



PILGRIM'S JOURNEY

The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community

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DeColores and Happy New Year!

It is a new year for new hope and God's blessings. I am so excited to see what God has planned for HBAEC in 2008.

It seems like yesterday, I was asked what my Emmaus walk meant to me and what I was going to do about it. At the time I felt God was leading me to let go of my "safety net" and step out with faith to carry His word into my work place. I knew there just had to be someone more qualified and knew more about His word to carry out His plan. I learned when I let go and let God that I could do more than I thought.

Last year when Steve asked me to consider being ALD for the 2007 Board, I felt that feeling again. God was calling me to do things I never thought I could do. I kept asking God if He was sure - I'm sure there is someone more qualified, who has been in Emmaus longer, who is more experienced. God lead me to His word and reminded me that He doesn't always call those qualified and equipped. He equips those He calls. I thought of Moses and of Mary. Both loved God but didn't feel worthy of God's calling.

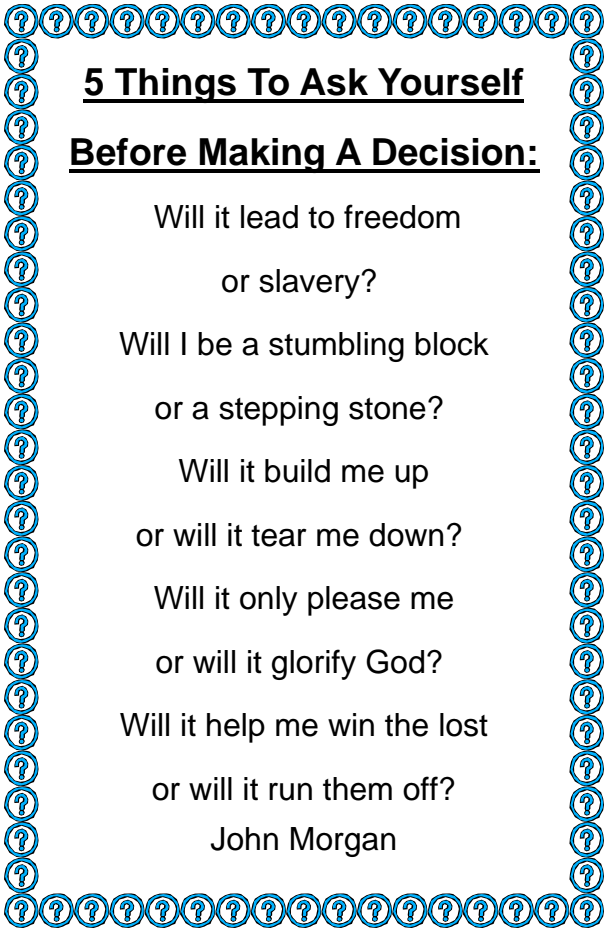
So here I am excited about what God has in store for all of us this year. Our community is healing from a very difficult year and I know that God is here ready to heal, ready to lead, ready to love. I ask everyone to pray for God's direction for our community. God has pushed me so far from my "safety net" that all I can do is lean on Him. Please join me in lifting up our community and giving God the glory.

Peace in Christ,
Barbee Williams
Walk #25—Table of Ruth

2008 Walks

- Men's #44
04/10-04/13
- Women's #45
04/17-04/20
- Women's #46
7/17-07/20
- Men's #47
10/09-10/12

If you know of someone who wants to go on a Walk, please encourage them to get their applications in as soon as possible. This will insure that they will get to go on the Walk that best fits their schedule.



5 Things To Ask Yourself

Before Making A Decision:

Will it lead to freedom
or slavery?

Will I be a stumbling block
or a stepping stone?

Will it build me up
or will it tear me down?

Will it only please me
or will it glorify God?

Will it help me win the lost
or will it run them off?

John Morgan

MARCH GATHERING

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

**FRIENDSWOOD
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

2821 W. PARKWOOD (FM 528),
FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS 77546
7 MILES WEST OF I-45 ON
NASA PARKWAY

BRING A DESSERT

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Well, another Christmas has come and gone, and here we are in a whole new year! I've heard many call 2008 "The year of New Beginnings", and so it should be. It's also a time to reflect on the past, to look at our failures and victories, learn from them and then go boldly into this new year knowing that God has promised us that He will never leave us or forsake us. As an Emmaus community, we need to do the same.

