

Hi-Sky Emmaus

Serving Christ and the Permian Basin since 1987.



Important Dates

February

26th: Community Gathering

March

26th: Community Gathering

April

23th: Community Gathering

25th-28th: Women's Walk # 239

May

28th: Community Gathering



Dear Community,

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as your Community Lay Director for 2018. We had some bumps, but we also had many praises. I am excited about what God has planned for us this year.

Please continue to support Ray and the board as we move forward.

I heard a sermon recently, actually it was just a conversation between a couple of friends, but it preached to me. She said when Jesus hung on that cross it was for our sins. There were no ifs and no conditions. It was for all and free for the asking. I think we need to serve Him and each other with that same finality. Too many of us say "I am willing to serve BUT ONLY if I can do such and such", and "only if so and so can serve with me". Shame on us. That isn't servanthood! My prayer is that each of us young and old alike become servants, true servants. Yes Jesus I will go, when you call me. Look for your opportunity to serve Christ this week in your most uncomfortable situation. It can be life changing. There are two amazing and humble Walk Lay Directors and two incredible and dedicated Chrysalis Flight Lay Directors ready to serve Hi-Sky Emmaus and the pilgrims and caterpillars God has planned to send. I encourage you all to serve Hi-Sky this year through your

prayers, you sponsorship, your time, your agape, and your hands and feet. May God bless each of you and this community.

De Colores, Pat Awbrey





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 27th - 30th at Circle Six. The Lay Director for this Flight is Colette Burandt.

We are joining with Rainbow's End for the Boy's Flight on July 18th - 21st at Circle Six. The Lay Director for the flight is Jason Taylor.

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

www.hiskyemmaus.com

Fly with Christ



TUESDAY, Februrary 26th Fannin Terrace Baptist Church

2800 Mogford St.

Babe-Chick: Community Gathering: Fellowship:

6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:15 p.m.

Childcare is available!



I hope all in the community are doing well! After a great January community gathering, I can't wait until the meeting in February! Hope to see everyone there and let us praise and worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Bring a friend old and new!

Ray Tercero Community Lay Director



We are excited to welcome the newest board members! A warm thank you to each of you for your willingness to serve the Hi-Sky Emmaus Community!

Rhonda Mariott

Ryan Stuart

Alicia Nettles

RAY O'DELL

Delaine Hale

GARY GIBSON

Melissa Shuler

JOHN MARK MASON

IT'S NOT ABOUT ME

As a new year begins with the Emmaus community, I would like to look back at the written purpose of Emmaus and help remind us all our purpose as disciples of Christ.

We read from the Emmaus Team Manual that the Emmaus Ministries exists to inspire, challenge, and equip local faith communities for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities, and places of work. This purpose does not come to full realization for its pilgrims during the Emmaus Ministries event itself but in the many days that follow. The team canon begins by saying, "It's not about me". The song from Frank Sinatra that some of you may remember "I Did It My Way" may sound inspiring, but it doesn't follow the Emmaus canon. We are not providing the "Walk to I-mmaus".

With the reading of our purpose at Emmaus, I would like to think about three questions to ask ourselves. The "what", the "why", and the "where".

We should ask ourselves what we are doing as a group of disciples of Jesus Christ. I would point to the scripture in Luke 9:23 where Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me". Jesus says daily, not monthly, or whenever we get the urge to follow him. This is the reason for the writing of the team canon as we are reminded to deny ourselves.

When we ask ourselves "why" at Emmaus, we should be able to point to the scripture from Luke 14:27 that reads, "whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple". Two things we are told in this scripture is to bear our own cross and come after Jesus, otherwise, we cannot be his disciple. The word "cannot" is very strong in that verse. So many times, we want to walk daily in our own way.

The third question asked is "where" we as disciples should be walking in our fourth days. Again, from scripture, we are commanded in Matthew 28: 18-20 to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing

them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you". And then Jesus promises us (you and I) that he is with us always, to the end of the age. We do not have to do these things on our own. We should rest in the fact that our Lord and Savior, our Shepherd, is here with us as we deny ourselves, follow Him, and build up and make disciples in our nation. Our nation includes our homes, churches, communities, and places of work.

The grace of the Lord be with you!

De Colores, Tim Pickerel I invite you to recall your pilgrim walk and the



YOU SAID TAKE UP LACROSSE AND FOLLOW YOU ... NOW WHAT?

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2019 Walks

Women's Walk

#239 April 25th-28th

Men's Walks

#240 Sept 19th-22nd

Flights

GF#62 June 27th-30th

BF#63 July 18th-21st

** 2019 Walk and Flight Forms ** are available on the website.

PRIORITIES

I invite you to recall you pilgrim walk and the very first talk (Priority) of the weekend as you think about changes you'd like to make for your 2019. 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 2018 and think about how you would like to prepare for 2019, 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.

De Colores

