



# HAYS PRAISE NEWS

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## KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!

What is the REAL purpose of the Walk to Emmaus? Have you ever truly considered what its purpose really is, or why it was created in the first place? The Walk to Emmaus was created and is supported for one reason — to help promote and to create leadership within the church, so that we can all bring the Love and Grace that God has so freely given to us, to others.

Now granted, there are many other wonderful things that have come from the Walk to Emmaus, but the primary goal for each Walk, is to help the church grow and become stronger. So hear is the question! Since your Walk, what have you done to improve or support the growth of your church and your church family?

All of us have very busy lives today! There are activities outside the church — keeping up with the kids, work, entertainment, and many other challenges which keep us from being as effective as we know we can be. Everyone is busy! So remember that when you get tired or have a very difficult day, someone else is probably having as bad a day as you, or possibly worse! Be thankful for all that you DO have. And you also can give thanks for this tremendous resource we have in the Hays Praise Emmaus Community.

Whenever you have those tough days or challenges, please remember, one of the best things you can possibly do, is attend Church, go to an Emmaus gathering, work on a Walk, be part of the Prayer Vigil, attend Candlelight, or go to your Reunion Group. By going to an Emmaus event, you will be uplifted and feel much better about yourself, your day, or any of the challenges you may be facing at that time. And even more importantly, you will most definitely make a difference in someone else's life who is at that same event. We can all use the support of the people that care about us!

Like anything else in our lives, to keep the fire burning, we must take care of the Flame. Help to support your Church, your Church family, and be at the next Emmaus event, these are ways to help fan your Flame.

**DeColores** from John Hilgers, Community Lay Director

### Remaining 2002 Hays Praise Walks

- May 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> -**Women's Walk # 992** - Beverly McGaffey / LD 512/288-9356
- May 14<sup>th</sup> -Welcome Back - DSUMC, Dripping Springs, TX
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> - **Men's Walk # 1017** - Jack McGaffey / LD 512/288-9356
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Back - FUMC, San Marcos, TX
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> -**Women's Walk # -1037** Barbara Aziz / LD 512/392-7507
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Back - FUMC, San Marcos, TX

### Schedule - Community and Local Meetings For 2002

- Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> - Local Meetings - Contact your Local Lay Director for location.
- Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Community Gathering - BUMC - Buda, TX
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - Community Gathering - DSUMC - Dripping Springs, TX
- Jun. 4<sup>th</sup> - Local Meetings - Contact your Local Lay Director for location.
- Jul. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Community Gathering - KUMC - Kyle, TX
- Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> - Local Meetings - Contact your Local Lay Director for location.
- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Community Gathering - WUMC - Wimberley, TX
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - Local Meetings - Contact your Local Lay Director for location.
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - Community Gathering - First Lutheran Church - San Marcos, TX
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Local Meetings - Contact your Local Lay Director for location.



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

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

**Pray for Walk # 992, May 9-12, 2002**

**Lay Director: Beverly McGaffey**

(At this time we do not have a complete list of the Pilgrims. Below are listed the Team Members. Please keep them all in your prayers, and we will try to get out a full list of the Pilgrims before the Walk)

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| Barbara Aziz      | Dixie Powell           |
| Stacy Bishop      | Kate Robbins           |
| Debbie Brown      | Kathy Romero           |
| Sue Bradley       | T. Cay Rowe            |
| Terrace Demerjian | Mary Starr             |
| Anne Dodson       | Judy Tennison          |
| Bridget Elliott   | Dixie Wells            |
| Kelly Garner      | Lola Nelms (Alternate) |
| Lucinda Garner    |                        |
| Ann Godwin        | <u>CLERGY:</u>         |
| Cindy Hunter      | Bill Nichols           |
| Beverly McGaffey  | Danette Howell         |
| Tracy Neef        | Rosie Johnson          |
| Amy Nichols       | Kathleen Jones         |
| Mindy Nichols     | Joyce McCormick        |

### Community Prayer Concerns

The entire Emmaus Community sends out its thoughts and prayers to the families of **Floyd Beer, Gene Nielson**. They will never be forgotten by their Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

**Please offer you Prayers and Continued Support for the following:**

**Eva Jane Gibson; Paul Garnett; Dave Howell; Jan Phillips; Steve Shaub; Pilgrims & Team of Walk # 992**

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# Local Community News Reports



