiritual Directors for our 2007 Walks.

Houston West Emmaus Community, Inc.

Registrar: Jan Vogel

P.O. Box 631684, Houston, TX 77263-1684

Email: registrar@hwec.org Website: www.hwec.org



2007 WALK DATES NOT YET PUBLISHED.

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Cradle of Texas Emmaus Community, Inc.

Registrar: Gary Foose

P. O. Box 563, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 Email: gary.foose@agedwards.com Website: www.geocities.com/cotemmaus



 Walk #30 (Men)
 March 22-25 (a)

 Walk #31 (Women)
 April 19-22 (a)

 Walk #32 (Women)
 July 12-15 (b)

 Walk #33 (Men)
 September 20-23 (b)

 Walk #34 (Women)
 October 18-21 (a)

(a) TEXAS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT, PALACIOS

(b) THE LODGE AT DANBURY

Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Registrar: Edith Schultz

P. O. Box 890134, Houston, TX 77289-0134

Email: registration@hbaec.org Website: www.hbaec.org



Walk #40 (Men) June 21-24
Walk #41 (Women) June 28-July 1
Walk #42 (Men) September 27-30
Walk #43 (Women) October 4-7

WALK LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED.

SPONSORSHIP

Houston North Emmaus Community Sponsorship Training Required for 2007 Walks

Because sponsorship is THE most important role in the Walk to Emmaus, the HNEC Board has implemented a Sponsorship Training initiative. Completion of this training will be required prior to the sponsorship of any pilgrims on Walks beginning in 2007.

Training sessions will be provided by the HNEC Board immediately prior to each HNEC community gathering. Board members (see Page 8) are available upon request to meet with your church's local Emmaus community and provide training in that setting. Local churches will be scheduling sponsorship training in conjunction with their local gatherings and reunion groups.

"Sponsorship is the act of your revisiting The Walk to Emmaus experience with the person whom God has laid upon your heart. Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of The Walk to Emmaus and must be taken seriously. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, careful planning and follow-through. The strength of an Emmaus Community is a direct result of its sponsorship practices." (a)

(a) from Sponsorship, by Richard and Janine Gilmore

2007 Sponsor and Pilgrim Applications

2007 SPONSOR and PILGRIM applications can be downloaded from our website @ www.hnec.org, received via email through registrar@hnec.org, or requested by telephone at 281.345.7977.

Please PRINT or TYPE applications, especially the email address. Sponsors should encourage Pilgrims to request three different Walk dates and to reserve those dates on their calendars. Walks are filled as applications are received and it is recommended that applications be filed three months in advance to ensure first choice of Walk dates. Walk placement **cannot** be reserved via email or telephone call--only by postmark on application.

Time to renew your PJ Subscription?



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BEING A DAY SERVANT

Many of our Fourth Day members served in 2006 in the role of "Day Servant". In this role, men and women have the opportunity to serve one day at a time on the Walk of their choice. Men can serve on Womens' Walks, and women can serve on Mens' Walks in the roles of Kitchen Servant and Chapel Servant. To serve in the role of Agape Servant, you must choose a Walk of your same gender due to the fact that workers are in the pilgrims' area of residence.

The Servant Team Coordinator for each Walk (see 2007 Walk information on Page 4) is responsible for securing applications for Day Servants, providing training, and directing and organizing the Servant Team during the Walk.

If you cannot commit to Team service for an entire weekend...if you have never served on a team and want to see what it's like...if you are waiting for a call for Team service and it just hasn't come yet...Day Servant is a wonderful means of staying involved with the Walks and exhibiting anonymous servanthood.

Here are some quotes from Day Servants on Womens' Walk #38 (used with their permission):

"What a blessing! Not only did God give me the opportunity to serve some of His precious children with a lot of delightful, Spirit-filled women, He also arranged for us (God and I) to share a couple of glorious hours together as I sat and strolled while "browsing"...an extraordinary day! Thank you, God!"

