



PILGRIM'S JOURNEY

The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community

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A Word From Our Spiritual Director

Hello.

My name is Barbara Clemmons, and I have been asked to serve as your spiritual director for the remainder of 2008. It was a privilege for me to be able to say 'yes' to this opportunity. I have been in the Houston Emmaus community since 1987, and have served on Emmaus teams for the Houston North, Cradle of Texas, and Bay Area communities over the years. This year I was asked to serve on Walk 45 as spiritual director, and was happy to say yes. I did not expect an additional chance to serve so soon.

At the moment, I am still trying to find my way in unexpected and unfamiliar territory as I seek to staff the remaining walks for this year. Our teams are ready to go. There are still some places for Pilgrims on both of the upcoming walks. The next walk will be Walk 46 for women starting July 17. Walk 47 will be in October. Both walks will be at Danbury. If you know someone who is interested in either walk, please prayerfully consider sponsoring them and submit the forms as soon as possible. Your active involvement is the key to a strong community.

Now a few words about me. I am retired from a career in aerospace and the ministry. My husband Charlie and I do some humanitarian service through Rotary International. We are members of Taylor Lake Christian Church in Seabrook, where we make our home.

It is my hope that we can focus on improving our ability to communicate with one another during the remainder of this year. Anyone with suggestions or questions can reach me by email at b_clemmons@att.net. That is probably the most reliable way to reach me. For those who prefer to actually talk, my home phone is 281-474-2260, and my cell number is 713-254-5484. I look forward to some conversations with members of our Bay Area Fourth Day.

2008 Walks

- Women's #46
7/17-07/20
- Men's #45
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.

Houston Bay Area Emmaus—Community Questionnaire

"I am counting on Christ, because he is counting on me!"

The HBAEC data base of contact information and service is not current. Please help us to update the data base so that we may better serve you. Return to address at the bottom or turn in at a gathering.

Personal Information:

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
Cell Number:
Email Address:
Alternate Email Address:

Have there been any changes? Yes No

Walk Information:

Walk Number & Community
Table Name:

I would like to serve in the Emmaus Community:

Year Yes No

Conference Room Team:

2008
2009

Support Team:

2008
2009

Thank you for volunteering. You will be contacted by a member of HBAEC.

Service Information:

Conference Room Team:

Walk Number, Community & Position:
Walk Number, Community & Position:
Walk Number, Community & Position:
(If more, Praise God, please attach extra page)

Support Team:

Walk Number, Community, Position & Number of Hours:
Walk Number, Community, Position & Number of Hours:
Walk Number, Community, Position & Number of Hours:
(If more, Praise God, please attach extra page)

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Do You Live Outside the General Houston Area?

In order to reduce the cost of printing and postage we need to make some changes so we can be good stewards of our finances.

Starting with the next issue, the Pilgrim's Journey will be sent only to addresses with zip codes beginning with 770 or 775. Those are the main zip codes for Houston and a very large portion of the surrounding area.

We want everyone to keep up with the Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, so if you no longer receive the printed copy, please check our website at www.hbaec.org.

If you would still like to have the newsletter mailed, we hope you won't mind sending a small donation of \$10.00 annually to The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, P. O. Box 890134, Houston, TX, 77062-0134.

EMMAUS NEWSLETTER **NEEDS NEW EDITOR**

Due to health problems, Jan Smith will be unable to process the Pilgrim's Journey after this issue.

Someone is needed to perform a great service for the Community by offering to be the Newsletter Editor.

If you are creative (or even if you're not) you can do this. It just takes a computer and a little bit of time. Publisher is used now, but any software will work.

Detailed instructions, personal training and support while learning the ropes will be provided.

God has given someone a gift that can be used just for this purpose. Please answer His call to serve Him in this way. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

Contact Barbee Williams at 281-992-2465.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE
UNTIL SOMEONE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!

God and the Spider

During World War II, a US marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the jungle, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed.

As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love you and trust you. Amen." After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one." Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave.

As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave. "Hah, he thought. "What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor."

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while.

"Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man. "I had forgotten that in you a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall."

