



HAYS PRAISE NEWS

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Spring is Here!

Have you ever wondered if some people get caught up in the “Emmaus Movement” and forget the true meaning of Emmaus?

In most cases our 4th day journey should lead us back to our home churches or community and encourage us to help make a difference. Whether it is taking a leadership role on a church committee, organizing a food pantry for the needy or donation drive for Tsunami victims, we are called to be the Church.

Holy Week is significant for all Christians, it should be especially so for those of us who have been on a Walk. After all, the Emmaus encounter is immediately following the Resurrection. Take this week to reflect on your Walk, how it impacts your life and those around you. Did your life Journey change? Can you believe how far you have come?

The next step is to help bring others to Christ. One way to do that is to encourage others to attend a Walk — whether it is in Hays Praise or in another community. Sponsoring a pilgrim can be very rewarding, but we must not forget that our responsibilities do not end with Sunday’s closing. As sponsors, we need to do a better job of helping our pilgrims get involved in Reunion Groups and other functions. I have received numerous comments that this is one area we can improve on as the Hays Praise Community.

Take a moment and reflect on those you have sponsored on a Walk to Emmaus. Pick up the phone, give them a call, rekindle the fire and just let them know you care. The seeds planted today, can provide food and shelter for a lifetime. Blessings,

John Hatch
Lay Director, Hays Praise Emmaus Community

Newly Selected 2006 Lay Directors

Women’s Lay Directors

Kathy Welch
Laurie Cromwell

Men’s Lay Directors

Frank Hendley
Frank Morgan

Please be in prayer for these folks!

2005 Hays Praise Walks

Walk #1227 — 5/19—5/22, 2005

Deb Brown — Lay Director
Bill Nichols — Spiritual Director
Dixie Powell—Board Representative

Walk #1249 — September 22—25, 2005

Mackey Welch — Lay Director
Mark Porterfield — Spiritual Director
John Hilgers — Board Representative

Walk #1266—November 3—6, 2005

Kay Dabbs — Lay Director
Rick Diamond — Spiritual Director
Beverly McGaffey — Board Representative



Make your Newsletter donation (suggested \$10 a year)!

Send to: Gene Sueltenfuss, P.O. Box 1921, San Marcos, TX. 78667

Pray for Walk # 1227— May 19 –22, 2005

Lay Director: Deb Brown

Below is a list of the Pilgrims and Team members.
Please keep them all in your prayers, as they

Pilgrims: **

Carolyn Allen
Norma Ayala
Lara Blair
Marlene Blazi
Karen Brandes
Mildred Carter
Marcia Clark
Beverly Corzan
Mary Kay Dailey
Dana Davis
Landi Di Donato
Jane Farris
Lisa Fletcher
Patricia Greenfield
Kelly Hancock-Phillips
Vicki Harkrider
Dena Henderson
Jenny Hollub
Chuma Jerome
Kristi Krovontka
Christen Leal
Karen Lucita
Amy Mares
Marilee Mayhew
Sheila Nichols
Amy Nighbert
Keely Odell
Janet Owens
Amy Parham
Casey Phillips
Michelle Robertson
Stacey Robinett
Lea Anne Schroeder
Paulette Schwartz

Team Members:

Deb Brown - LD
Becky Brock - ALD
Dixie Myers - ALD
Dobie Brown - ALD
Teresa Blakely - ALD
Deanne Poe - TL
Myra Sutherland - TL
Vicki Rector - TL
Laurie Cromwell - TL
Kimberley Burke - TL
Kim Smith - TL
Amanda Hancock -ATL
Suzette Thorpe-
Johnson - ATL
Sherry DeMarcay -ATL
Sue Windhager - ATL
Denise Blazek - ATL
Barbara Barker - ATL
Mindy Nichols - Music
Janice Morris - Music
Treva Chadwell-Music
Bill Nichols - SD
David Skinner - SD
Danette Howell - SD
David Smith - SD
Cheryl Broome - SD
Dixie Powell – Bd Rep
Kay Dabbs - LDIT

**These are pilgrims
according to SWTX
Conference as of 3/22/05.
List is subject to change.

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COMMUNICATION NOTES

To the Emmaus Community:

In an effort to help our **Local** Community Lay Directors in communicating with their **local** groups, we are asking for your help. Below are the e-mail addresses for each of our Local Lay Directors. Please send your contact information to **your local lay director**. This will allow them to create or complete a local database of members in their community, so that information on **local** gatherings and any other appropriate information can be distributed.

Buda/Kyle—Carol Denton — cdenton8@austin.rr.com

Dripping Springs/Driftwood — [Larry Wiggins — wiggins@texas.net](mailto:wiggins@texas.net)

San Marcos — Rodney Swann — Rodney.swann@san-marcos.isd.tenet.edu

Wimberley — Mike & Gayla McNeil — mikeandgayla@austin.rr.com

Riverbend — David Pickens — david.b.pickens@sun.com

“Anyone else” — If you are on our prayer request list, but not a part of one of the Hays Praise local communities you will continue to receive all prayer requests and Hays Praise Community news as usual. If you need to update your information or wish to be deleted from this list, please contact John or Reba Hilgers — Hilgers@telenetwork.com.

