

THE WALK'S TALK

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Newsletter Thought:

God gives us one day at a time

Long enough for laughter to follow any tears

Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together

Time enough to help someone in need

Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the maker

Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear down a wall of resentment

The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with children, sing praise to God

Praise God for this day we are given.

Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service

Prayers are needed from each member of the Valley Emmaus Community. This is the most precious gift you can give on behalf of others. Please be in prayer for Cindy Robinson and Kelly Holder as they prepare the teams for the Girl's and Boys' Chrysalis Flights. The flights will be held this summer during the last 2 weeks in July.

Your presence is needed in your home with your family, in your place of work and in your local church. Remember the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis is not about the 3 day weekend, but about the 4th days after the weekend.

Your gifts are needed to help with the costs of the newsletter. We need about \$4,000. to cover the expense of printing and mailing out the newsletter this year. This is a vital communication ministry to keep over 2,000 families informed about the various events and activities of Emmaus and Chrysalis in the Valley. You will find a contribution form enclosed in this newsletter. Fill out the form and mail into the address listed.

One of the many ways you can contribute to Valley Emmaus is through your service. We need volunteers to help set up the camps for Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends. We need volunteers to help cook, wash dishes, make agape, be prayer partners, and be a host church for a monthly gathering. Prayerfully consider how you can serve. If you are interested in serving on a team, please fill out the team application form which is found on www.valleyemmaus.com

Thanks to Jeff Church for his recent decision to help serve the community as the webmaster for our website. Jeff is working on updating graphics and information.

Thank you to the members of First Baptist Church in Harlingen for hosting the new pilgrim orientation on Thursday May 4th. We were truly blessed with your gift of hospitality, beautiful decorations and wonderful food. Thanks for everyone who helped prepare food, set up the dining hall and worship center.

In closing, God needs all of us to be in prayer, to share our gifts and to be in service to him and one another. May God keep his hand upon you, your family and the Valley Emmaus Community.

In His Service,
Wilson Heacock, Community Lay Director

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BANNERS NEED REPLACING

The Banners used for the WALK TO EMMAUS conference room have been used for many, many walks and are in need of replacement.

Also, the Prayer Chapel Banners need to be replaced and a new system to hang them needs to be developed.

Here is where you as an Emmaus community and this part of the Body Of Christ, can serve...

GET INVOLVED !!!

This would be a wonderful way for reunion groups, and church groups to support EMMAUS in our community.

If you don't sew or stitch, maybe your reunion group could help by sponsoring one of the banners, and someone else could do the sewing and assembly.

We can all help with this project for more information please contact:

Sandra Grawunder Ph: (956) 364-2011 Email: sgrawunder@rgv.rr.com

MEN'S WALK #1319

Preparations are underway for the Men's Walk in the fall, which will take place September 14th-17th. The team selection committee met in April, the team list has been prayed over and team members are being chosen. The team will begin training and team meetings in June. I pray for the community's support as Spiritual Director Tim Brewer and I prepare for this Walk. More than all else, I covet your prayers and the presence of the Lord as we meet and join together as a team.

Ken Wilson, Lay Director Walk #1319



KAIROS SEGOVIA #1 - UPDATE

The first team meeting for Kairos Segovia #1 was held May 13. Approximately 30 men & women attended this first phase of team formation. It's still not too late to become a part of this ministry, so please join us for the next meeting to be held on Saturday May 27 @ Grace Episcopal Church , 701 S Missouri, in Weslaco. We welcome any way you feel led to support this ministry, through your prayers, gifts of service, agape, 'green' agape, attendance at the closing service, etc.

*If you are a first time prison ministry volunteer, the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice requires a 1/2 day training course be completed before being eligible to enter the Segovia Unit as a team member. So please get in touch with Jody as soon as possible in order that you may complete the training before July 20. This does not apply to Emmaus outside community attending the closing ceremony only.

The Kairos weekend will begin on Thursday July 20, ending with the closing service on Sunday July 23. Please contact Jody St. John if you feel God is calling you to serve in this capacity. (Ph:956-968-4118, e-mail Jstjohn@aol)

BOYS' CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #272

The boys chrysalis is around the corner, July 20-23, 2006. The most important support you can provide for this Flight is to pray. There are many opportunities to assist in this Flight such as with your prayers, agape and special services.

Contact Kelly Holder at (956) 793-5321 or email him at khholder@rgv.rr.com on the subject line type *Chrysalis*.



Has God placed a name upon your heart?
Is there someone you should talk to about Chrysalis?
Be still, and know that I am God.....Psalm 46:10

GIRLS' CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #275

Greetings! Preparations for Girls' Chrysalis Flight #275 are under way! The flight will take place July 27-30, 2006, at Camp Thicket in Weslaco. The cost for the weekend is \$130.00. Girls who have **completed** the 9th through the 12th grades may attend. As you pray about potential candidates for this flight, think about active youth leaders in your church. Chrysalis builds upon their natural leadership abilities and calls them to be a positive Christian influence in their churches and on their school campuses.

Please be in prayer for the team of servants for this Chrysalis as they begin the team building process and come together for the purpose of serving our Lord Jesus Christ as His representatives and true servants to the Butterflies of this flight. The Emmaus/Chrysalis Community can help support this flight by supplying the following needs:

- Bracelets (to replace watches)
- Manila envelopes for information packets (9 X 12)
- White paper sacks decorated with butterflies for agape letters
- Talk candles for the prayer chapel
- Group to take of the Pizza Party on Saturday night
- Group to take care of the Closing feast on Sunday
- Clean-up crew on Sunday afternoon
- Dishwashers for after meals on Friday and Sunday only
- Pillow agape
- Food agape (drinks, cookies, veggies & dip, fruit, etc.)

Please call Cindy Robinson, (Lay Director of Flight #275) at 428-9397 or 245-4586 (cell) to volunteer your services. Don't forget to come to Candlelight and Closing to show your support and love for the new butterflies!

Your prayers and help will be appreciated as the Holy Spirit, through you, pours out His many blessings on this Chrysalis flight.

De Colores! Cindy Robinson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emmaus Board Meetings will be held prior to the gatherings or scheduled walks/ chrysalis. Contact a board member for the specific time and meeting location.

If the Lord is calling you to serve please consider the following:

Quarter Master: Responsible for maintenance and acquisition of community property for all walks and for coordinating setup and take down of walks. Contact Wilson Heacock, Lay Director at (956) 244-4171.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 17, 2006

First Baptist Church
Ph: (956) 423-0470

Gathering start at 6 p.m.

501 E. Van Buren, Harlingen

July 20-23, 2006

Candlelight: Sat., July 22 at 8 p.m.

Boy's Chrysalis

Closing: Sun., July 23 at 3 p.m.

July 27-30, 2006

Candlelight: Sat., July 29 at 8 p.m.

Girls Chrysalis

Closing: Sun., July 30 at 3 p.m.

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