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Message from the 2010 Community Lay Director

Dear Community,

Well, here we are starting the second half of 2010 and God has so blessed us. We have had three brimming Walks and now begins our Chrysalis season. At this time, we have 14 girls on the Flight with at least two more coming and feel we are going to make this work. The Boys Flight has four boys and we still have two weeks to get that one full.

Please take it upon yourself to figure out who God wants YOU to send on these Flights. Jody and Ann have been so diligent and faithful in their service and the caterpillars are out there. God wants us to step out of our comfort zone to go find them. Take it to heart that it is YOUR job to figure out who those youth are. God will answer if we will all truly ask. You may not find a caterpillar but make it your goal to ASK at least one.

Our Fourth Day Speakers have been so good to speak to our hearts. Make it your goal to be at this next community meeting where we hear from God again through one of his servants and also get to celebrate the end of one Chrysalis and the onset of another. We are working with Odessa to try and work with them next year to fill and sustain the Chrysalis movement in the Permian Basin.

Our Walk for September already has 32 Pilgrims! Can you believe it? God is working in this community and we should be getting down on our knees to thank him for his mercy and grace towards us. Charlotte Bosecker is so excited about getting everything together for the September Walk. I know that Eli's already got Pilgrims signed up for the October Men's Walk and Amy has folks signed up for November. God is GOOD!

Start working on that Agape for the Chrysalis and be baking those brownies.

PLEASE THINK OF WHO MIGHT BE AN OPTION FOR NEXT YEAR'S LAY DIRECTORS. HEIDI IS TAKING THOSE NOMINATIONS NOW.

I look forward to seeing your bright smiling faces at the next Community Meeting, July 27th, at First United Methodist Church at 7:00. Don't miss this one, as we will be privileged to see God's work in the life of our youth.

Christ is Counting on You. Are you Counting on Him?

De Colores, Martha Manulik, Community Lay Director

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Thoughts from the 2010 Community Spiritual Director

The word grace is frequently spoken within the Emmaus Community. There is a prevenient, a justifying, and a sanctifying grace; and there are obstacles to a hind means of grace. Let's think about prevenient grace for a moment. Prevenient grace is the action of God upon us, prior to awareness. It is the uninterrupted action of God's love toward God's own creatures. It seems normal when we are told in Genesis 1.26 that "God created humankind in his likeness, his image." We might think of it as God pursuing us in order to restore us to full humanity.

Pause for a few minutes to review your life in recent weeks. Can you recall moments when you were aware of God's presence?

The effect of prevenient grace is usually recognized after the fact. My recognition most often is when others have shown grace toward me. Recently, I was in hospital. The physician and nursing personnel were not only competent in their skills, but also were cheerful and encouraging. More than appreciation, I was aware that concern and encouragement by others enabled me to act in the same way.

Such is prevenient grace. Grace really is amazing, isn't it? God awakens us to become what we are created to be.

Again, review your recent life to recall these moments of grace. Breathe in the Holy Spirit, and draw close to Christ.

De colores, Larry Bailey, Community Spiritual Director

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Book Table...

BOOK TABLE NOW FEATURES NEW BOOKS

For all Hi Sky Emmaus Walks, new books will now be available for purchase by pilgrims and team alike. The decision to add this feature to the book table was made at the May meeting of the Board. By doing so, we will provide people with printed resources for spiritual growth and knowledge in their fourth days.

The purpose of Emmaus is to deepen and better understand one's faith, and to express one's faith through leadership and ministry in the Church. People need a variety of resources to grow in faith. Books by respected authors are invaluable. Arrangements will be made for selection and delivery of books from Mardel Book Store and/or ordered from the Upper Room.

The books will be displayed after the talk on Growth Through Study and throughout the weekend. Purchase, delivery, and return of books will be coordinated for each walk. Acceptance letters to pilgrims will include a statement that they should bring cash or checks to purchase books.

Board Business...

In an effort to strengthen communication throughout the Hi-Sky Emmaus Community, Debbie Baxter, Board Secretary, is providing a monthly summary of the Board of Directors Meeting. The minutes summaries from the meeting of May 13, 2010 are available below.

Team lists and Pilgrim lists available online

Team lists and pilgrim lists are available on the website by clicking on the Calendar link at the top of each page, then by clicking on the walk or flight number. The logistics coordinator, food and gift agape leaders for each walk/flight will be listed above the team list, once determined.

Prayer Vigil

Remember that prayer is the stronghold between Satan and our walks and flights. Be sure to join in the Prayer Vigil for each of the upcoming Walks and Flights. You can now electronically sign up for the Prayer Vigil on our new database. You can check the prayer time slots that you have signed up for, or see what times are still available for each walk. Please be aware of the calendar dates for each walk or flight so you can get signed up to pray for the caterpillars, pilgrims, and teams. The database Prayer Vigil does not allow for permanent time slots, so it will be necessary to go in and sign up for each walk or flight. For assistance, you can contact Heidi Anderson, database manager.

