

# Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus Community Newsletter

## Fall 2009

Greetings to the Emmaus Community:

Let me start by expressing how humbled I am to be serving as Community Lay Director this year. I have a deep love for this Emmaus Community and for the many Christian brothers and sisters who have helped me along my spiritual journey both during my Walk and through many Fourth Days. I covet your prayers for me and for your Board of Directors who work year-round to direct the activities of this ministry in order to equip individuals for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

As Walks #52 and #53 approach, I encourage you to think back on your journey, and all of the individuals, both seen and unseen, who have served so that you could grow more into Christ's likeness. We each have the opportunity now to pass that experience on to the next group of pilgrims. The conference room teams have been called and are in training for the weekends. But there are many roles behind the scenes that are vital to the operation of the weekend, from setup early Thursday morning until the Altar from the closing service has been put away on Sunday evening. Something new that is planned for this Fall are some "behind the scenes tours" for those new to the community to help them find their way around the Broadmoor campus and to see where the many support groups do their work during the Walk weekends. I hope that every one of you makes it a priority to serve in some capacity during the upcoming Walks.

While it is important that we get all of the mechanics in place for a well-organized weekend, we must never forget that our efforts are in vain if they are not given to bring glory to God. Perhaps the most important thing any of us can do is to be a part of the 72 hour prayer vigil. You can sign up on-line through the LCWE.org website or by contacting Debbie Stiltner.

Please don't wait until the Walk weekends to pray. Start now by praying for the pilgrims, their families, the teams, the servants, and for our community. Pray that we will all be used as God's hands and feet in the world. Remember, Christ is counting on you! I look forward to serving with you as we serve our Lord by serving the pilgrims of Walks #52 and #53.

De Colores,  
Keitt Hane, Community Lay Director

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**Men's Walk #52  
September 17 - 20, 2009**

**Women's Walk #53  
October 1 - 4, 2009**

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# LCWE CAMPUS TOURS

Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus is proud to announce the first inaugural tours of the Emmaus campus, led by tour guide Doug Bennett. Two tours will be given on each walk. The first will begin after Sponsor's Hour on Thursday night (meet at sanctuary), and the second will begin at 12:00 Noon on Saturday (meet at entrance to Adult Education building where the Sunday conference room is located). Especially if you've never experienced the "Behind the Scenes" activity, you won't want to miss this exciting opportunity. Wear your walking shoes and come find out where all the servants hang out! After the 30 minute tour, you'll be well-equipped to just show up and get to work on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of any walk.

## **Inventory Cleanup Day - Saturday, September 19th - Men's Walk weekend**

The Board has decided it's time for each service area to go through its supply boxes and get rid of items that are broken or not used during the weekends. While the boxes are out, it will be a good time to clean out and re-organize everything. If you have experience in a particular service area, and can lend your input the Saturday of the Men's Walk, contact the Board member or weekend servants for that area. Or stop by before or after you spend time serving the Men's Walk pilgrims to see if help is needed. Also, we are low on Emmaus-themed decorative items, like roosters and other multi-colored knick-knacks. If you have something now or run across something while shopping, please consider donating it to the community.



## **The Purpose of Emmaus**

The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up the way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.

A few Emmaus concepts that assist in the fulfillment of our purpose:

**Sponsorship** is an act of love for God, for the pilgrims, for the church, and for the Emmaus community. It is a demonstration of agape love and an instrument of prevenient grace. Prayerfully consider whom you could make a commitment to sponsor. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship.

**Progressive Servanthood** calls for us to serve the community and each other in a variety of ways beginning with humble servanthood behind the scenes before returning to the conference room to serve. The Team Selection committee considers two times a year, for each set of walks, the community members eligible for conference room teams based on experience serving in the supporting areas. To facilitate better knowledge of who is serving, we ask that you look for the sign-in sheets in each area and sign in every time you serve. If you don't see the sign-in sheet, please ask the person in charge of the area you're serving. This is the best way to let us know you are interested in serving in the conference room (in addition to the Team Service application you should fill out once each year!).

