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REUNION GROUPS: THE HEART OF EMMAUS

God calls us to come together to bear one another's burdens, to sustain His Spirit, receive His love, to grow in faith, and be His body on earth. When we leave the mountain top of our Walk and begin the rest of all of our Fourth Days, we need to have support and Christian love to continue our faith walk. I Cor. 13:2 says "If I have a faith that can move mountains but have not love, I am nothing".

Reunion Group meetings help us to share the love and faith which will sustain us in all of our mountains and valleys. The Group consists of two or more people who meet together to hold each other accountable in serving God, to support each other with love and prayer in both the good and the bad times. Our Walk is only one step in a life long journey with the Lord.

As spiritual beings, meetings help us live our life in grace, keeping our priorities in focus and maintaining our relationship with Christ. We do this by staying in touch with friends who share our commitment as we face all of our Fourth Days. They will be there in the hard times, the good times, and when we need prayer and guidance as we use our talents to serve God.

If you do not have a Reunion Group, contact Judy Bradley at mjbrad@sbcglobal.net to find people in your area who can help form a group. God has people come into your life for a reason and it is time to continue serving Him with others. Let's all keep God in our Fourth Day as we support each other to continue our Walk.

DeColores,
Judy Bradley, HEC Walk 19

2009 Walks

- **Men's #48,**
April 16-19
- **Women's #49,**
April 23-26
- **Men's #50,**
October 22-25
- **Women's #51,**
November 5-8

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The Call of Discipleship

By now you have all had a chance to reflect on and answer this third point in the order of the reunion. The question is posed: **At what moment during this week did you feel you were responding to God's call to be His disciple? Where did you participate in being the Church this week, the heart-beat of Christ?**

For the longest time I felt that I was supposed to respond with a description of the tasks that I was asked to perform in the service of my church, ministries, or with Emmaus. Answering the question from that perspective didn't require much effort because I was usually just getting involved, currently involved, or just finished with something along those lines. While I still believe it vital to respond positively, and actually anticipate a request for service, I now think there is a deeper question being asked. God, in His perfect wisdom, knows where each of us needs to grow to be more like Christ... to be His disciple. And for me, that call is very subtle.

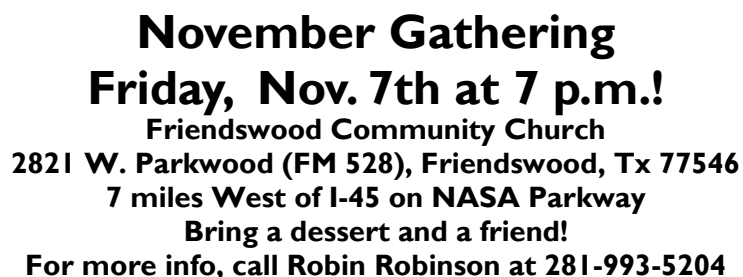
My co-workers have been experiencing what seems to be a vicious round of trials and tribulations; everything from children with medical issues to struggles with independence, the evil one is working hard to take them down. I have prayed for these people with and without their knowledge, but recently I submitted a person's name on a prayer request through my church's prayer ministry. In usual fashion, the prayer team prayed over and dispatched a personal note of encouragement to this individual. Shortly after the note was delivered, I received a big hug and heartfelt thanks... for caring... This person shared with me how sincerely touched they felt, to know they were not alone on the walk through their dark valley.

I don't know exactly how many times we talk about the body of Christ during the walk, but it is significant. From setting our Priorities to figuring out how to manage our Fourth Days, we continually focus on developing our personal relationship with Christ. Doesn't it seem logical that He would also draw each of us to Himself, specifically by what we need to grow? I am not particularly gifted in mercy and compassion, yet I recognize its value in the lives of people I care about. **Ac-knowledge when you are being asked to step outside your comfort zone at His request, because you will not be the same, even if the change is miniscule... you are becoming more like Him.**

From now on, when I get to #3 on the order of the reunion I'm going to dwell on those activities I acted on, as a result of obeying the suggestions of that still, small voice. Some of my friends will be called to hold and exercise control, others will be called to be bold in their faith; and still others will be called to fold bulletins because that is what needs doing.

De Colores,

Scott Field, HBAEC Walk 19, Table of Patience



November Gathering
Friday, Nov. 7th at 7 p.m.!
Friendswood Community Church
2821 W. Parkwood (FM 528), Friendswood, Tx 77546
7 miles West of I-45 on NASA Parkway
Bring a dessert and a friend!
For more info, call Robin Robinson at 281-993-5204

Welcome, New 4th Day!