Database

We have officially made the switch for email notifications to the database email list. If you have registered for the database and have not been receiving email reminders, please go to the "You" menu and select "Your Options" and make sure there is a check in the box to receive email. We also now have the option of using something other than your email address as your login for people who share an email address. Please contact Heidi at heidi55@prodigy.net if you have experienced problems because you share your email address.

Walk /Flight Reports

Girls' Flight #44

Emmaus Community: We Need Your Help!!! The time is drawing near to July 22-25. We have 13 caterpillars signed up and a few more that I know are being turned in, but we need you to do your part and pray and contact any girls or guys between the age of 15 and 19 years old who could be truly blessed by this experience this summer. If you have been praying about a girl or guy to participate on Flights #44 & #45, now is the time to contact them and get them signed up!!! Thanks! We all thank you in advance for gobs of gift and food agape.

Fly with Christ, Ann Driver, Flight #44 Lay Director

Boys Flight #45

Guys' Chrysalis Flight #45 has enjoyed four team meetings that have been nothing less than *annointed!* Prayer, music, talks and fellowship among the team has guaranteed the best flight ever! We are looking forward to the flight taking off July 29-August 1.

Right now we have four crucial needs – First, we will need **prayer** for every aspect of the flight from team meetings through closing. Second, we need **sponsors!** We need at least 16 more young men to complete the form, get the signatures, submit the fee and get registered...that means we really need **16 sponsors!** Third, we are needing **1-2 spiritual dudes...**, and Fourth, we need **snickerdoodles!** Our last team meeting is July 17 (I guess 5 needs...lunch for this Saturday team meeting would be great!). Alan Barkley is our board rep; Randy Cloyd is coordinating the outside team, and Derrick Looney is the Spiritual Director. And, with the members of the Hi Sky Emmaus Community, we have the best team ever!

Fly with Christ, Jody Sneed, Flight #45 Lay Director 432-413-2908

Women's Walk #192 (

Dear Community, I thank God and you for the opportunity to serve this community and the community at large as WW #192 lay director. I cannot explain the peace and love I feel. God has blessed us with an amazing team; they each have a significant role in the task God has put before us. The team and I covet your prayers and your love during this time of preparation. Please remember to check the web site often for updates on the pilgrim list so you will know who to lift up to our Lord in prayer. As of now, July 7, 2010, we have 31 precious pilgrims whose hearts are being prepared by the Holy Spirit to receive the blessing of their mortal life. At community on the fourth Tuesday, July 27th, please sign up for your favorite agape, then sign up

your friend (LOL!).....No, really it takes the community to make the Emmaus experience. So thank you in advance for your gifts of agape and of prayer.

Jesus is counting on us,

DeColores, Charlotte Bosecker, Walk Lay Director

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Committee Reports

- **Administration Committee** – Book Table – Please read the special article on Page 3 about the new arrangements for the Book Table for the Grow Through Study talk.
- **Chrysalis Committee** – Need a great present for a high school youth? How about sending them on a Chrysalis Flight this summer (2010)? The Flights are the end of July (Girls July 22-25; Boys July 29-Aug. 1) and similar to your Walk experience (except the talks are given from a youth perspective, including a marriage talk and single life talk). Wouldn't it be life changing to send them to a weekend of love and inspiration to help them deepen their faith and know our God on a very personal level to develop their own faith, strong and true? Applications are on the web site and the cost is only \$150 for this year. In 2011, the flight fee will be \$200, as it is for walks beginning in September 2010. Hurry, though, as time is running close to get these flights filled!
- **Gatherings Committee** – The Community meetings for the year 2010 are being held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street, downtown Midland, beginning at 7:00 PM (*Babe Chick meetings at 6:15*). The walk crosses displayed at the June 22nd, 2010 Community meeting were provided by Janis Chapman, our Fourth Day Speaker (WW#134–Oct.'02), Ken Arnold (MW #175-Sep'07) and Carroll Nall (MW#173-Apr'07). Remember we will have a time for fellowship and refreshments after each Community meeting. ALSO, REMEMBER TO BRING SOME FOOD TO SHARE. We would like to thank those of you who have been faithful to bring food and help with set up and clean up. Being together and sharing in a time of laughter and affirmation is such a special part of Emmaus. We look forward to seeing each of you at the July 27th, 2010 Community Meeting for a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all that God has done for us and the great work He is doing in our Emmaus Community.

