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Upcoming This Summer

As you know, our summers here at Hi-Sky Emmaus are just as busy as ever. We will be hosting a Women’s Walk and a Girl’s Flight in June as well as a Boy’s Flight in July.

Women’s Walk #216 is scheduled to kick off on Thursday, June 12th at Circle Six. As of 6pm on May 14th, there are 15 pilgrims signed up for this walk leaving plenty of room for your pilgrims to join! Applications for this walk are due on or before June 5th.

Girl’s Flight #52 is scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 26th at Howard College in Big Spring. This will be our third year in a row to have the Chrysalis at Howard College and we are excited to see what God is planning for the teenagers that will be attending this weekend. Currently (as of 6pm on 5/14) there are only two Caterpillars signed up leaving us quite a bit of work ahead to get those girl’s signed up and ready for this flight. Applications for this flight are due on or before June 19th!

Boy’s Flight #53 is scheduled to begin on Thursday, July 24th also at Howard College in Big Spring. Currently we have two boys signed up for this flight!

As you know, we didn’t quite have enough boys sign-up last year to make a flight happen, leaving a missed opportunity for our community to bless the lives of those who did sign up last year. Let’s work to make sure that this year we have both a girl’s and boy’s flight so that we may reflect the Love of Christ into the lives of our local youth who are struggling more than ever with the pressures of this world.

Watch for more information on all our summer weekends as their dates close in, including locations for Send-off, reminders for Candlelight and Closing, and more!

From the Community Lay Director—Marta Hansard

We are pleased to announce that Glenn Pipes, Pastor – Wilshire Park, will be serving as our 2014 Community Spiritual Director! Also, we are happy to welcome Danny Bisbee, Pastor - Level Path Ministries, as new clergy member for our board of directors this year. Thanks, Glenn and Danny, for your willingness to step in where needed and serve our community on the board.

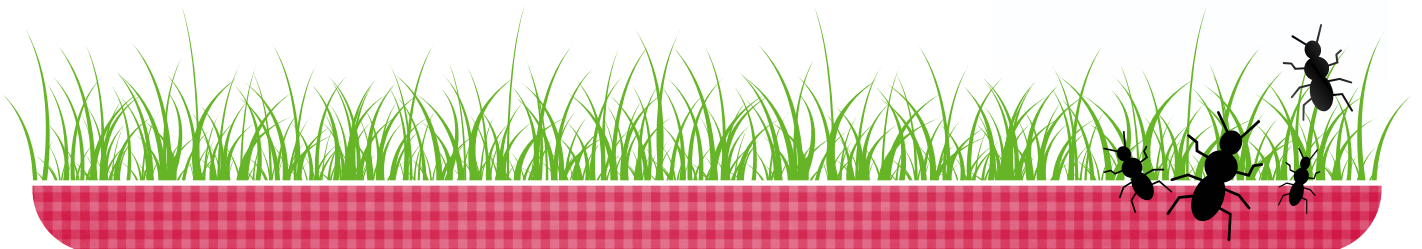
I can’t believe we’re already in May, and the year is just about half-over! We have one Men’s Walk remaining in September, and two Women’s Walks remaining in June and October. Be sure and get your pilgrim’s applications in early for each of the remaining Walks. They will be here before we know it! Also, our Chrysalis flights are approaching fast, so get your 15-19 year old caterpillars signed up NOW!

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Important Dates

5/27	Community Gathering and Babe Chick Meeting
6/12-15	Women’s Walk #216
6/26-29	Girl’s Flight #52
7/24-27	Boy’s Flight #53



WW 216 Team/Pilgrims

(As of 6pm 5/14)

Team

Diana Barnes
Cheryl Becker-Ramirez
Annette Childers
Stacey Cornett
Willie English
Shannon Estrada
Lisa Etheredge
Jeannette Freeman
Peg Geer
Lisa Hain
Stephanie Hall
Iris Hall-Sanders
Mallory Etheredge
Sharon Horseman
Kimberly Howell
Linda Ireland
Janet Kendall
Karah Lucas
Donna Mason
Jerry Mason
Kylie McNeely
Beki Moorehead
Becky Nelson
Kellye Northcutt
Mary Olive
Kathy Pickerel
Micah Pickerel
Shirley Raymond
Celeste Skidmore
Missy Spellings
Claudia Stephens
Charla Stuart
Jimmie Long
Luke McNeely
Barbara Duet

