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Big Country
Emmanuel
community

P.O. Box 7021
Abilene, TX 79608

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Big Country EMMANUEL community

*community gathers the 1st Tuesday
of each month.*

August 2 will be held at

Wylie Methodist Church, 3430 Antilley Rd.

Babe Chick Orientation at 6:00
Enjoy a Time of Praise & Worship at 6:30
Childcare is Provided for ages 9 and under.

August 2011

AUGUST 2011

Do you remember the name Derek Redmond from Olympic history? His story can help you understand the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Redmond arrived at the 1992 Olympic Summer Games in Barcelona determined to win a medal in the 400.

Derek's father Jim had accompanied him to Barcelona, and as race time approached for the semifinal 400 heat, Jim headed up to his seat at the top of Olympic Stadium, not far from where the Olympic torch was lit just a few days earlier. The stadium was packed with 65,000 fans, bracing themselves for one of the sport's greatest and most exciting spectacles.

The race began and Redmond broke from the pack, quickly seizing the lead. But in the backstretch, only 175 meters away from finishing, suddenly Derek felt—and heard—a pop in his right hamstring. He pulled up lame, as if he had been shot.

Redmond kept going for a while, hopping on one leg. Then he slowed down and fell to the track. At the same time, his dad, Jim raced down from the top row of the stands. In a moment that will live forever in the minds of millions, Jim Redmond ran out to his son, with two security people chasing after him. Jim reached his son and wrapped his arm around his waist.

"I'm here, son," Jim said softly. "We'll finish together."

Sixty-five thousand people cheered and clapped and cried as father and son, arm in arm, completed the race.

God isn't up in the grandstands watching us from a distance. He's down on the track with us, running with us, assisting us, helping us, holding us. Jesus said when he left he would ask the Father to send us the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit is how we *experience* God.

Unfortunately, some believers today are like those Paul found in Ephesus (Acts 19). "We have not even heard there *is* a Holy Spirit," they told him. Paul was happy to bring them up to speed!

In Luke 11:13, Jesus said, "God will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him." So, what are you waiting for?

De Colores,

Lynn Lawhon, Community Lay Director

2011 Walks

August 18-21, 2011

Men's Walk #173

Sid Grant

September 8-11, 2011

Women's Walk #174

Kim Cheek

October 13-16, 2011

Men's Walk #175

Steve Longmire

November 3-6, 2011

Women's Walk #176

Gale Wright

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

Our scholarship account is available for up to 1/2 of the cost (\$67.50) of attending a walk for pilgrims and caterpillars on Chrysalis flights. Also, high school and college age team members who work Chrysalis flights may apply for scholarships as well. Adult team members are not eligible for scholarship funds. Many, many pilgrims have been blessed to attend a walk when they were not able to pay the full price of the walk because of these scholarships. However, it has been a while since we have had to make a push for donations to replenish this account. Any amount that God would lead you to give will go toward only scholarships and would be greatly appreciated. Ask the Lord how He would have you bless others through your giving.

2011 Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director:
Lynn Lawhon—698-2392

Community Spiritual Director:
Squeaky Walker—672-4814

Asst. Community Lay Director/
Community Gathering:
Janel Young—572-3045

Past Community Lay Director/Team
Selection/Data Base:
Don Martin—529-3170

Secretary/Prayer Room
Tommie Moore—669-1911

Treasurer: Karen Gardner—673-2139

Fourth Day/Training:
Glenda Jones—695-2575 and
Aimee Colley—665-4530

Babe Chick Orientation:
Gale Wright—893-4177

Music /Technical Committee:
Doug Akers—893-2210

Candlelight/Trailer: Bob Jarrell
695-0498

Registration/Scholarship/Camp
Liaison: Lynn Lawhon—698-2392

Welcoming Committee:
Tom Cowley—529-3870

Sponsor's Hour: Lee Butler
518-2448

Clergy: Billy Crim—864-1508

Clergy: Jay Miller—665-4226

Chrysalis Community Lay Director:
David Scott—733-8239

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692-8437

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676-8133

Newsletter: Terri Murman—698-4294

Men's Walk #173—August 18-21

Sid Grant—Lay Director

Mark Hewitt—Spiritual Director

Men's #173 Team:

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| Allen Botkin | Billy Deel |
| Brent Steadman | David Scott |
| Dennis Calhoun | Dwayne Dossier |
| Gary Walker | James Denton |
| Jerry Bentley | Jimmy Hall |
| Kevin Carlton | Larry Brunner |
| Lee Butler | Lonnie Wende |
| Lowell Johnston | Lynn Lawhon |
| Mark Baxter | Mark Hewitt |
| Mark Hudson | Michael Atkins |
| Price Mathieson | Randy Reese |
| Rick Gilmore | Ron Smith |
| Sam Corn | Scott Beard |
| Scott Hay | Sid Grant |
| Steven Leggett | Terry Davis |
| Todd Yaddow | Tom Cowley |
| Walt Clemmer | |

Men's #173 Pilgrims: (As of 7-27-11)

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| Cliff Conn | Jason Chaney |
| Blake Kasper | Daron Franklin |
| Larry Horn | Torin Franklin |
| Cody Magruder | Rafe Harshberger |
| Jay Waller | Reggie Obosky |
| Curtis Abbe | Michael Shelton |

Agape drop off sites are: American Classifieds, 2903 N. 3rd, and Ingram Cleaners, 2666 Buffalo Gap Rd. Last pickup for both locations will be on Thursday, August 18 at 11:00 am.

PLEASE REMEMBER!!!!

The camp at Leuders on a **NON-SMOKING** facility. In fact, the designated smoking area granted to us for Walks is a deviation from their policy and was done as a courtesy to BCEC. Members of our community have been observed smoking outside the Chapel at Candlelight. If you see someone smoking, kindly ask them to refrain until they leave the Camp facility. Remember, we are GUESTS there.

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If you know of anyone who is not currently receiving the newsletter either by regular mail or email, please let me know. If you would like to have something published in the newsletter please e-mail or call Terri, 698-4294 by the

15th of the month.