**Reunion groups** help us stay accountable in living the grace-filled life to which God has called us and to share it with others. If you aren't in a reunion group, please consider joining one or starting your own. A list of groups we know about can be found on the LCWE web site.

## A WORD FROM OUR LAY DIRECTORS

### Harold Choate, Lay Director - Men's Walk #52

Dear Lagniappe Country Emmaus Community,

Throughout preparation for Men's Walk # 52, the hand of God has been obvious. It began with our Board. On it people of faith and perseverance fulfill their responsibilities and encourage one another as each new challenge is faced. The team and community are blessed to have their leadership.

The unique feature of this team is that every stage of the community's history is represented. There are men serving who were here at the beginning and on to those who came in more recent times. Each one's commitment to God and His people is a powerful and moving witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We are serving with a question before us, "Can you see Jesus?" As God wills, we become the face of Christ to the pilgrims He sends to us so they in turn can be the face of Christ to others we will never know. Christ came to save us 2009 years ago, and through the miraculous power of His Father, He is alive and working through us today. All praise and honor to His name!

De Colores,

*Harold Choate*

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### Sharon Lanius, Lay Director - Women's Walk #53

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The scripture I have chosen for Walk #53 is:

***God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Psalm 46:1***

This scripture reminds me of the constancy of God's love and power. It is a love that is unchanging and unending. It is the rock we can cling to. It is the love and care we want the Pilgrims of Walks 52 & 53 to experience in just a few short weeks. And this scripture has been a personal reminder during this process of team formation. I can take comfort in knowing that He is in charge and that He has mighty plans for the group of women who will come together to serve and praise Him. I look forward with excitement to our first team meetings and a walk in God's presence.

I am humbled to be serving as your Lay Director. Please continue in your prayers for the Pilgrims who will be called and the Conference Room team who will serve. Come and serve with the support teams and be blessed by Christian fellowship and service.

