



# HAYS PRAISE NEWS

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## What a Blessing It's Been!

This will be my last opportunity to address you as Lay Director of the Hays Praise Emmaus Community in our monthly newsletter. There are so many things that I would like to say, but since there are only 4 pages in the newsletter, I will keep this fairly brief. Without question, being your Lay Director for the past 2 years is one of the most significantly important blessings I have ever experienced. We have enjoyed so many terrific and blessed times together — so many wonderful Walks (which were all "the Best Ever"), Camp Meetings on the River and spirit-filled Community Gatherings. The support of each one of you has made my experience as Lay Director a true blessing, and I will always be indebted to you for that support.

The most significant thing that we have in our Hays Praise Emmaus Community, is the "community" that has been established over the past several years. Each Lay Director that has served before me has added a little piece to this loving and caring Community of Faith of which we can all be extremely proud. God has blessed us in the past and as we continue to spread the marvelous message of the Love of Jesus to others and allow God to change their lives, as He has changed each one of our lives, I am assured by the scriptures that God will continue to bless our Community and help us to become stronger and bless even more people.

We are now being blessed once again by having my good friend, John Hatch, take over this unique responsibility as Lay Director. I know that God has answered many prayers to have someone so kind and thoughtful come to take over the "reins" and help to direct our Community as we move forward into the future.

May God Bless and Keep each one of you,  
John Hilgers  
Lay Director, Hays Praise Emmaus Community

### Remaining 2003

#### Emmaus Events and Schedule

**November 4 – Community Gathering**  
Buda United Methodist Church  
Consecration of Team for Walk # 1113

**November 6 thru 9 — Walk # 1113**  
Rebecca Hatch LD / Mark Porterfield SD  
Camp Young Judea

**November 11 — Welcome Back**  
Buda United Methodist Church

**December 2 – Local Gatherings**

### 2004 Hays Praise Walks

**Walk# 1132 — Feb. 02/19-02/22**  
Joedy Gray — Lay Director

**Walk# 1150 — May 05/06-05/09**  
Korrina Jumper — Lay Director

**Walk# 1168 — Sept. 09/09-09/12**  
Russell Ehrlich — Lay Director

**Walk# 1190 — Nov. 11/11-11/14**  
Liz Gray — Lay Director

**(All Walks will be held at Camp Young Judea)**



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### Pray for Walk # 1113, November 6 -9 , 2003

#### Lay Director: Rebecca Hatch

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

#### Pilgrims:

Siegred Ahr  
 Jorey Berry  
 Angela Bolt  
 Lenore Bolton  
 Cindy Cassidy  
 Kristen Cearley  
 Robbi Coffman  
 Sharon Crawford  
 Debbie Downing  
 Lucinda Doyle  
 Destini Evans  
 Vickie Gandy  
 Jennifer Gharlton  
 Ruth Gonzales  
 Tammy Gray  
 Rebecca Gregory  
 Shirley Harlan  
 Linda Hendricks  
 Jorey Hudson  
 Catherine Hung  
 Lisa Kettelman  
 Stefanie Kirbo  
 Jane Kleifges  
 Melissa Lamb  
 Brenda Langford  
 Leighann Laviolette  
 Tricia Leal  
 Virginia Lee  
 Linda Levingston  
 Sylvia McCormick  
 Carla Merritt  
 Jennifer Pennington  
 Patricia Ray  
 Victoria Rector  
 Tully Rogge  
 Mary Seay  
 LaVada Triesch  
 Stephanie Turner  
 Gloria Ussery  
 Marcie Wagner  
 Charlotte Welch  
 Carolyn Williams

#### Team Members:

Rebecca Hatch – LD  
 Laurie Cromwell  
 Liz Gray  
 Debbie Higgs  
 Amy Pena  
 Kristine Ehrlich  
 Lori Norton  
 Korrina Jumper  
 Beth Collins  
 Carol Denton  
 Kathy Dittrich  
 Jessie Graham  
 Stephanie Shields  
 Nancy Hardin  
 Julie Lusby  
 Sally McWithey  
 Angela Newman  
 Rebecca Shea  
 Sharon Watts  
 Suzie Watts  
 Jodie Wymore  
 Julia Hendley  
**Clergy:**  
 Mark Porterfield – SD  
 George Ricker  
 Larry Shores  
 Sherry Stice  
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## Local Community News Reports



### San Marcos

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The Holy Spirit was alive in the San Marcos Community in October. First Christian Church hosted our meeting, Margo and Wes added their musical talents, and Garland Warren's Fourth Day touched the heart and minds of everyone who attended. We are looking forward to Rebecca's Walk in November. Take time daily to have that personal relationship with Christ. Let Him work with and through You. Remember HE IS COUNTING ON YOU.

