

Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus Community Newsletter

Spring 2009

Greetings to the Emmaus Community:

It is so exciting to be in preparation for both men and women's walks this spring. The teams have been in preparation for months, and they are ready to serve our newest brothers and sisters in Christ. The walks need servants in all service areas during the weekends: agape, prayer, altars, kitchen, facilities, and team assistants. Come when you can, and serve as long as you can. Remember during your cross ceremony, Christ is counting on you! We are looking forward to being with you.

Our Emmaus Community is filled with folks who love the Lord and want to serve Him by serving others. Please pray for our Community's enlightenment so we can continue building His kingdom here on Earth.

Imagine what the following would be like,

Your church....

Family interactions....

Conversations and relationships in workplaces...

if the men and women in these places participated in a Walk to Emmaus.

In the near future, you will be called upon to enlighten others about the Walk to Emmaus to not only increase sponsorship, but to build strong Christian leaders in our homes, churches, and workplaces. This is a very exciting time for our community and we need you.

It has been an honor to have served you as Community Lay Director over these past two years. You have encouraged me through your commitment, kind words, and common love for Christ. I look forward to serving along with you through the years in whatever capacity I am called to serve. I look forward to seeing you at our walks, gatherings, and other Emmaus functions.

De Colores,
Anne Clouatre, Community Lay Director

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**Men's Walk #50
March 12—15, 2009**

**Women's Walk #51
March 26—29, 2009**

Gathering Hosts Needed

Reunion groups or individuals that are part of our wonderful Body of Christ have the chance to be gathering hosts by selecting a month to invite the community to their church. As host, you communicate with your local pastor or church administrator to reserve the facility, you can participate in planning the gathering activities, and you assist in setup.

We need reunion groups and members from individual churches to serve our community as host for our gatherings. To volunteer, please contact the Board member in charge of gatherings. A listing of the **2009 gathering dates** is printed below:

April 4 Gathering/4th Day (BUMC)	August 1
May 2	October 10 Gathering/4th Day (BUMC)
June 6	November 7
July 11	December 5

Reunion Groups

“Where two or more are gathered in my name there am I also”. A reunion group is described in our guidebook as 2— 6 members in a confidential, prayerful, accountable relationship in support of each other in their fourth day journeys. If you are not in a reunion group, would you consider joining an existing group or forming a new one? During our next gathering on **April 4, at 6:30 PM at Broadmoor UMC**, you'll have an opportunity to hear more about reunion groups and to talk with those in groups already. You can also meet others who are interested in meeting on certain days of the week. If you are already a part of a group, plan to attend to represent your group.

REUNION GROUPS - WOMEN

Day of Week	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
Monday	12 Noon	University Baptist	Kathy King	281-0314
Monday	6:00 PM	St. John's UMC	Sally Allen	766-6912
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Jefferson UMC	Judi Miller	752-0615
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Gonzales UMC	Leya Mathew	644-5392
Wednesday	12 Noon	LSU Campus	Toni Sparks	578-0050
Wednesday	12 Noon	Las Palmas (Jeffer)	Tracie Wharton	387-1921
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Beauverde Ct.	Linda Bonham	273-1083
Saturday	2:30 PM	Celebration of Life	Anthony Rice	755-6406

REUNION GROUPS - MEN

Day of Week	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
Monday	6:00 PM	St. John's UMC	Mike Allen	766-6912
Tuesday	6:30 AM	St. Andrew's UMC	Harold Choate	751-4366
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mr. Gatti's	Ken Garrett	752-3294
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Gonzales UMC	K.E. Mathew	644-5392
Wednesday	6:30 AM		Larry Tremblay	343-7684
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Broadmoor UMC	Ken Musick	756-8964
Friday	6:30 AM	St. Andrew's UMC	Jamie Flick	773-8575
Saturday	7:30 AM	14635 S. Harrell's Ferry Rd., 5-A	Paul Melancon	767-3637

REUNION GROUPS - MEN & WOMEN

Day of Week	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
Sunday	6:30 PM	Old Jefferson Area	Vickie Lubbock	751-1712
Tuesday	6:30 PM	James Chapel	Doug Bennett	931-5219

A WORD FROM OUR LAY DIRECTORS

John Toney, Lay Director - Men's Walk #50

Dear Lagniappe Country Community,

For Christians, the Lenten season is always a time of contemplation, a time of searching, and a time of preparation. The Conference Team for Walk 50 has also been in a period of preparation as we allow God to mold us into the team He has called. We have already had two of our team meetings and will have completed our third meeting by the time this article is sent out. The team is finding that this is an opportunity to empty ourselves so the Holy Spirit can enter and fill us with His grace and peace.

The Team formation scripture comes from Isaiah 64:8

Yet, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the Potter; we are the work of Your Hand.