De Colores,

*Sharon Lanius*

**Men's Walk #52****Women's Walk #53**

Harold Choate	Lay Director	Sharon Lanius
Rev. Bill Youngblood	Spiritual Director	Rev. Leslie Akin
Rev. Frank Johnson	Assistant Spiritual Director	Rev. Yvonne Dayries
Rev. Jon Lord	Assistant Spiritual Director	Rev. Debbie Drash
Ken Musick	Assistant Lay Director (ALD)	Chris Baldrige
Leroy Pero	Assistant Lay Director (ALD)	Jodie Harper
Mike Chenevert	Assistant Lay Director (ALD)	Betty Messelt
Farrell Fabre'	Board Representative	Becky Melancon
Jamie Flick, Arnold Comer,	Music Team	Mia Freneaux, Gloria Robertson, Erica Wallace
Richard Leggett		
	<b><u>Talks</u></b>	
Mike Chenevert	Priority	Jodie Harper
Rev. Jon Lord	Prevenient Grace	Rev. Debbie Drash
Ron Newton	Priesthood of All Believers	Betty Messelt
Rev. Frank Johnson	Justifying Grace	Rev. Yvonne Dayries
Ken Musick	Life of Piety	Chris Baldrige
Michael Sparks	Grow Through Study	Pam Tremblay
Rev. Bill Youngblood	Means of Grace	Rev. Leslie Akin
Ron Agnew	Christian Action	Elise Hane
Rev. Frank Johnson	Obstacles to Grace	Rev. Yvonne Darries
Phil Moser	Discipleship	Ann Merrill
Jimmy Gilbert	Changing Our World	Cyndi Wolfe
Rev. Bill Youngblood	Sanctifying Grace	Rev. Debbie Drash
Ron Romanowski	Body of Christ	Mia Freneaux
Harold Choate	Perseverance	Sharon Lanius
Mark Montgomery	Fourth Day	Theresa Sandifer
Jerry Clouatre, Ron Newton, Phil Moser, Ron Agnew, Mark Montgomery, Phil Curwick	<b><u>Table Leaders</u></b>	Pam Tremblay, Elise Hane, Theresa Sandifer, Ann Merrill, Cyndi Wolfe, Cyndie Schmidt
Chuck Dixon, Jimmy Gilbert, Phillip Chambless, Michael Sparks, John Schatzle, Ron Romanowski	<b><u>Assistant Table Leaders</u></b>	Leslie Brown-Vincent, Amy Farmer, Liz Hefner, Rhonda Kemp, Marverne Terrell, Mary Beth Chevalier
John Toney, Jere Johnston, Liz Hefner, Joyce Perry, Jim & Theresa Sandifer, Nancy Kahrs, Casie Riche, Lynn Cooper	<b><u>Team Assistants</u></b>	Tal Lanius, Matt Turner, Jere Johnston, Jim Sandifer, Casie Riche, Lynn Cooper, Jerry Clouatre
Betty Messelt, Ginger Hughes, Elise Hane, Pat Lee	<b><u>Agape</u></b>	Twila Perniciaro, Christi Sykes
Stan Campbell, Shanan Schatzle, Renee' Deaton	<b><u>Prayer Room</u></b>	Tracie Wharton, Debbie Stiltner
Allen Posey	<b><u>Facilities and Setup</u></b>	Phil Curwick
Matt Turner, Shannon Sandifer, Patricia Poulter, Theresa Sandifer	<b><u>Altars</u></b>	Patricia Poulter, Virginia Conti, Deirdre Halliburton, Chris Stubbs
Richard Beall, Brent Loupe, Cheri Coats, Lorraine Brinegar	<b><u>Kitchen</u></b>	Lorraine Brinegar, Cheri Coats

**THE PILGRIMS OF WALKS #52 and #53 - Fall 2009**

**Men's Walk #52**

**Women's Walk #53**

Chad Bloodworth	St. Timothy UMC
Bill Bond	Jefferson UMC
Scott Calkins	St. Andrew's UMC
Adam Campbell	Livingston UMC
Kean Day	River Community Church
Andre' de la Fuente	St. John's UMC
Brent Dobroski	First Christian Church
Michael Hahn	St. Andrew's UMC
Simon Hays	First UMC - Lafayette
Bubba Henry	University Baptist Church
Don Ipson	River Community Church
Jim Lefleur	First UMC
Daniel Mader	Metairie UMC
William Mercer	St. Andrew's UMC
John Mitchell	Trinity Lutheran
Patrick Powers	Broadmoor UMC
Andre' Rabalais	First UMC
Charles Reynolds	St. Timothy UMC
Cory Sparks	Faith Community UMC
Johnny Thorning	River Community Church
Steve Tomlin	Broadmoor UMC
Dale Tullier	Broadmoor Presbyterian
Bruce Watts	Broadmoor UMC

Jennifer Bloodworth	St. Timothy UMC
Marsha Boutte	Healing Place Church
Lynn Bradley	Broadmoor UMC
Phyllis Butler	Bethany World Prayer Center
Carrie de la Fuente	St. John's UMC
Debbie Dixon	Jefferson Baptist Church
Peggy Edwards	St. Patrick's Church
Linda England	Walker UMC
Lorri Fabre	Healing Place Church
Sunshine Gourrier	Luke 10:27
Susie Hahn	St. Andrew's UMC
Debbie Ipson	River Community Church
Courtney Jackson	Wesley UMC
Wanda Jones	Walker UMC
Carolyn Kirby	Broadmoor UMC
Willie Latham	Family Worship
Becky Lawrence	Luke 10:27
Marie Leleaux	St. John's UMC
Vera Martin	Antioch Full Gospel Baptist
Sandra McGarrahan	Broadmoor UMC
Krysta Oliszewski	Luke 10:27
Angel Perkins	Luke 10:27
Yvette Reitzell	Healing Place Church
Jennifer Rosnagel	First UMC
Kandi Roussel	St. Patrick's Church
Missy Sparks	Faith Community UMC
Dawn Staves	St. John's UMC
Cindy Thompson	First UMC, St. Francisville
Leasa Tomlin	Broadmoor UMC
Patricia Welther	St. Thomas More

