



**Hi-Sky Emmaus**

*Serving Christ and the Permian Basin since 1987.*

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### AUGUST

**25th:**  
Community Gathering

#### SEPTEMBER

**17th-20th:**  
Men's Walk #223

**22nd:**  
Community Gathering

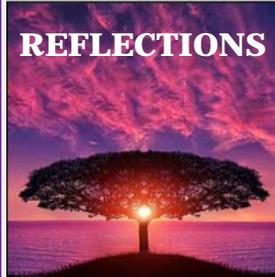
**26th:**  
Leadership Training

#### OCTOBER

**22nd-25:**  
Women's Walk #224

**26th:**  
Community Gathering

### REFLECTIONS



### Hello, Community!

I hope you all have had a wonderfully blessed summer break! That means it's time to begin gearing up for back-to-school. So, I hope everyone has cleaned-out their closets to make room for all the new school clothes. Speaking of cleaning out closets, the HSE Board and a few community

members cleaned out Carol's Closet a few weeks ago. Supplies should now be a lot easier to find.

Check out these pictures of the folks being the Hands and Feet of Christ for our Community!



I'd like to take the time to remind everyone that private schools are already in full swing, and public schools start back on

Wednesday, August 26. We all need to be mindful of school zones, and watching out for the children in our communities. Please be in prayer for our teachers as they prepare to educate our children who are the future of this great nation.



On the Hi-Sky Emmaus front... Men's Walk #223 currently has 5 pilgrims, and Women's Walk #224 has 3 pilgrims. Please join me in continued prayer and support of the teams and the pilgrims of both of these Walks. I know these Walks will be the best

Walks ever! So, let's all sponsor, sponsor, sponsor, and gift someone else with

the beautiful experience that is so close to our hearts.

To God be the glory!!!

DeColores,  
Martin Ramirez, Community Lay Director



# CHRYSALIS

Dare to  
Make a  
Difference!



Chrysalis flights are over for 2015 and both were Awesome!! There were 24 girls and 21 guys touched by God and their lives were truly changed - that doesn't even include the many team members who were also blessed and are forever changed.

The Chrysalis Committee is busy setting the locations and dates for 2016. We will be asking for people interested in helping Chrysalis to fill out a yellow card at the Community Gatherings each month. We need people who are willing to serve on the Chrysalis Committee, help plan and sponsor the RUSH gatherings, encourage youth reunion groups at the various schools, and also serve on a Chrysalis team for next summer. Team selection is in January. So, please fill out a card or e-mail me at [wjstirl@juno.com](mailto:wjstirl@juno.com) if you are interested in helping.

Fly With Christ,  
Wilma Stirl  
Chrysalis Committee Chair



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Hi-Sky Emmaus is proud to host The Upper Room's South Central Leadership Team who will be coming to Midland to provide training to anyone who has a desire to learn more about The Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis and ways you may serve as the hands and feet of Christ on a Walk or a Flight, within your local organization, or maybe even on the Board of Directors.



**DATE:**

**Saturday, September 26, 2015**

**TIME:**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION:**

**Crestview Baptist Church**

[www.hiskyemmaus.com](http://www.hiskyemmaus.com)

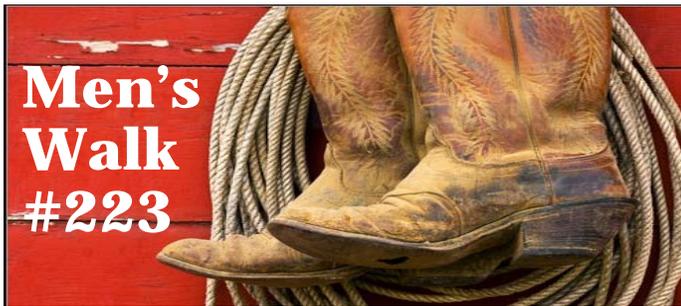


### **August Financial Report** (July 18th - August 18th)

Gross Profit:	\$3,976.00
Expenses:	\$1,276.87
Net Income:	\$2,699.13

#### **Financial Factoid:**

You can bless someone without sponsoring them by paying the Walk or Flight fee - just make sure you put the Pilgrim's/Caterpillar's name on the Memo line of your check,



We are two-stepping right along with Men's Walk #223. We have an awesome group of guys on the team. We have had 3 team meetings and have heard some awesome talks. The team's last meeting is coming up on the 29th and we are looking forward to hearing the remaining talks that God has prepared.