Pilgrims

Daphne Moore
Melba Thornton
Brandie Biffle
Paula Olivares
Wilma Delk
Gina Hollweg
Tasha Titsworth
Lili Vasquez
Taylor Ross
Jane Meisinger
Toy Hubbard
Stacy Richardson
Teresa Stanton
Sharon Snead
Kristel Hester

From Women's Walk #216

Happy Mothers Day! Of course by the time this article is put into the newsletter Mothers Day will have passed but I think it would be appropriate to go ahead and celebrate Mother's Day the whole month of May better yet lets celebrate mothers and women all year. One of the ways that we could honor and show appreciation to all those special women in our lives is to sponsor them on a WALK TO EMMAUS.

Women's Walk 216, which will be June 12th – 15th, still has openings. If you have someone that you are sponsoring, please get the paper work to our registrars' Bailey or Rhett Lively. Their address is 2302 Storey Avenue in Midland.

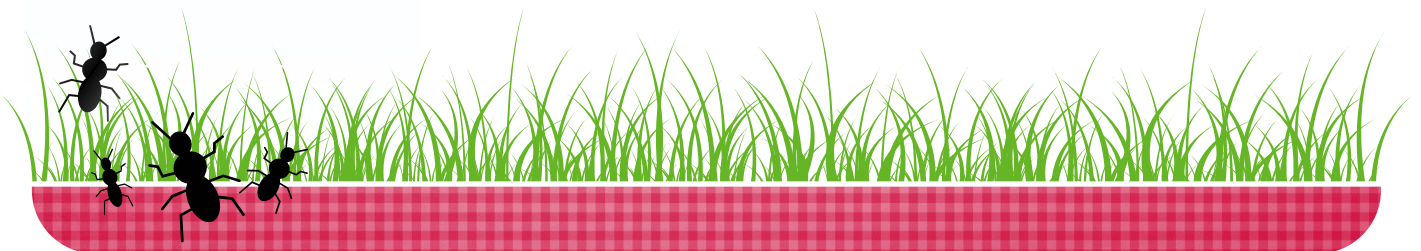
The team for WW # 216 has held 3 team meetings and will be holding our final team meeting on May 17th. **I can honestly say that the Spirit of the Lord has been so strong in the team meetings. We serve an awesome, amazing, astounding, breathtaking, splendid God!** I cannot wait to see what is in store for the pilgrims of Walk 216.

Here are some reminders for the community concerning The Walk.

- Logistics Coordinator is Peggy Geer
- Gift Agape chairman is Annette Childers and the agape can be dropped off at 3311 Pinemont in Midland.
- Food Agape chairman is Donna Mason and the food agape can be dropped off at 4706 Brookdale Drive in Midland.
- Send off for WW # 216 will be held at Café @ the Gardens @ Alldredge Gardens (located at 3300 Fairgrounds Rd) on June 12th @ 11:00 a.m.

In Christ,

Lisa Etheredge



Jack Abendschan

As you may know, Jack Abendschan, one of the original Spiritual Directors for Hi-Sky Emmaus passed away on March 31, 2014. The family wanted to share his Eulogy with the Community here:

I HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF BEING WITH AND ENJOYING TIME WITH MY PARENTS FOR THE LAST 11 YEARS, MOM FOR 4 OF THOSE YEARS AND TAKING CARE OF AND GROWING CLOSER TO DAD FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS. AFTER MOM WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD THE FIRST THING THAT DAD SAID WAS "I'M MAD AT YOUR MOTHER BECAUSE I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO FIRST!" ALMOST EVERY TIME WE GOT TOGETHER HE WOULD LOOK AT MOM'S PICTURE AND SAY "I'M STILL MAD AT HER". AND SO IT GOES.....

