



Hi-Sky Emmaus

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Reflections from Our Community Lay Director

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IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

27th:
Community Gathering

FEBRUARY

19th - 22nd:
Men's Walk #219

24th:
Community Gathering

MARCH

19th - 22nd:
Women's Walk #220

24th:
Community Gathering

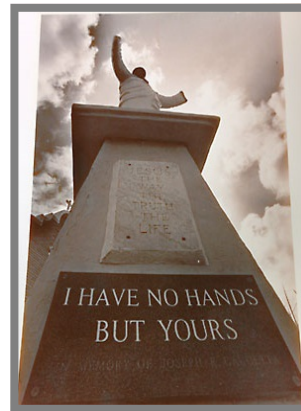
Greetings,

Hi-Sky Emmaus
Community 2015!

January is almost over and the February Men's Walk will be upon us before we know it. I'm so excited to see how God will move within our community this year. I know He has great plans for us.

Remember that the deadline for Men's Walk #219 is on February 12th, and we currently only have two pilgrims

signed-up. I have confidence that between God and this loving community, we can and will fill this walk to overflowing!



We are the Body of Christ. We are His hands and feet in the world.

Let's continue to pray for the 2015 walks, the teams, the pilgrims, and this community!

DeColores,
Martin Ramirez
Community Lay Director

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)



2015 Community Gatherings



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3309 Neely Ave., Midland, Texas

January 27, 2015

Babe-Chick Meeting:
6:15 p.m.

Gathering:
7:00 p.m.

Fellowship:
8:15 p.m.



New Beginnings

Whenever a new year rolls around, we all look forward to a fresh start – a new beginning – a chance to move forward with a new outlook on our lives, our health, our jobs, and our circumstances in general.

In the Hi-Sky Emmaus Community, January brings with it exciting changes including a new church in which to gather, a new class of leadership, and a brand new set of Walk dates to anticipate. As you make your list of “Things to Do in 2015”, I encourage you to remember our Emmaus Community.

Determine how you can personally commit to supporting our Walks and Flights through sponsorship, agape, reunion groups, and team commitments.

Let’s work together to make 2015 a year of revival for Hi-Sky Emmaus and allow God to pour out abundant blessings on our Walks as we honor and glorify Him with a higher level of commitment to our community.

DeColores,
Marta Hansard
Past Community Lay Director

WANTED:



Hi-Sky Emmaus needs photographers who can assist with taking various group photos (for closing packets) on Friday morning during each Walk and Flight weekend.

If you have this talent and would be willing to serve in this capacity, please email your contact information to:

communications@hiskyemmaus.com

Team Servanthood

The Hi-Sky Emmaus Team Selection Committee assists future Lay Directors in building their Walk teams.

Team members should demonstrate a servant’s heart, be active members of their respective church, belong to and participate in a reunion group. They must agree to attend all team meetings, including team training and pay the required walk fees.

The Committee is having a difficult time locating potential servants due to inaccurate contact information which is stored in the Hi-Sky Emmaus database. If you are able to do so, please login to the database and verify your contact information or update it accordingly.

If you are interested in serving on a team and would rather contact me in person, please feel free to send an email to me with your name, current address, and phone number: **joet@bosworthco.com**.

Additionally, clip boards will be circulated at Community Gatherings each month.

God bless your Fourth Days!
Joe Thames
Team Selection Committee Chair

What’s Your PRIORITY?

I invite you to recall your pilgrim walk and the very first talk (Priority) of the weekend as you think about changes you’d like to make for your 2015. The Priority talk is only 1/15th of the Emmaus story, but it sets the tone of your thoughts for the entire walk weekend.

In this same way, thinking about what your priorities in life are sets the tone for your upcoming year. As you reflect on 2014 and think about how you would like to prepare for 2015, don’t neglect reevaluating your priorities. As you walk through your 4th days and the seasons in your life change, remember that your priorities are what you live for. So, on what, where, or with whom do you spend your time, energy and resources?

Jesus himself told his disciples, as recorded in Luke 12:34, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” My prayer for each member of this Emmaus community is that during this year, we all focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus, that He is our first priority, that we see He is our treasure and that our hearts will be filled to overflowing with Him.

Grace and Peace,
Dani Pool
Assistant Community Lay Director



Men's Walk #219

Dear Community,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Lay Director for Men's Walk #219. Team meetings are underway and we continue to be blessed by many wonderful talks, by sharing fellowship and food (of course) and, most importantly, by serving our awesome God!

I ask for your continued prayers that God will touch the Pilgrims' hearts and

allow each one of them to feel the love and experience the grace of our mighty Savior and King.

In Christ,
Ed Hall,
Lay Director, MW #219

EAT If you would be willing to help provide snacks at least one time this year for our fellowships after our monthly Community Gatherings, please contact Paula Yates at: crickett4206@yahoo.com

Chrysalis Corner

Girl's Flight #54

June 25-28, 2015
Circle 6 Ranch
Stanton, TX



Chrysalis is a unique ministry for youth ages 15 to 19. Like the Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis is a three-day experience of God's love and grace which provides a strong foundation for a lifetime journey of faith.

For the Caterpillars, Chrysalis is a spark that ignites a fire in their hearts which grows and spreads because of the Holy Spirit.

The Chrysalis experience encourages our youth to be Christ followers, to share their love for Christ, and to grow their leadership role in the church and community.

Hi-Sky is hosting the Girl's Chrysalis on June 25th - 28th at Circle Six. The Lay Director for this Flight is Dyan Hale.

We are joining with Rainbow's End for the Boy's Flight on July 23rd - 26th at Circle Six. The Lay Director is Tommy Southall (Rainbow's End).

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

www.hiskyemmaus.com/forms.htm



Fly With Christ!
Wilma Stirl
Chrysalis Committee Chair

Reunion Groups

The Emmaus Reunion Group is a small accountability group of 2 to 12 people who have usually participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus and want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace and service of God.

Reunion Groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of our faithful Reunion Group friends, the gift of Christ's love becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action.

Are you looking for a Reunion Group? Check out those listed on the website.

www.hiskyemmaus.com/reuniongroups.htm

If your Reunion Group is not listed, please complete the Reunion Group Information Form on the website and return it via email to:

COMMUNICATIONS@HISKYEMMAUS.COM

Sponsorship



Good sponsorship is vital to the integrity of Emmaus. It is also the most important job in Emmaus. Sponsorship is more than just "signing up people." Quality sponsorship is the life raft or our community which directly impacts the health of the Emmaus Movement.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and an invitation from someone who has already attended a Walk or a Flight - the sponsor. As you prayerfully consider whom you feel the Holy Spirit is directing you to sponsor, keep in mind The Upper Room's mission and objective of the Walk to Emmaus is to "Empower leaders through Emmaus and Chrysalis to be the hands and feet of Christ and to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work."

Hi-Sky continues to be blessed with great Pilgrims and our Lay Directors cannot wait to see the awesome Pilgrims our Community is going to sponsor this year. Get those applications turned in soon. We have walks coming up quickly!!