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Hi-Sky Emmaus

*Serving Christ and the Permian Basin since 1987.*

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### JULY

28th:  
Community Gathering

#### AUGUST

25th:  
Community Gathering

#### SEPTEMBER

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

22nd:  
Community Gathering



**Greetings Hi-Sky Emmaus Community!**

The last seven months have gone by quickly and have produced some great things. Great things like 4 awesome walks, 6 amazing community meetings, 2 wondrous Chrysalises. As we prepare for the last two incredible walks of the year, let's open our hearts, minds, ears and mouths and be earnestly searching for people who would greatly benefit from this experience called "Walk to Emmaus".

As we eagerly await the 2016 Emmaus year, the board would like everyone to prayerfully consider ways in which to enrich your own Emmaus experience, such as helping out on a committee, volunteering to provide snacks for community meetings, helping set up and break down before and after community meetings, helping keep Carol's Closet clean and organized, or helping out with the golf carts. There are many ways in which to be the Hands and Feet of Christ besides just sponsoring pilgrims and working walks. For more information, about getting plugged-in, contact one of the board members so we can provide you with information about your area of interest.

Shout-out to Rainbow's End Emmaus Community for co-hosting the Boys' Chrysalis this month. Thank You, we appreciate you all.

Thanks a lot and to God be the glory for giving us this wonderful gem from His treasure chest called The Walk to Emmaus. WE ARE SO BLESSED!!

DeColores,  
Martin Ramirez, Community Lay Director

## COMMUNITY

**TUESDAY, JULY 28th**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
3309 Neely Ave.

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

**Community Gathering:**  
7:00 p.m.

**Fellowship:**  
8:15 p.m.

## Men's Walk #223

Men's Walk #223 team has had its first two team meetings this past weekend and they were AWESOME!!

We are in need of someone to feed the team for our next team meeting which is on August 15th at Grace Presbyterian Church.

It goes without saying that we are also in need of pilgrims. So, please get your Reservation Requests in as soon as possible so that we can be praying for all the pilgrims by name.

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

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

Thank you for continuing to cover this team and the pilgrims we will serve with your prayers.

DeColores,  
Phillip Vandiver, Lay Director MW #223

## Food for Thought...



### I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM...

I think we can ALL agree, it is HOT outside!!!!

With that in mind, the Ladies who so graciously organize the snacks for each Community meeting will be providing the BASICS for an Ice Cream Sundae/Float Bar.

In addition to your love for ice cream, PLEASE bring a contribution for snack time (perhaps a bag or two of your favorite cookies) along with YOUR favorite toppings or beverage for this special ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!!!

As you have been blessed, PLEASE be a blessing.

Paula Yates  
Community Gatherings Chair



Hi-Sky Emmaus is proud to host The Upper Room's South Central Leadership Team who will be coming to Midland to provide Leadership Development 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 through leadership on a Walk or a Flight, within your local organization and/or on the Board of Directors.

**Date: Saturday, September 26, 2015**

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

**Place: Crestview Baptist Church**



## Flying With Christ

Hi-Sky Chrysalis had the pleasure this summer to change the lives of 25 young ladies on the Girl's Flight and, with the Rainbow's End Emmaus Community, to touch the lives of 23 young men on the Boy's Flight.

If you were fortunate enough to attend any of the weekend events for either of these Flights, you know without a doubt, that these young people were greatly impacted by their weekend experience. Each face was beaming from their opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love was revealed through other believers.

It's never too late to start thinking about the kids in your life who may benefit from the Chrysalis experience: transforming in Christ by dying to their old self through faith in God's accepting love; rising with Christ to a new self motivated by hope in their new life and continual growth that God gives them through faithful living; and, going forth with Christ as the "church" by joyfully sharing God's ministry through their life-changing Chrysalis experience - in other words "Flying with Christ."

## R.U.S.H. Swim Party & BBQ

**Saturday, August 1st**

Where:

4810 N. CR 1147 (Greenwood)  
Home of Evans & Lisa Etheredge



Time:

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



## GOLF CART TEAM

**Your help is greatly needed!!** Would you be willing to serve your Community by being on the Golf Cart Team? Hi-Sky desperately needs a few folks to serve on this team.

### Responsibilities/Requirements include:

- ✦ Securing a safe location to store the golf carts;
- ✦ A 14-foot trailer (at least) for hauling golf carts to and from Circle Six;
- ✦ Delivering the carts to Circle Six by Thursday at noon before each walk/flight;
- ✦ Retrieving the carts on Sunday after Closing;
- ✦ Maintaining the functionality/safety of carts: tires, batteries, cables, switches, etc.; and,
- ✦ Ensuring repairs are completed, as needed.

If you are interested and able to serve the Golf Cart Team, please contact Martin Ramirez at [ner1968@hotmail.com](mailto:ner1968@hotmail.com) or Steve Chilcoat at [scjchil@suddenlink.net](mailto:scjchil@suddenlink.net).



### **July Financial Report** (June 15th - July 18th)

Gross Profit:	\$11,285.00
Expenses:	\$17,014.35
Net Income:	(\$5,730.35)

### Financial Factoid:

Hi-Sky Emmaus offers \$50 scholarships to Pilgrims who are in need of assistance with Walk fees. Contact the Registrar or Treasurer



# Requirements to be a... LAY DIRECTOR

1. You must have attended a Walk to Emmaus as a pilgrim. *(Thank you for your help Captain Obvious.)* 😊
2. Serve on a walk weekend as an Assistant Table Leader.
3. Serve as a Table Leader.
4. Experience the great joy of the serving in the background on the Servant Team.
5. Sit at the St. Elsewhere table serving in the role of a new, first-time, Assistant Lay Director.
6. Serve again as an Assistant Lay Director...this time you're the experienced ALD.
7. Show spiritual and technical readiness to be a leader for the three day weekend.
8. Be actively involved in your church and in a reunion group.
9. Be willing to lead the Walk Weekend according to The Upper Room Emmaus model/covenant.
10. Actively participate in the Hi-Sky Emmaus 4th Day activities.

## Four Reasons Why Christian Action Is So Important?

### 1) You are never more like Christ than when you are serving others!

In Philippians 2:5-8, it says, "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found to be human in appearance; He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!"

### 2) Serving others allows us to understand the joy that follows sacrifice!

In Hebrews 12:2, it says, "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him, He endured the Cross and despised its shame." Jesus endured the pain and shame of the cross because He knew what would come out of it. Sometimes service is not pretty, but the joys and satisfaction that will result is worth every effort.

### 3) Serving others points people to Christ!

Matthew 5:16 says, "Just so, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." When we serve others, it brings glory to God and makes people think, "I wonder why he did that for me?" or "What makes her different?" Service is proof that we love God and it helps draw others to Him and His Church. "Actions speak louder than words" is an old saying and it sure is true!

### 4) Serving others is the way we show our love for God!

In Hebrews 6:10, it says, "For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for His Name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones." God is so proud and so happy when we serve others. And, while others may forget what you have done, Christ will never forget!