I would ask that each of us in the community be in prayer for Walks 50 & 51, be in prayer for the Pilgrims that will be called and the Conference Room teams that will serve. Seek out how God might use you on the upcoming walks, how you might be "the clay – the work of His Hand!"

Grace & Peace,

John Toney

Debra Towe, Lay Director - Women's Walk #51

Our scripture verse for Women's Walk to Emmaus #51 is:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2: 3-5

Once again we begin the process of forming an Emmaus team for the purpose of holding a spring walk. It seems only fitting that it be in the spring and during the Lenten season when as churches we focus on the life, suffering and death of our Lord. Fortunately we save the best for last - the resurrection and everlasting life. This is a reminder that we are Easter people and serving a living God! The Emmaus weekend is about that service and helping others to come to the realization that though we live in the pain and suffering of life, with God's help and the love and support of other Christians, we are not alone and we can experience joy! During the weekend we are reminded of that over and over again as we see the community in service - kitchen service, agape, facility and altar transformations and the power of prayer.

Printed above you will note the team formation theme which we pray will be adopted not just by the team but the community as well. If we all adopt the attitude of humble service and having the mind of Christ, the walk will truly be to the glory of our Lord and the pilgrims will be blessed.

Join with us on this Walk to Emmaus #51 and let us celebrate the risen Lord who is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

In His Service,

Debra Towe

Teams for the 2009 Walks

Men's Walk #50

Women's Walk #51

John Toney	Lay Director	Debra Towe
Rev. James Haynes	Spiritual Director	Rev. Jan Holloway
Rev. John Locascio	Assistant Spiritual Director	Rev. Joy Comeaux
Rev. Tommy Bergeron	Assistant Spiritual Director	Rev. Darlene Moore
Stan Brosky	Assistant Lay Director (ALD)	Celestine Davis
K.E. Mathew	Assistant Lay Director (ALD)	Kathy King
James Jacobs	Assistant Lay Director (ALD)	Sharon Lanius
Jim Bonham	Board Representative	Anne Clouatre
Tal Lanius, Paul Melancon, Tre' Wharton	Music Team	Patti Riche', Betty Schroeder, Veronica Gulley
	<u>Talks</u>	
Tre' Wharton	Priority	Kathy King
Rev. Tommy Bergeron	Prevenient Grace	Rev. Joy Comeaux
K.E. Mathew	Priesthood of All Believers	Celestine Davis
Rev. John Locascio	Justifying Grace	Rev. Darlene Moore
James Jacobs	Life of Piety	Sharon Lanius
Jerry Clouatre	Grow Through Study	Jodie Harper
Rev. James Haynes	Means of Grace	Rev. Jan Holloway
Keitt Hane	Christian Action	Theresa Sandifer
Rev. John Locascio	Obstacles to Grace	Rev. Joy Comeaux
Craig Cappo	Discipleship	Dana Murray
Dave Freneaux	Changing Our World	Betty Messelt
Rev. Tommy Bergeron	Sanctifying Grace	Rev. Darlene Moore
Bart Kennedy	Body of Christ	Sarah Zeringue
John Toney	Perseverance	Debra Towe
Stan Brosky	Fourth Day	Mary Beth Fesmire
	<u>Table Leaders</u>	
Craig Cappo, Harold Choate, Jerry Clouatre, Dave Freneaux, Keitt Hane, Bart Kennedy		Mary Beth Fesmire, Jodie Harper, Betty Messelt, Dana Murray, Theresa Sandifer, Sarah Zeringue
	<u>Assistant Table Leaders</u>	
Ken Garrett, Dan Hill, Tony Parnell, Allen Posey, Jim Sandifer, Mike Stiltner		Jackie Dennis, Sandra Dunaway, Suzie Hill, Glynis Peterson, Toni Sparks, Becky Melancon
	<u>Team Assistants</u>	
Ken & Celia Musick, Matt Turner, Duane & Dodie Denham, Theresa Sandifer, Liz Hefner		Duane & Dodie Denham, Liz Hefner, Matt Turner, Nancy Kahrs
	<u>Prayer Room</u>	
Mike Allen, Nancy Kahrs		Hope Kinberger, Ann Merrill, Larry & Pam Tremblay
	<u>Facilities and Setup</u>	
Phillip Chambless		Dan Hill
	<u>Altars</u>	
Michael Sparks		Karen Agnew
	<u>Kitchen</u>	
Janet Anderson		Doug Bennett (looking for servants)
	<u>Agape</u>	
Contact Debbie Stiltner to serve		Contact Debbie Stiltner to serve