We are beginning a new year with 5 newly elected members on the board. We are pleased to welcome Mike Ragland, Susan McElya, Jimmie Reese, Elyse Harkins and James Schultz to the board. These are the ones you elected to leadership in our community, and we pray that God will bless them and anoint them to fulfill the tasks to which He has called them. We also have Sam Metzger, Ken Freeman and Mary Gillispie rotating off the board this year. We want to express our sincere gratitude to these individuals for their service to our community and the Lord Jesus Christ, and pray that He will continue to bless them in all the ways they will be serving Him in the future. Serving on the board is a position that needs and deserves our constant prayers and support, and I hope we will all let them know how much we appreciate them for facing 2008 and all it holds. I pray that they will all keep their eyes focused on Jesus, knowing that He is constant and never changes. I also pray that as a board, and as a community, we will all serve Him through the Walk to Emmaus.

Christmas may have come and gone, but thank God that Jesus comes to us and never leaves, but stays with us always! It has been an honor serving as your Community Lay Director in 2007. Be blessed in 2008!

In Him, Steve Forgas



**Welcome to all the new
4th Day Members
from the Men's &
Women's Walks in 2007.
The Bay Area Emmaus
Community is very happy
to have you as our new
friends & we are looking
forward to serving with you.**

Men's Walk # 42 09-27-07—09-30-07

Phil Cayton, Texas City FUMC
Ron Davis, Friendswood Community
Steve Hetico, Clear Lake UMC
Troy Hopkins, Friendswood Community
Steve Jackman, Friendswood Community
Duffey O'Briant, Pearland FUMC
Ike Paulk, Missouri St. Church of Christ
Ron Pride, Friendswood Community
Victor Ramagnoli, St. Laurence Catholic
Wally Reichardt, Gateway Community
Larry Stockham, LaPorte FUMC
Jim Wood, Bay Harbour UMC
Steve Worth, Friendswood Community
Danny Wright, Friendswood Community

Women's Walk # 43 10-04-07—10-07-07

Tracy Beazley, Friendswood UMC
Diane Benham, Crosby UMC
Sondra Browne, Dickinson FUMC
Grace Campbell, Seabrook UMC
Ana Cortez, Mainland Community
Mae Davis, Clear Lake Church of Christ
Doreen Dixon, Friendswood Community
Ruby Fawcett, Crosby UMC
Lois Fitzgerald, Bay Harbour UMC
Carla Gerdes, Dickinson FUMC
Leanne Green, Moody Memorial FUMC
Doris Guckian, Grace UMC
Staci Guillotte, Highlands UMC
Cookie Hopkins, Friendswood Community
Caroline Johnson, Friendswood UMC
Agnes Lane, Seabrook UMC
Edna Lumpkin, Alvin Church of Nazarene
Christine Messarra, Friendswood Community
Sandra Miller, Friendswood UMC
Kathy Nasse, Alvin FUMC
Beth Orr, Clear Lake UMC
Norma Paschall, Moody Memorial UMC
LaDonna Pitts, Friendswood Friends
Jan Reich, Bay Harbour UMC
Sharon Sabom, Highlands UMC
Hester Smith, Friendswood UMC
Shannon Stevens, North Side Baptist
Sharon Stockham, Laporte UMC
Jennifer Stone, Cedar Bayou UMC
Valerie Waller, St. John's UMC

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Leadership Team**

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The Bay Area
Emmaus Community
would like to extend
our deepest sympathy
to Joe Watkins and
his family in the
passing of his son.
Our prayers are
with you.

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in
Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

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All 4th Day members are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter. They must be received by the 20th of each month. Send articles, questions, or comments about our Community to: The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, P. O. Box 890134, Houston, TX, 77289. Phone Jan Smith at 281-286-4769 or send emails to:

alwaysinhishands@sbcglobal.net

Agape For Emmaus Walk # _____

Item Submitted: _____

Table Agape _____ Pillow Agape _____
(Agape for Pilgrims and Team must be provided if it is to be used for table agape)

Suggested time to be given _____

Pilgrims Only _____ Team Only _____ Pilgrims & Team _____

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

Do you want leftovers? Yes No (Pick up in agape room after walk)

Items Needed: Pilgrims – 32 Team – 25 Pilgrims & Team – 57

Please attach this form to the agape

Join the Pilgrim's Journey Newsletter Team

We will have one meeting every two months from around 9:00 a.m.—noon (or earlier) in Clear Lake City. It will probably be on a Thursday. We will tape and put labels on the newsletter. We will work, talk, and laugh. What a fun way to serve your Emmaus Community! Call Jan Smith at 281-286-4769 if you would like to join us.