**Schedule of Talks**

Please pray for our speakers as they give their talks. The talk schedule is listed below.

If you plan to pray in the Prayer Room with a speaker, please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time the talk is to be given.

<u>Friday</u>	Priority 9:15 AM	Prevenient Grace 11:15 AM	Priesthood of all Believers 1:45 PM	Justifying Grace 3:15 PM	Life of Piety 6:30 PM
<u>Saturday</u>	Grow Through Study 8:55 AM	Means of Grace 10:20 AM	Christian Action 2:30 PM	Obstacles to Grace 4:30 PM	Discipleship 7:00 PM
<u>Sunday</u>	Changing Our World 8:30 AM	Sanctifying Grace 9:45 AM	Body of Christ 10:45 AM	Perseverance 12:45 PM	Fourth Day 1:45 PM

**Meal Schedule**

There is always room for help in the kitchen. Please contact Cheri Coats at (225) 272-8765 for more information.

Friday  
8:00 AM - Breakfast  
12:00 PM - Lunch  
5:30 PM - Dinner

Saturday  
7:30 AM - Breakfast  
1:00 - Lunch  
5:40 PM - Dinner

Sunday  
7:15 AM - Breakfast  
\*The Community will no longer  
serve lunch

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*      **HELP KINDLE THEM WITH THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE!**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

One of the foundations of the Walk to Emmaus experience is servanthood. It is through servanthood that we experience anew the joy and excitement of the weekend. The support role is the engine that drives the weekend. By contributing your time and talents, the weekend flows smoothly and EVERYONE can experience the presence of God.

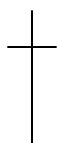
**“How can I serve?”. . . (Don't forget to sign in each time you serve!)**

**PRAYER** - Pray for the pilgrims. Pray for the team. Come to the Prayer Room at least 30 minutes before each talk and pray for the speaker (times of the talks are listed on page 5). Links to the online sign-up for the Prayer Vigil are on the home page of the LCWE web site. Pray at home, pray at work,.....pray without ceasing!

**KITCHEN** - Why is working in the kitchen during the weekend so much fun? Is it the fellowship, the sense of creating, or just the experience of serving? Whatever it is, it is essential. Your contribution is both needed and appreciated. You may drop in at any time to serve in the Kitchen. We especially need cooks to volunteer for specific meals. The Kitchen Head oversees the servants who are cooking and serving the meals, and we are looking for future Kitchen Heads. Come get some experience with the activities in the kitchen and let us know you are interested in this area.

We need:

**Agape**



**Table Agape**



**Oven Agape**  
(baked goods)

**Pillow Agape**



**SPONSORS (1/2) HOUR** is not just for sponsors! After Send-off, EVERYONE is encouraged to make your way to the sanctuary for a 30-minute act of AGAPE as we pray for each pilgrim by name. After Sponsor's Hour, the Emmaus campus tour will begin.