Halene Crossman Kingwood UMC Day Servant (Agape), Walk #38

"I just want to say thank you! Thank you for asking me to be a day servant. It was such a wonderful blessing for me. It really brought a lot of joy to my heart to be able to witness these women growing in their walk with the Lord in just one day. And what a blessing it was to fellowship with my sisters in Christ as we served together. It's so amazes me how God brings teams together and how everything just flowed so effortlessly it seemed. Though we all know how much hard work went into everything. Isn't God wonderful in how he provides and pulls together all his willing vessels and how we become united as one in his love. I can't wait to serve again. I can't remember the last time I had so much fun. My feet may take a while to recover but every ache and pain was well worth it."

In his love,
Diane Lengefeld
Calvary Christian Fellowship

TO BE A DAY SERVANT, FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

- 1. Download an application from the web at www.hnec.org.
- 2. Choose the Walk number, Walk day(s), and role(s) you want to work.
- 3. Contact the Servant Team Coordinator (contact information for each STC will be provided via the website and in future *Pilgrim's Journey* newsletters) to verify that positions are available for your selection.
- 4. Send the application with the appropriate fees (\$25 per day for each day worked Fri-Sun) to the STC.
- 5. If you cannot get in touch with the STC, you can complete an application and submit to the HNEC Registrar at the HNEC mailing address, which is on the application form.

2007 COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

2007 KICK-OFF GATHERING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

GOOD SHEPHERD UMC, CYPRESS, TEXAS HNEC BOARD WILL PROVIDE THE MEAL



SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

THE WOODLANDS UMC, THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS WALK FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS FOR WALKS 39, 40, AND 41

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH

CYPRESS UMC, CYPRESS, TEXAS

WALK FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS FOR WALKS 42 AND 43



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

KLEIN UMC, SPRING, TEXAS
WALK FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS FOR WALKS 44 AND 45
BOARD ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING

WATCH THE WEB AT <u>WWW.HNEC.ORG</u> FOR FLYERS AND FULL INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.



THANK HIM NOW



Dear GOD:

I want to thank You for what you have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; I am thanking you right now. I am thanking you because I am alive. I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties. I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles. I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better. I'm thanking you because FATHER, YOU haven't given up on me.

-- (Author Unknown)

YOUR HNEC BOARD

~HNEC 2006 BOARD INFORMATION ~

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~ Remaining HNEC 2006 Board Meetings ~

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Tuesday, November 14th

Tuesday, December 12th

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"GET THAT MISTLETOE OFF MY TURKEY!"

It's that time of year again. You know. The lawn is still mashed down from trick-or-treaters walking across it. Hasn't even had time to rebound. The next day, going to the store to buy some REAL food now that the candy is all gone, or going to the mall to buy a new sweater or sweatshirt because it's FINALLY under 80 degrees on the gulf coast of Texas...THERE IT IS! EVERYWHERE! Christmas decorations! Wrapping paper! Christmas gifts! (Oh, er, I guess in today's post-modern society I should be saying "holiday" merchandise. But that's a commentary for another time.) Gift catalogs! Sales ads! TV commercials! The senses are already being bombarded with the commercialism of Christmas.

I know many of you get into the Christmas spirit early and you're already excited. You're shopping! You're decorating! You're planning for all the festivities! And that is OK. But me...I don't want to think about all that yet. Because in between October and December, God gave us this wonderful month called "November", and in it He placed football. FOOTBALL? Well, yes, He put part of football season in this month, but that's not really the point. He gave us this wonderful holiday called "Thanksgiving". A day set aside by our government to pray and to give honor to Him and the bountiful blessings He has bestowed upon us. A day that was inspired in part by those first colonists that later came to be called "pilgrims".

In 1789, President George Washington wrote this "Thanksgiving Proclamation", the first official presidential proclamation issued in the United States. I think of George got it right.

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789."

HAVE A JOYOUS, BLESSED, HAPPY THANKSGIVING...AND YES, A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON, TOO!



DE COLORES (and pass the pecan pie)!

Rhonda Fronk - HNEC Communications



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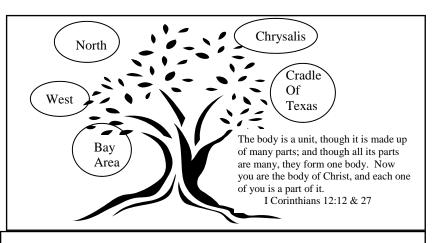
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