Eli Kuhlmann is our logistics coordinator. Please get with him and sign up for agape that is still needed. We currently have 3 pilgrims signed up and we need more. Please pray about whom God may be wanting you to sponsor for His walk.

Please hurry!! The deadline for reservation requests is **SEPTEMBER 10TH**.

Forms can be found on the Hi-Sky Emmaus website:

<http://www.hiskyemmaus.com/forms.htm>

DeColores,  
Phillip Vandiver, Lay Director MW #223

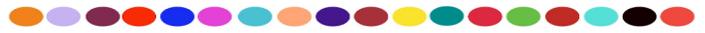


### RESOURCES

**The Upper Room** is a global ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. From its beginnings as a daily devotional guide, **The Upper Room** has grown to include publications, programs, prayer support, and other resources to help believers of all ages and denominations move to a deeper level of faith and service. Check us out:

<https://bookstore.upperroom.org>

# COMING SOON



† **Board of Directors Elections**

† **2016 Lay Directors**

† **2016 Walk Dates**



I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Hi-Sky Emmaus Community for blessing and honoring me with the opportunity to be the lay director for Women's Walk #224. God has been ever present in the formation of this AWESOME team. I appreciate all of the ladies who have committed to being His hands and feet. Our first team meetings will be September 25th and 26th, with the second set of meetings taking place October 9th and 10th.

Several team members would like to sponsor a pilgrim but they have no way of taking the pilgrims to Circle 6 on Thursday or attending Sponsor's Hour. If you would like to co-sponsor and help with these arrangements, please contact me at (432) 425-5096.

Let's be a blessing to others by sponsoring a pilgrim!!! We have three pilgrims signed up for WW #224 and are patiently waiting for God to reveal the other 33. Please be in prayer for the pilgrims and the team!

Lisa Etheredge is the Logistics Coordinator, Gift Agape Coordinator is Peg Geer, and Kay Manly is Food Agape Coordinator. Agape may be dropped off at 4204 Boulder Dr. or 2101 Mark Ln.

I greatly covet and appreciate your prayers for Women's Walk #224!

DeColores,  
Cheryl Becker-Ramirez, Lay Director WW #224



# Reasons to Participate in a... REUNION GROUP

1. **Grace!** Reunion groups help each other live a life of grace.
2. **Piety!** The group helps to keep each other focused on living our lives in relationship with God.
3. **Action!** Reunion groups work together to provide meals for team meetings, provide gift/food agape for walks and service opportunities within the larger community.
4. **The Big Things!** Reunion groups provide support for each other for the big moments in life. They attend funerals, births, weddings, graduations, hospital stays for each other.
5. **The Little Things!** Reunion groups are there for the little things too. They cheer each other on always in everything.
6. **Spiritual Friends!** Reunion groups listen more deeply to you than you can listen to yourself. The group helps keep the fire burning within each other.
7. **Prayer!** A reunion group will be there for each other in times of need to intercede for each other in prayer.
8. **Accountability!** Group members hold each other accountable to your weekly plan of action.
9. **Non-Emmaus!** Reunion groups are not isolated to Emmaus pilgrims only. The purpose of the group reunion isn't about the Walk to Emmaus. It is to share faith and live Christ, which isn't exclusive to the Walk to Emmaus. You can invite non-Emmaus Christians to your reunion group.
10. **Perseverance!** Perseverance never happens alone. A reunion group supports each other as we walk together in our 4th days.

*"The group reunion itself is one of the chief values of the Emmaus movement - one of the greatest treasures the Walk to Emmaus contains. It is a way of persevering in the life of grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world - the group reunion serves the life of the Emmaus community."*

*-Day Four: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey*



## Food for Thought... COBLERS & CREAM

If you missed the Ice Cream Social at the last Community meeting, there is still time to get your share. The "Gathering Team" will be providing cobblers and you guessed it, ICE CREAM!!!

In September, we will start something NEW... During the August Community meeting, you will see a sign-up sheet going around which will allow you the awesome opportunity to sign-up to bring your favorite snack for the September Community Meeting!

Remember - FOOD only happens when YOU bring it!! Thank YOU in advance for YOUR blessing to the Community!! Can't wait to see the yummy things you love that you want to share with your Emmaus family. As you have been blessed, be a blessing!!

Paula Yates  
Community Gatherings Chair