De Colores, Gatherings Committee

- **Fourth Day Committee** – As we continue with our 2010 Men's and Women's Walks and the Boys and Girls Flights, we hope all of you who have been honored to serve as ALD's, LD's, Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders will keep in mind that it is very important for you to follow up with these Pilgrims and Caterpillars over the next year. We build our community and strengthen our outreach by encouraging participation by both our veterans and our rookies. You all remember how overwhelming community can be when you are there by yourself and that it takes working walks and being involved before you really feel comfortable as a part of the Emmaus Community. Please continue your stewardship of these precious Pilgrims and Caterpillars by going to pick them up for community, or making sure if they are at community you visit with them, or including them or helping them in their reunion group search. Our sponsors will help us with this as well but as a participant in the walks, you have a completely different connection with these folks who have attended the weekends. Please help us to spread God's love by finding ways to keep these new members connected. The blessing of the Walks and Flights can be increased tenfold if we can get these Pilgrims and Caterpillars included in working the weekends, and it so blesses our community to have new people coming on board.

- **Team Selection Committee** -- The Team Selection Committee had a meeting in June to select a team for MW#193 (Eli Kuhlmann, Lay Director), and will have a meeting July 13th to select a team for WW #194 (Amy Ciacco, Lay Director). Pray for the Community, teams, caterpillars and pilgrims that God will send on the Chrysalis Flights and Men & Women Walks. Also, if anyone would like to serve on a team, please see any Board member (they wear the green name tags at community meetings) and give that information to them, so that their names can be added as prospective team members for walks. Thanks and God bless!

De Colores, Iris Hall-Sanders, Team Selection Chair.

- **Music Committee** – Is Music one of your talents? Have you ever wanted to be on a Music Team on a walk? Do you sing or play Guitar, Piano, Bass, or any other type of musical instrument? The community needs your talent and we encourage you to call or email any of the board members (contact information available on the Board tab on the website).

REMAINING 2010 Walks & Flights

<u>Walk #</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Director</u>
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Girls Chrysalis Flight #44	Jul. 22-25	Ann Driver
Boys Chrysalis Flight #45	Jul. 29-Aug. 1	Jody Sneed
Women's Walk #192	Sep 16-19	Charlotte Bosecker
Men's Walk #194	Oct 7-10	Eli Kuhlmann
Women's Walk #195	Nov 4-7	Amy Ciaccio

HI-SKY EMMAUS COMMUNITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
Board of Directors Meeting
May 13, 2010

The Hi-Sky Emmaus Community Board of Directors met at 5:30 p.m. at the Permian Basin Board of Realtors, 1001 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas 79701 on Thursday, May 13, 2010.

The Community Lay Director announced a quorum of the board members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Martha Manulik, Community Lay Director. David Warren offered an opening prayer and prayer to the Holy Spirit.

New Business:

- **Chrysalis Report:** Jody Sneed (**Boys Flight #43**) provided the board with team worksheets and stated the team is nearly complete. Team meetings are June 4th / 5th and June 26th / 27th. Jody asked for prayers, sponsor support and guidance for the upcoming Boys Chrysalis.

Board Minutes: The minutes of the April 22, 2010 board meeting were submitted by Debbie Baxter for approval. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved; There being no discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Financials were submitted by Larry Carroll. A motion was made and seconded that the financials be approved as submitted; There being no discussion, the financials were approved unanimously. Larry also suggested there be a way to keep track of honorarium and memoriam donations - to make sure thank you cards (acknowledgments are done). Will speak with Peggy Geer.

Committee Reports:

- **Gatherings:** Kathy stated that she didn't hear anything from FUMC regarding issues with child care. Thought having the gathering in the adjacent room worked well.
- **Trailer/Supplies:** Working on worship books for the Chrysalis. On future walks, Jerry will contact the LD regarding the agape list and coordinate with what items are currently in storage unit.
- **Chrysalis:** Wilma stated she is looking for the Youth Protection Video, thinks Roger Willis may have it. Also, the BR training for the upcoming Chrysalis has been reset to May 27, 2010. Wilma stated she is still working on Chrysalis policy. Question for the SD's - who does the book selections for the Chrysalis? (Alan and Jody to come up with a book list).
- **Facilities:** Jerry stated that the Babe Chick room during April's meeting was

extremely hot - Alan to help find a cooler room. It was also suggested the front row of chairs (in sanctuary) be moved to the back to allow for a more reverent communion service.

- Team Selection: Iris stated team selection for **Women's Walk #192** will be held on May 18, 2010 at Jimmy Smith's office.
- Music: No update (board praying for Bill's surgery).
- Admin./Newsletter: Dusty had earlier communicated with Martha he would be more involved with the updating of the web page.
- Name Tags: Larry to contact the current name tag vendor and settle-up.
- Training: Alan to begin handling more of the training responsibilities.
- ALD No update.
- CLD Martha stated there would be no job fair at May's community meeting. She also stated at May's meeting she would encourage the Community to be more involved with Emmaus activities. We would again have a special offering to assist with the increased fees on pilgrims who have already paid.

Closing Prayer. David Warren offered a closing prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Baxter, Secretary