WHAT CAN I SAY; MY HEART HURTS BECAUSE I CAN'T SHARE IN THIS CELEBRATION WITH SO MANY WHO CELEBRATED LIFE WITH HIM WHILE HE WAS HERE BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT I AM HERE IN SPIRIT!

I REMEMBER HOW DAD WOULD TELL PEOPLE ABOUT OUR WALKING, RUNNING, SKIING AND ICE SKATING TOGETHER. I WOULD TAKE MY GUITAR AND HELP WITH SINGING OF PRAISE MUSIC AT YOUTH GROUPS AND HE WOULD ALWAYS SAY HOW WE WERE A TEAM, UNTIL LARRY MY HUSBAND CAME INTO THE PICTURE, AND AS DAD WOULD SAY,"BROKE UP THE TEAM AND STOLE ME AWAY". BUT THEN HE WOULD SAY "BUT HE IS A GOOD MAN AND I SURE LOVE HIM LIKE MY OWN SON, EVEN THOUGH HE STOLE YOU FROM ME."

DAD LOVED THE LORD SO MUCH AND PRAYED WITH ME AS WELL AS SHARED SO MUCH INSIGHT AND WISDOM WITH ME. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM SAYING "IT DOESN'T MATTER. GOD IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING. IT'S HIS PERFECT PLAN AND WE JUST HAVE TO HANG ON FOR THE RIDE AND TRUST HIM."

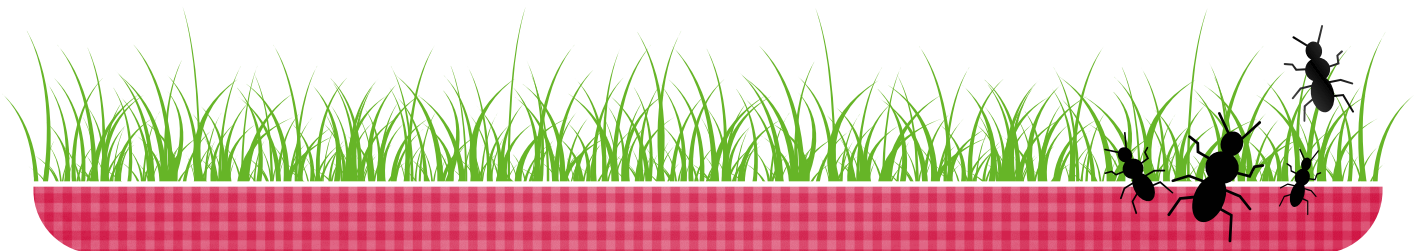
WHEN DAD STARTED FALLING MORE WHILE LIVING IN ST. FRANCIS KS HE MADE THE DECISION TO MOVE TO COLBY TO BE CLOSER TO LARRY AND ME, GIVING UP THE KEYS TO HIS CAR (EVEN THOUGH HE MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HOW I TOOK HIS KEYS AWAY) AND MOVING INTO FAIRVIEW SENIOR LIVING APARTMENTS, WHERE HE ENJOYED LIVING UNTIL HE STARTED FALLING AGAIN. HE NEEDED TO GO TO DESERET REHAB FOR 4 WEEKS AND AFTER BEING THERE FOR 3 OF THE 4 WEEKS, DECIDED TO STAY THERE. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HOME CALLED ME AND INFORMED ME OF THE MEETING AND DAD'S DECISION. DAD SAID THAT HE LOVED THE PEOPLE THERE. THEY TOOK GREAT CARE OF HIM AND HE FELT SAFE BECAUSE THEY WERE ALWAYS AROUND IF HE FELL AGAIN. SO THE HOME ALLOWED ME TO PAINT, FIX HIS ROOM UP AS AN APARTMENT, LET HIM USE A TEMPURPEDIC BED THAT WAS LEFT BY ANOTHER RESIDENT, KEEP A PRIVATE ROOM FOR THE COST OF A DOUBLE ROOM , HUNG HIS LARGE TV ON THE WALL FOR HIM. I THINK YOU GET THE PICTURE. BASICALLY, THEY TREATED DAD LIKE A KING. THEY BECAME HIS SECOND FAMILY AND LOVED ON HIM UNTIL HE WENT TO BE WITH JESUS. BUT DAD MADE ALL THOSE DIFFICULT DECISIONS, SPARING ME OF THAT DIFFICULT TASK.