Thank all of you for your help in our continued efforts to improve our Emmaus Community communication!

DeColores!

John Hilgers

Board Notes

As your Board Representative, I have had a number of people ask me what they need to do to become a Lay Director on a Walk to Emmaus. The Southwest Texas Conference is requesting that every 4th day Emmaus Community (i.e. Hays Praise, ABC, Hill Country) abide by the Walk to Emmaus Manual. According to the manual the following criteria need to be met to be eligible for Lay Director consideration.

- Candidates must have served on an outside team
- Candidates must have served as a Table Leader and Assistant Table Leader and given at least one talk in this position.
- Candidates must have served as an Assistant Lay Director twice and given at least one talk in this position.

In order to meet these requirements, you will need to work at least 5 Walks to be considered by our Hays Praise Board. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Director, please contact your local community Lay Director, myself at Joedy@austin.rr.com or call me at 512-280-4437. The contact information for your local Lay Director can be found on our website at www.hayspraise.org

The Lay Director in-training position has been officially eliminated by the Upper Room. Therefore Walk #1249 will be the last Hays Praise walk with a Lay Director in-training position. DeColores!

Joedy Gray

SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR

APRIL 5, 2005

MAY 3, 2005

MAY 19—22

MAY 24, 2005

JUNE 7, 2005

JULY 5, 2005

AUGUST 2, 2005

HAYS PRAISE COMMUNITY MEETING

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CONSECRATE TEAM FOR WALK #1227

WALK #1227

WELCOME BACK WALK #1227

LOCAL MEETINGS

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LOCAL MEETINGS

SAN MARCOS 1ST UMC

DRIPPING SPRINGS UMC

CAMP YOUNG JUDEA

DRIPPING SPRINGS UMC

CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

WIMBERLEY UMC

CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Contact Rebecca Hatch at rebeccahatch@austin.rr.com for Newsletter information.

Community Prayer Concerns

The Community's many prayer requests and concerns continue to come in. What a blessing that we can add the strength of all the prayers of our Emmaus Community! Please continue to send your prayer requests to John Hilgers or your local Lay Director.

Please Offer Your Prayers & Continued Support for:

Sandy Brooks' mom; Janice & Family (Sabrina Jumper's friend); Brianna Acuna; James & Mercie Brown & children; Becky Collum; Allan Dreibodt (Dawn Burnett's brother); Frank Jones (Athena Reiche's brother); Robin Brown; Sammy Secrest; Stephen Carson's father-in-law; Jim Nowlin; Brian Staup; Margaret (Nancy's sister); Pastor Eddie Valverde's father; Nancy Porterfield (Mark Porterfield's mother); Dana Owens; Contreras family; Dorothy Sharp (Ron Sharp's mother); Amanda Hancock's father; James & Mindy & unborn child; Cathy (Frank Morgan's friend); Mike Dabbs; Trace Dean; Kathleen Schupferling; Aaron Potts; Family of Jimmy Atkins (Kristine Ehrlich's friend); Ora Jackson (Joedy Gray's aunt); Jan Phillips; Massey family (death of 2 year old daughter); "Alex"; Trish Risley's brother Gordon; Kim Smith's co-worker's family; Shaila & Gene Martin & Son Tyger; Kay Dabb's father; Pat, Dan & Family; Suzette Thorpe Johnson's grandmother; Leighann Laviolette; Christy Colebank; Kris Kimbriel (Rodney Swann's sister); Caleb Seboldt & family; Evelyn Hamlin; Sandy Allen's nephew Kyle; Corbin Mize (Anne & Pat Robertson's grandson); Robin Megler; Gene Sueltenfuess's niece Allison's mission trip; Jamie Duke; Clarence Bell; Julie Puig's daughter Becky

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pilgrims & Team of Walk # 1227, New Members of the Hays Praise Community from Walk #1220, Kristen Norton (went on Walk in Georgia); Marek Kania & parents (Hannah & Mark) and grandparents (Bev & Larry Smith)

Reunion Group News

If you are interested in forming a reunion group or in helping others form one, please e-mail zil@austin.rr.com and let me know. If you tell me what day of the week and time is most convenient for you, I will try to hook you up with others with the same day and time. Reunion groups can provide prayers, support and love in time of need along with laughter, joy and tears. Thanks Liz Gray (280-4437)

Please send e-mails with any suggestions, comments, questions, new groups or updated group information to reunion.groups@hayspraise.org. Please add Emmaus to the subject line. DeColores—Athena Reiche

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