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is so easy to forget what God can work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways. And remember with God, a mere spider's web becomes a brick wall of protection.

Why do some musicians play so much better than others?

The answer is found in scripture: “A man reaps what he sows” (GAL 6:7). Musicians play better because they practice more often and more effectively than others. Practicing “good” technique is very important in just about everything we do because every time we do something it re-enforces that behavior. The more times we do something “well” our confidence improves for being able to do that thing again. A series of increasing challenges improves our skill. With that in mind, I believe the Walk to Emmaus is only partially for the benefit of the Pilgrims. Sure they get a short-course in Christian leadership principles but it’s really an opportunity for us 4th day to actually practice being leaders in a safe environment.

Even before serving on a team I learned to contribute through letters, making agape, and participating in candlelight and closing ceremonies. My first team service was performing menial (but critically necessary) tasks for the reward of knowing a necessary task was completed. Soon I coordinated a few tasks, and then coordinate people who coordinated tasks. At each step of the way I have gained confidence in my ability and taken another step in the right direction on my personal walk of spiritual maturity, effectively growing in “Christian Leadership”. I am often intimidated by the road ahead, but I thank God I’m not where I used to be and I draw comfort in knowing He has carried me most of the way so far. These are some of the areas I have been able to grow: Listening; Facilitating discussions; Talking to people about God; Praying for others; Placing someone else’ welfare above my own; and Loving someone unconditionally – at least for short periods of time.

I would like for each of you to consider your own rewards for serving HBAEC; whether on a walk team, serving on a committee, or most importantly with your prayers. Has your growth in “effectiveness” as a Christian been worth the investment in time and energy? I hope so. I also pray that you find opportunities to practice your spiritual gifts. Anything worth doing well is worth doing poorly- until you can get good at it.

Love,
Scott Field, HBAEC #19
Table of Patience

2008 Houston Bay Area Emmaus Leadership Team

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External Agape	Sherry Bone	281-471-2655
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Property/Treasurer	George Finch	713-924-4020
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Training/Books	Susan McElya	281-482-7535
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Reunion Groups/Secretary	Judy Bradley	281-489-8721
Web Servant	Scott Field	281-992-5442
Finance	Amy Matejek	281-997-6228
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Newsletter (Pilgrim’s Journey)	Jan Smith	281-286-4769
Gatherings	Carol Browne	281-332-8783
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Data Base	Edith Schultz	281-543-9891

Joe Hausberger Will Be Greatly Missed

It is with great sadness that we let you know of the passing of Joe Hausberger. Joe died on May 29th at 12:45 a.m. after suffering a heart attack a week earlier.

After going on his Walk to Emmaus, he worked on Teams and played for candlelight for numerous Emmaus Walks as a musician. He also participated in Kairos in the prisons. Joe touched many Pilgrims and 4th Day with his 12 string guitar, his humor and his love for Christ.

Please keep his wife Shirley, their children Joe (Little Joe) and Jennie and grandchildren in your prayers.

JULY GATHERING

Friday July 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Friendswood Community Church
2821 W. Parkwood (FM 528), Friendswood, Texas 77546
7 miles West of I-45 on NASA Parkway

Bring a Dessert

For More Information contact Robin Robinson
(281) 993-5204

It is very important that YOU be at this gathering. Because if
you're not **WE'LL MISS YOU!**

If you and/or your reunion group have prepared placemats, lanyards, or Agape bags
for Women's Walk #46, please bring them to the gathering. If you are unable to bring your
items to the Gathering, please arrange for them to be delivered or call Jimmie Reese at
281.385.0739.

Thanks, each of you for your acts of love through prayer and agape for the team and
pilgrims.
Jimmie

*Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.
Frank Outlaw*

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Donations may be sent to the P. O. Box address below.

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, 77062. Phone Jan Smith at 281-286-4769 or send emails to:

alwaysinhishands@sbcglobal.net

*PLEASE KEEP THE TEAM AND PILGRIMS
IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR WOMEN'S WALK #46,
SCHEDULED FOR JULY 17-20TH*

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