Brazos Valley Emmaus Community February 2008 Newsletter

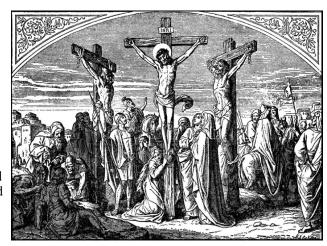
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Community News by Hilda Baker

Board Training on January 26th was a VERY long, VERY productive day! Carleen Alderman, our Emmaus International Regional Representative met with the BVEC Board for a very informative six (6) hour Training Program, during which she answered questions, encouraged us and CHALLENGED us. In fact, right off the bat she asked us whether we thought our Community was "Walk driven" – or "Fourth Day driven". What do you think? Successful growing communities keep their focus in the Fourth Day.

Carleen was pleased with what she sees happening in our Community and commended us on being what she termed "a very harmonious, committed board". That is no small thing and our board members are all to be commended for their right hearts!

Following Carleen's training we convened our January Board meeting!



The Brazos Valley Emmaus Community By-Laws require the election of new Officers, and the appointment of Committee Chairs, at the January Board Meeting. I was honored to be elected to serve a second term as your Community Lay Director – so, it looks like you will be hearing from me for one more year! Bill Elliott has agreed to serve as the Assistant Community Lay Director, Marlene Coffman will continue as Secretary, and Marilyn Koch will be our new Treasurer.

The Committees Chairs, listed separately in this newsletter, are actively recruiting new members. They are not supposed to have to do it alone. Remember- "We will walk hand in hand!" This is your community and your help is needed. Please look over the list to see where your opportunity to serve lies and then give that Committee Chair a call or e-mail, even if it's just for more information! You will make their day - I promise!!! We are off to a great start in 2008 and with all of us working together it's going to be an exciting year.

DeColores! Hilda Baker, Community Lay Director Walk #14 Table of Mary

Our Next Walks

The next Women's Walk #71 will be at Crossroads on April 3-6 and the next Men's Walk #72 will be at Crossroads on April 17-20 in Chriesman, Texas. Please prepare your Agape, pray, and come show your support and share the love of Christ with our Pilgrims.

Team Selection Application

The BVEC Team Selection Committee is now accepting applications for the October 2008 Walks. Lay Directors for these Walks are Cindy VanDeventer and Pat Baker. Forms need to be completed and returned to the address listed on the form NLT April 1st. Copies of the form may also be obtained on the web, at Gatherings and at Candlelight. For additional information, email Patrice Summerour at psummerour@bvemmaus.org.

Brazos Valley Emmaus Team Application
This form must be completed and returned to the address below if you want to be considered for serving on a team for a BVEC Walk

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BVEC Community Calendar and Information

Our Next Gatherings

The March gathering will be March 1 at 5:00 PM at Grace Bible Church. The Church is located at 707 W. Main, Bellville, TX. Phone 979-865-5177.

Bring your family and friends, your worship book and little blue songbook.

Wear your nametag and cross and "come as you are".

The April 5th Gathering will be the Women's Walk Candlelight at Crossroads.

The May 3rd 4th Day meeting will begin at 4:00 for New 4th Day Pilgrims, and at 5:00 for the Gathering at St. John's United Church of Christ of Burton Phone 979-278-3500. – Jim Busby is the contact.

The June 7th Gathering will be at 5:00 at Crossbridge Christian Church, 15415 West Road, Houston. Phone 281-345-6435. – Nancy Goodell is the contact.



Check the website for up to date information at www.bvemmaus.org.

Great Gatherings

Halleluiah! 65 to 70 people celebrated together at the February Gathering. Folks came from Cypress, Bellville, Thorndale, Cameron and everywhere around and in between! Rushing Wind rocked the rafters with their incredibly spirit filled music. Brenda Boedeker was a powerful and inspirational Fourth Day speaker. We were blessed to have Tim Lee, the Youth Pastor at First Baptist Church in Caldwell, lead us in celebration of Holy Communion. Bill Elliott led us in a

"mini" Group Reunion by breaking us into small groups where we shared our "Closest Moment To Christ". It was a beautiful opportunity to get to know some new people and to share ways that we could be there for each other!

Thank you to Judy Clifford, Ed Wetterman, Sherrian Gondesen, Holly Ashley and FUMC Caldwell for allowing Christ to use you to bless so many!



The 2008-2009 Brazos Valley Emmaus Board

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Happy Easter John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. "