De Colores, Dennis Krackau

### Riverbend

The Riverbend Community had its biggest local gathering yet, in October, with over 60 folks in attendance. We are so blessed with continued growth and with a spirit of love, grace, service and discipleship that is spreading throughout our church through the Emmaus community. We'll be serving lunch for the Riverbend Habitat for Humanity house building crew on November 15, about 40 folks, which will give us another opportunity to serve our church folks and others and spread the word about the Walk to Emmaus. We've had over 25 new men and women join our community since the May ladies Walk and several ladies will be on the November Walk. God is good and He is the Spirit that is growing our community. It just gets better and better. Thank you Hays Praise for letting us be a part of your community.

De Colores, Mike Dabbs

### Dripping Springs/Driftwood

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, another wonderful meeting for a local gathering. I want to thank Jack McGaffey for his quick response to lead the gathering. My family needed me to be at home with them. It is time for us to really get the hands together, since the next Women's Walk is just around the corner. Rebecca is so excited I can feel her spirit each time we talk. I know that she will lead a special team and all the team members will be great servants for the Lord. Thanks to all of you we have been able to provide a great example of servanthood to the Lord to so many people. He continues to show us the Love He has for us at all the gatherings and walks. Looking forward to see all of you at the candlelight in a couple of weeks.

De Colores, Larry Wiggins

### Buda/Kyle

Women's Walk #1113 is coming up November 6-9 at Camp Young Judea and the team consecration for this walk is at Buda United Methodist Church on Nov. 4th. We have several women from the Buda/Kyle area who are on the team, as well as several women from the area who will be pilgrims. Rebecca Hatch has done a wonderful job preparing for her walk and of course this WILL BE the best walk ever. The October gathering for Buda/Kyle had a great turnout and Cindy Manning gave a terrific 4th day talk. I love meeting and seeing everyone at these gatherings and was sorry to miss the October gathering. I feel very honored and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community where someone can feel comfortable in the knowledge that their joys and concerns can be shared. Once John sends out a prayer request, I can just feel the prayer warriors going to work. My goal as the Buda/Kyle lay director is to plug in those persons wishing to be part of a reunion group, but just have not found one. If you would like to help, please let me know. Reunion groups are very important in helping with prayer requests, agape and just keeping the faith growing.

De Colores, Liz Gray

### Wimberley

Our Emmaus calendar year is drawing to a close with one more Walk in the Hays Praise Community- Walk #1113, November 6-9- to go. What a great year it has been! Our local Gathering was wonderful with good food and fellowship as always. We had a moving talk by our Fourth Day speaker, Becky Weiser, and good music by Tim and Jeana. How blessed we are to have such resources in our local community. This is a good time of the year to be extra conscious of all the prayer requests. The holiday season is a struggle for many in our community because life's challenges do not take the holidays off, so please make your daily prayers inclusive of these expressed needs. It is so important to lift up our Emmaus family constantly. Our connectedness will be enhanced by this discipline. This journey of faith can be a circuitous one, but the great message is that we do not have to take it alone.

De Colores, Mike McNeil

***Next Newsletter Deadline: December 10th... don't forget!***

**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:**

**Kelly Garner; Vera Griffin; Jennifer Roosa; Jessie Graham's Aunt Sybil  
Ray Adames; James Payne; Jamie Graham; Gordon & Ruth Young**

**Karenda, Nathan, and baby Briana; Lance; Dan Miehle;**

**The family of Jo Ann Anderson; Karim Aziz's father**

**Brennan Stuewe and his parents, Amy and John**

**Dyanne Cortez; Raymond and Debbie Goda**

**Chris Martin's mother, Betty; Jo Carol Terry; Amy Miller**

**Dan, Marie and Lauren; Joel Rose; Amanda Hancock**

**Janel & Josh Ray and baby Ethan; Kelly Chapman's mother;**

**Tommy Gianotti and his family; Vickie & Art Costello**

**Cory Chalmers and his family; Judge Guenther**

**The family of Hunter Medina, mother, Lindsey and grandmother, Kathleen Harmon**

**The family of J. B. Dabbs, father of Mike Dabbs**

**The Families and Friends of Ashley Blackwell, Kenneth Bullard, Debra Green,**

**Dana Jackson, and Anthony Galindo—the students from Hays High School**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**for the safe arrival of Carter Michael and Payton Avery Pavlu,**

**twin sons of Tracy and Preston Pavlu,**

**and grandchildren of Rob and Sandra Clopton.**

**Please continue to pray for these little ones as they recover from an early arrival.**

**Pray of Thanksgiving for Rebecca Corrine, new daughter of Pat and Tecla Cosgrove**

**Pray of Thanksgiving for Hannah Aubrey Harrison,**

**new granddaughter of Les & Lorraine Harrison**

**Pilgrims & Team of Walk # 1113**

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