Women's Walk 46, July 2008

Laura Dickinson, Pasadena First UMC
 Jan Green, Friendswood Community
 Michele Johnson, Friendswood UMC
 Linda Knutson, Cedar Bayou UMC
 Sue Buntyn, Whitestone Assembly, Austin
 Lisa Thorp, Pasadena First UMC
 Marilyn Wolfe, Friendswood UMC
 Jennifer Walker, Acts Christian
 Amy Zapp, Bay Harbour UMC
 Valerie Adame, St. Marks UMC
 Julie McClung, Pearland First UMC
 Dana Scabora, Friendswood Community
 Candy Bernsen, Friendswood UMC
 Linda Dellaria, Cedar Bayou UMC
 Mary Ann Pickartz, St Marks UMC
 Jennifer Young, Pasadena First UMC
 Becky Henderson, Pearland UMC
 Faith Evans, Friendswood UMC
 Kelly Stearman, Bay Harbour UMC
 Cynthia Mach, Friendswood Community
 Norma Stell, Friendswood UMC
 Denise Patton, Cedar Bayou UMC
 Lisa Peal, Gateway UMC
 Lea McAnear, St Marks UMC
 Lisa Bates, Pearland First UMC
 Kim Hunter, Friendswood Community
 Ava Shirley, Cedar Bayou UMC
 Tammy Sharp, Christus Victor Lutheran
 Gloria Bergen, Smyrna Baptist, DeRidder

Men's Walk 47, October 2008

Dan Johnson, New Hope
 Tom Talbot, Manvel Grace UMC
 Steven Talbot, Manvel Grace UMC
 Mark Newton, Friendswood UMC
 Craig Hoover, League City UMC
 Kevin Bauman, League City UMC
 Richard Wolfe, Clear Lake Church of Christ
 Jeff Rives, Clear Creek Community
 Shane Walker, Acts Christian
 David DeHoyos, Pearland First UMC
 Bill Stell, Friendswood UMC
 Matt Talbot, Grace UMC
 Dan Robinette, Clear Lake UMC
 Ron Acosta, Friendswood Community
 Cruz Cortez III, Acts Christian
 Andy Helgeson, Mainland Community
 Aaron Hardwick, Mainland Community
 Eddie Langston, League City UMC
 Dennis Velek, Calvary Chapel
 Sam Hari, Friendswood Community
 Clinton Baker, Calvary Chapel
 Tom Rubenak, Friendswood UMC
 Daniel Fortenberry, Friendswood UMC

All 4th Day member are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter. Send articles, questions, or comments about our community to: Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, PO Box 890134, Houston, Tx. 77289 or phone Diane Walters at 281-426-7712 or send emails to:
 d281w684w0011@comcast.net

Our sympathy goes out to Amy and Ted Schendel, and family, on the death of their son Drew. Amy went on Bay Area Walk 4 and Ted went on Bay Area Walk 5. They are members of Friendswood Community Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

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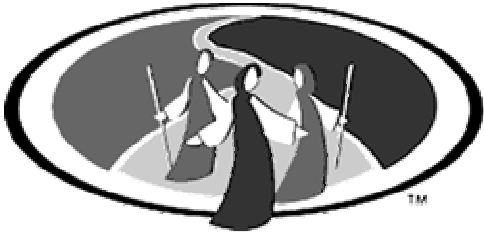
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Donations may be sent to the PO Box address above.

Agape for Emmaus Walk # _____

Item Submitted: _____

Table Agape _____ Pillow 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 Both - 57








Please attach this form to the agape.

 ★ The next Walks are April 16-19 and April 23-26. It's never too
 ★ early to start making agape or placemats!
 ★ *****

HBAEC Board of Directors 2009 Ballot

The following nominees have been approved by your HBAEC Board of Directors. Five (5) elected officers will serve a three-year term, beginning January 2009 and ending December 2011. **Please vote for a maximum of five (5) of the candidates.** Ballots must be received by November 30th, 2008. There are three ways to vote; Choose ONE:

1. Vote by post: sign, fold/ seal, apply a stamp and mail this ballot to HBAEC.
2. Vote in person: deposit in the box labeled "ballots" at the November gathering (11/7/2008).
3. Vote by e-mail to: Elections@hbaec.org. E-mail the names of up to five candidates you are voting for, along with your name and walk number for verification.

You	Spouse	Candidates	Pictures	Bio
_____	_____	Rene Franciotti		HBAEC Walk #18, 2003 Clear Lake UMC Service: Support (3), ATL, TL (2)
_____	_____	Tom Fulk		HBAEC Walk #38, 2006 Gateway Community Service: Support, ATL
_____	_____	Kevin Hand		HEC Walk #173, 1997 Friendswood Friends Service: Support (3), ATL, TL(2)
_____	_____	John Hart		HBAEC Walk #27, 2005 Dickinson 1st Baptist Service: Support, ATL, TL
_____	_____	Kathleen Holt		HEC #227, 2000 Friendswood UMC Service: Support, ATL, TL (3)
_____	_____	Clay Jones		HEC Walk #100, 1900 Friendswood UMC Service: Support (2), TL (2), ALD (2), LD
_____	_____	Vicki Mills		HBAEC Walk #18, 2003 St. John's UMC Service: Support, ATL, TL

Print Name & Sign: _____ Walk # _____
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