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Big Country
Emmanuel
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Big Country Emmanuel community

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

December 6 will be held at

1st Church of the Nazarene, 2849 Beltways.

Babe Chick Orientation at 6:00

Enjoy a Time of Praise & Worship at 6:30

Childcare is Provided for ages 9 and under.

December 2011

DECEMBER 2011

How to be Used for God's Glory

Excuses, excuses.

When God calls us to do something, we've all used the same excuses Moses used. At the burning bush of Exodus 3, God called Moses to lead his people out of Egyptian slavery. Moses argued back, "Who me? I don't have what it takes! You've got the wrong person. Send someone else."

In a blog I read earlier, Jared Wilson said that such excuses don't exempt us from God's call but rather qualify us for God's call. Once we match God's answers to each of Moses' excuses we can see this.

Wilson said that God's reply to the excuses fall out like this:

Who am I to go for you?

Never mind who you are. That's irrelevant.

Exodus 3:11-12

Who are you for me to go for you?

I am GOD

Exodus 3:13-15

What if they don't believe me?

It's not your accomplishments you're testifying to, but mine.

Here, have some miracles.

Exodus 4:1-9

Me no talk good.

I use junk and jackasses all the time.

Exodus 4:10-11

Send somebody else!

I'll send somebody with you, not instead of you.

Exodus 4:13-16

God's answers do much more than just cancel Moses' pleas. They show how Moses was actually perfectly suited for God's call. And so are you And so are all of us in the Big Country Emmaus Community.

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Memorial Gifts

Making a memorial gift donation to Big Country Emmaus Scholarship fund is a great way to honor the memory of someone. This month a donation has been made in the memory of Betty Garrett, and in honor of the ministry of Squeaky Walker and Jayma Savage.

Chrysalis Corner

As we embark on yet another year of Prayer and Praising our Lord and Savior, basking in the light of His leadership, you, the Greater Emmaus Community, have chosen to add to our Chrysalis Community Board of Directors. Please stand with me to congratulate and welcome these: Roland Rud, Rich Blazier, Tyra Rud, Melissa Ledbetter, Mandy McClean. For those that will be departing, we offer a heartfelt thank you and want you to know..."well done." I am looking forward to serving God and the community. 2012 is going to be a blast.

Peace and Love

David Scott,

BCEC Chrysalis Lay Director, 2011

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

Chrysalis Spiritual Director:

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692-8437

Chrysalis Registrar: Mary Crymes

676-8133

Newsletter: Terri Murman—698-4294

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Wilson suggests five qualifications for responding to God's call:

First, be a nobody

Secondly, don't worry about your accomplishments or ability to persuade: What God has done—namely, in the historical good news of Jesus Christ—is a powerful persuasion all its own, and the Spirit will control who it stirs.

Thirdly, know God.

Fourthly, be unimpressive on your own.

Fifth, don't go it alone.

Good advice for those of us who know God has called us—or is calling us—for some task.

De Colores,
Lynn Lawhon,
Community Lay Director

We welcome our new members of the 2012 Big Country Emmaus Board of Directors:
John Randolph, Lane Jackson, Liz Blazier, and Brenda Baker.

God continues to bless Big Country Emmaus year after year with new pilgrims whose lives are forever changed through Walk to Emmaus, and for that we are eternally thankful. However, due to so many who have requested and been given scholarships, our scholarship fund is completely depleted. We continue to ask you to give to this fund to help replenish it so others may be blessed with scholarships in the future. But, until there is sufficient funds back in this account, **we will no longer be able to grant scholarships at this time.** Sponsors should do all they can to help their pilgrim obtain the necessary \$135 application fee. Remember that Big Country Emmaus is a non-profit organization so your gifts are tax-deductible and the end of the year is a great time for giving as God leads you. Thank you from your Big Country Emmaus Board of Directors.

Spring 2012 Walks; Boys and Girls Chrysalis

January 26-29, 2012

Men's Walk #177

Bo Whitaker

February 23-26, 2012

Women's Walk #178

Joyce Daffern

March 22-25, 2012

Men's Walk #179

Lynn Lawhon

April 19-22, 2012

Women's Walk #180

Carol Zullo

July 19-22, 2012

Girl's 53 Chrysalis

Rhonda Ritchie

July 19-22, 2012

Boy's 54 Chrysalis

Tommie Ross