DAD WOULD SAY, I DON'T KNOW WHY GOD STILL WANTS ME HERE BECAUSE I'M NOT DOING MUCH, YET SO MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVED AT DESERET OR WORKED THERE SHARED WITH ME HOW DAD HAD IMPACTED THEIR LIVES THROUGH HIS WITNESS DURING THEIR VISITS, WHETHER HE TALKED OR NOT.

I THANK GOD EVERYDAY THAT I HAD HIM FOR THE TIME THAT I DID. WE GREW CLOSER TOGETHER AS HE DREW NEARER TO LEAVING AND WE WOULD ALWAYS BLOW EACH OTHER A KISS WHEN I WOULD LEAVE. THAT STARTED WHEN HE LIVED IN ST. FRANCIS. SO WE MADE A PACT THAT WHEN HE WALKED AWAY WITH JESUS HE WOULD BLOW ME A KISS AND I WOULD BLOW ONE BACK. I KNOW HE DID SO WITH HIS LAST BREATH AND I BLEW ONE BACK; AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT.

Beth (Abendschan) Gabel

Colby KS.



From the NERD and Registrar

Just wanted to let you all know, if you haven't heard already of a few changes happening that will affect who you contact regarding registration. In mid-April, Rhett's blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol all spiked in unnatural ways forcing him to cut back a bit on what he does.

Luckily, Bailey able to step back up and take over the registration process for the community to fill in the gap, so starting now if you have any questions regarding your pilgrim or caterpillar, please call Bailey at 432-894-0353 or email her at registration@hiskyemmaus.com. If you wish to bring your apps by the registrar's house, the address is still the same (after all the house is in her name anyway lol) 2302 Storey Avenue.

Just a couple of quick reminders about registering your pilgrims while we are on the subject:

1. Applications are due on the Thursday before the scheduled start of the walk/flight.
2. In order for your application to be processed, all pages of the application must be completed and the fee of \$200 (or \$150 and a scholarship request) must be turned in with the application to the registrar! (Note: For Chry-

salis the fee is \$125 or \$75 with the scholarship request.

Rhett will continue to take care of our website, social media, visual media, and all things nerdy as before with this rule now actually enforced: If you are going to be leading music at our monthly community gatherings, candlelight, closing, etc and want Rhett to put a powerpoint together for the service, please get all the information to him no later than 72 hours ahead of the events date so he can get everything together without having to rush.

Rhett will also still be holding the trainings on the database and music database/program, but those have been moved to later this summer at a time and place TBA.

If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to call/email Bailey or Rhett (his info is 432-894-9832/ communications@hiskyemmaus.com). If they don't answer, please leave a message and they will get back to you asap (probably after work).

Community Gathering

Our monthly Community Gathering will be on May 27, 2014 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church.

The Babe Chick Meeting will begin at 6:15pm in the Choir Room for all those who have attended a walk or flight but haven't had a chance to join us for a Community Gathering yet.

At 7pm in the Sanctuary, we will begin our Community Gathering in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we pray for our upcoming teams and each other and worship together as a community.

Following the service we will have our fellowship and, you guessed it, some food! . If you would like to provide snacks or drinks for this fellowship, please contact Phillip Vandiver at 432-254-8520 or pvan-diver@yahoo.com and let him know.

Area Emmaus Happenings

Below is a list of upcoming weekends in the Permian Basin this Summer. Please be in prayer for each of these weekends.

- HSE—Women's Walk #216—June 12-15, 2014
- RBE—Girl's Chrysalis #17—June 12-15, 2014
- HSE Girl's Flight #52—June 26-29, 2014
- RBE—Boy's Chrysalis #18—July 10-13, 2014
- HSE—Boy's Flight #53—July 24-27, 2014
- RBE—Young Ladies Journey #4—July 24-27, 2014
- RBE—Young Men's Journey #5—August 7-10, 2014

(HSE=Hi-Sky Emmaus, Midland, TX, RBE=Rainbow's End Emmaus, Odessa, TX)