THE PILGRIMS OF WALKS #50 and #51 - Spring 2009

Men's Walk #50

Women's Walk #51

Ryan Bettencourt	Unity Church of Christianity
Luke Booker	St. George Catholic Church
Danny Brouillette	Broadmoor UMC
Geb Bull	Luke 10:27
Terry Compton	Broadmoor UMC
Cecil Crain	The Chapel
Bob Davidson	First Baptist Church/St. Francisville
Ray Davis	St. Andrew's UMC
John Deaton	St. Luke's UMC
Jimmy Evans	Blackwater UMC
Art Fesmire	
Lloyd Frye	Universtiy Baptist Church
Mike Grace	St. Andrew's UMC
Ray Halliburton	St. John's UMC
Allen Lively	St. John's UMC
Mark Musick	St. Andrew's UMC
Todd Ross	First UMC
Kemper Todd	St. Andrew's UM
Walter Weiss	Wesley UMC
Danny Wiggins	St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Bubba Willis	First UMC
Jason Wood	Luke 10:27

Tamyra Bourgeois	Broadmoor UMC
Kinnetta Briggs	Briggs UMC
Patti Brouillette	Broadmoor UMC
Kathy Brown	Household of Faith Church
Heather Chapman	Luke 10:27
Debbie Crafton	Journey Church
Debbie Daniel	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Renee Deaton	St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Debby Frye	University Baptist Church
Beth LaCour	Broadmoor UMC
Michelle Lee	New Macedonia Baptist Church
Barbara Lively	St. John's UMC
Beth Nauta	St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
Julee Pearce	St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Becky Perna	Heart Ease Family Life Center
Renee Pierce	Jefferson Baptist Church
Amanda Stowell	First UMC/Gonzales
Christi Sykes	First Baptist Church
Cindy Tiek	St. Jean Vianney Catholic Church
Cindy Varisco	Broadmoor UMC
Missy Wiggins	St. John the Evangelist Catholic
Janice Zimmerebner	Luke 10:27

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 Doug Bennett at (225) 931-5219 for more information.

<p><u>Friday</u> 8:00 AM - Breakfast 12:00 PM - Lunch 5:30 PM - Dinner</p>

<p><u>Saturday</u> 7:30 AM - Breakfast 1:00 - Lunch 5:40 PM - Dinner</p>

<p><u>Sunday</u> 7:15 AM - Breakfast *The Community will no longer serve lunch</p>

"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?” . . .

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.

AGAPE - Oven agape is a sweet, warm way to spread God's love. Gather some ideas or recipes now and mark your calendar for baking time for the Spring Walks. Often it is more convenient to bake ahead and freeze for the weekend. Bring homemade oven agape to the kitchen on Thursday of the Walk. - **OR** - It is never too soon (or too late) to be thinking and praying about ideas for agape, those tangible signs of God's unconditional love. The upcoming walk will need 60 items for the weekend. Some articles are tried and true, but new ones are always welcome. God's favorite hobby is creating, so get Him in on the planning! Avoid that last minute rush and gather your group together for an agape party NOW! You might feel some of that unconditional love in the making!

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.

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 take-down. 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 Keitt Hane (753-9670) 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, or by emailing 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 #50 - March 12—15, 2009

Send-off - Thursday, March 12, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

Women's Walk #51 - March 26—29, 2009

Send-off - Thursday, March 26, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

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

Note: We have decided to combine 4th Day and our April gathering into one event. The entire community is encouraged to come meet the new pilgrims, hear Fourth Day talks, and have our usual Gathering good time!

April Gathering/Fourth Day: Saturday, April 4, 2009

Location - Broadmoor UMC

New Members - 6:00 PM

Community - 6:30 PM

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

Child care will be provided

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

www.lcwe.org

SPREAD THE WORD

After the spring walks, the LCWE community will be engaged in spreading the word about our ministry so that other faithful hearts may be filled and kindled with the fire of His love! Some ideas we have are:

- Reach out to pastors of area churches to educate them about LCWE so they know about us and can encourage their flock to participate
- LCWE community reach out to their local church members
- LCWE community reach out to churches with no members in Emmaus
- Form satellite gathering groups in the areas outside of Baton Rouge (Lafayette, Lake Charles, Slidell, etc)
- Re-establish a partnership with New Orleans, Crescent City Emmaus
- In general, just spread the word! (We generated ideas at a 2008 summer gathering which we'll use.)
- Evaluate what we are doing well and what needs to be improved

We want YOUR ideas! If you have suggestions to strengthen our community, please pass along your thoughts to the Board. We want to hear from you. You may speak with any board member by calling or emailing them (see the list of members in this newsletter), or you may email lcwenews@gmail.com. You are always welcome to attend a board meeting or ask to be put on the agenda. Christ is counting on us!

New 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 placed as follows:

F - extended family

S - sponsor

IF - immediate family

C - community

Fr - friend

P - pastor

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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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