## San Marcos

I do not think I have been so excited about a walk to Emmaus as I was this last men's walk. I have worked many walks and they are all great but this one was special to me for several reasons. For one we had several men from our San Marcos community attend and I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to each of these men. I look forward to their energy and friendship within the community. The other reason is I sponsored a pilgrim. It has been a while since I have acted as sponsor and have forgotten how very exciting that is. I know this is no surprise to those who have sponsored pilgrims before (there are people who have sponsored many, and to those people I say keep on going!). But if it has been a while or if the opportunity has not come up to sponsor, then I encourage you to seek out someone and take a walk with them. The rewards are great. Welcome to the fertilizer pile new pilgrims!

De Colores  
Karim Aziz

## Buda / Kyle

The Buda community had two pilgrims on Walk #972. Robert Watts and Vince Geraci are welcome additions to the Emmaus Community. We had a great time at our local gathering on March 5<sup>th</sup> as Brian Gryta gave an inspiring 4<sup>th</sup> day talk. We look forward to hosting the Community gathering on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

One thing that I am trying to do is obtain everyone's e-mail address and reunion group information from the Buda bunch. This in-turn would help Barbara Aziz and Rebecca Hatch in distributing information. I would like to congratulate two of our Buda Bunch, Wanda Summers and Vince Geraci on their marriage on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

De Colores  
Liz Gray

## Wimberley

Wimberley Emmaus is rocking along. New reunion groups have formed for men who went on the November walk. We have quite a few women who have signed on for the walk in May; some are on the waiting list. Our growth is exciting; not only for individual 4th dayers but for our shared experiences and strength in our local group. There is a group that is meeting just to make agape, call or email me if you're interested.

De Colores  
Jessie Graham

## Riverbend

At this writing we are anticipating our first local community gathering for the Riverbend Emmaus Community, on March 5. Wonderful things are happening as we continue to identify Emmaus folks in our church. We have two active reunion groups. We had one pilgrim on the last men's Walk and anticipate several women and men on the upcoming walks. Keep us in your prayers as God grows the Emmaus community and Spirit at Riverbend.

De Colores  
Mike Dabbs

## Dripping Springs

Our local community had another great gathering. It was my first time to lead the Emmaus group and I was grateful that we could share feelings about trying to make our local Emmaus team include all of the Churches in our area. We want to emphasize that the Emmaus programs are truly nondenominational, and are really all about Jesus' Grace and His Love for all of us. We elected Lori Norton as Secretary to take the notes of our meetings, and are looking into other ways to help organize the local community.

De Colores  
Larry Wiggins

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

## [www.hayspraise.org](http://www.hayspraise.org)

Have you been there lately?

This is where you can find:

- Pilgrim and Team Member applications.
- The form to be a Lay Director for future Walks
- The schedule of events for the year 2002.
- The schedule of upcoming Walks, the Lay Directors for them, and maps to get there.
- Contact information for the leaders in your community.
- Participating Hays Praise Churches and maps to locate them.
- Information on the Walk to Emmaus and its history.
- Current and past newsletters
- Reunion Group lists
- How to sign up to be included on the mailing list for the latest Hays Praise information and announcements.
- How you can enter comments into the Guest Book area about the Site or about the Hays Praise Community.

This Website is such a tremendous resource for us and the information that is available is increasing every month. If you have ideas or suggestions that will make our Site more effective and impactful, just send a note to David Hall at [webmaster@hayspraise.org](mailto:webmaster@hayspraise.org).

Be sure and give a **BIG** hug to David for all the work that he is doing to help us have one of the best and most useful Websites in the world of Emmaus.

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With the recent price increase in postage from the Post Office, we would like to continue to try to cut our mailing costs. If you have an active e-mail address, please be sure and send it to either your Local Lay Director or go to the Web Site and send us your e-mail address. We have a good start on the list, (almost 200) but are still mailing more than 600 newsletters each issue. The more we can send out electronically, the more we will save on postage.

If you don't have e-mail but you do have a fax number available, let us know that as well and we will send yours out by fax. Your attention and help in this matter will be appreciated. If you do need to receive the newsletter by regular mail, please be sure that your Local Community Lay Director has your correct physical address.

**And remember that you can also print out the newsletter from the Website...**

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