**CANDLELIGHT and CLOSING** - What experiences they are! An opportunity to worship and to demonstrate community spirit to the pilgrims. **REMEMBER, CANDLELIGHT IS AT 8:00 PM ON SATURDAY AND CLOSING IS AT 4:00 PM ON SUNDAY!**

**Note:** If you are a sponsor, pick up your pilgrim's belongings in the Scout Hut/Prayer Room on Sunday by 3:30 PM.

### Facilities Needs Your Help for Setup, Changeover, and Tear-down

There are MANY details that must be attended to in order to convert the Broadmoor facility into a conference center/hotel for the Emmaus weekend. It takes more hands than just the Facilities team and Team Assistants to get it all done (and then undone!). Crunch times are 6:00 am on Thursdays for setup and 6:30 am on Sundays for takedown. We need several men to provide overnight security during the Women's Walk, and we can always use ladies during both walks to check bathrooms, straighten beds and add a lady's touch to keep things special. Contact Dan Hill (924-3826) if you can help. No special skills required, just a willing heart! See you at the Walks!

Thursday Morning - **starting at 6:00 AM**, set up Conference Room, sleeping areas, Prayer and Dining Rooms

Saturday evening - after Candlelight - move Conference Room

Sunday Morning - **starting at 6:30 AM** to convert sleeping areas back to Sunday School rooms.

Sunday evening - after Closing to restore the Broadmoor Campus to pre-walk condition.

### KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have a change in address, phone, or email address, please let us know by filling out the "Contact Us" form on [www.lcwe.org](http://www.lcwe.org), or by emailing [lcwenews@gmail.com](mailto:lcwenews@gmail.com). If you haven't been getting our emails, then we don't have your current email address (or your ISP is blocking them). Let us know and we'll try to get you back in touch!

## **LCWE COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **Men's Walk #52 - September 17 - 20, 2009**

Send-off - Thursday, September 17, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

### **Women's Walk #53 - October 1 - 4, 2009**

Send-off - Thursday, October 1, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

**Candlelight starts at 8:00 PM on the Saturday of the Walk - Closing starts at 4:00 PM on Sunday**

### **October Gathering/Fourth Day Saturday, October 17, 2009**

Location - Broadmoor UMC

New Members - 6:00 PM

Community - 6:30 PM

(Be sure to bring snacks and/or soft drinks)

November Gathering: November 7th - St. John's UMC

December Gathering: December 5th - Walker UMC

Visit the Lagniappe Country Emmaus Community website for information regarding upcoming Walks and Gatherings, to obtain Pilgrim-Sponsor Applications, Team Service Applications, past Community Newsletters, information on Reunion Groups, and links to the online 72-hour Prayer Vigil signup.

**[www.lcwe.org](http://www.lcwe.org)**

## **Sharing Emmaus with Each Other and Beyond**

In the last newsletter, you heard that the Board was planning to implement some activities to reach out within and beyond the LCWE community. About 60 clergy have been personally contacted through letters and phone calls since April. They have been offered the opportunity for an Emmaus representative to speak to their congregations about Emmaus, or encouraged to do the same themselves. They were encouraged to attend a walk as a pilgrim too.

We also sent out letters to community members in areas beyond Baton Rouge to promote the formation of remote gatherings. If you are interested in participating in Emmaus gatherings in the Lafayette, New Orleans, or Slidell area, please contact [lcweneews@gmail.com](mailto:lcweneews@gmail.com), or speak to any board member.

You can help us spread the word by telling others about Emmaus. Talk to your pastor about it and invite him or her to attend as a pilgrim if they haven't already. We even have a bulleted list of items to prompt you - just ask a board member for a copy. Pray about sponsorship, and look for opportunities to share this spiritual renewal weekend with another of God's children.



Pray for the pilgrims and the teams! You may pray at home (sign up for Prayer Vigil at [www.lcwe.org](http://www.lcwe.org)) or come to the Prayer Room (Scout Hut) to pray with others. It is a very peaceful and spirit-filled place to be!

### **Instructions for Pilgrim Letters**

The Agape team asks that you assist in sorting pilgrim letters by placing a mark in the area of the envelope where a stamp would go. The marks should be noted as follows:

Spouse

Family

Pastor

Child

Friend



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**Thanks again for YOUR PART in making the Lagniappe Country  
Walk to Emmaus a truly life changing experience for those who attend.**

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