



Golden Triangle Emmaus Community Newsletter

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Sustaining the Spirit...

Philippians

3:12 Not that I have already attained this – that is, I have not already been perfected – but I strive to lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus also laid hold of me. **3:13** Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have attained this. Instead I am single-minded: Forgetting the things that are behind and reaching out for the things that are ahead, **3:14** with this **goal in mind**, I strive toward the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **3:15** Therefore let those of us who are “perfect” embrace this point of view. If you think otherwise, God will reveal to you the error of your ways. **3:16** Nevertheless, let us live up to the standard that we have already attained.

Goal!!! In sports, the scoring of the goal is the most exhilarating moment. In sports, identifying the ultimate goal of the game is the easy part. Yet, baseball hitters fail about 7 out of 10 times just to get on base. Basketball players rarely hit more than half their shots. Hockey? I can't stand it because they so rarely achieve a goal. Every business has a goal and they often measure to see if they hit what they were aiming at each quarter. Their stock depends on accurate measures and reasonable goals.

Spiritual goals. Umm? Paul the Apostle said he had a goal. He was striving to lay hold of it. Christ had laid hold of him for that purpose. What was it that had his single focus, striving toward the prize, not yet perfected, not yet attained, forgetting the past and looking forward? **THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST! (Phil. 3:8) and BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH (v. 10) THAT BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE I MAY ATTAIN THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD (v. 11).**

GTEC
15-yr Celebration

Learning Ways to Serve Christ
April 25, 2009

Sustaining the Spirit...

Spiritual growth is the means toward *Christlikeness* and that is our goal all the way to heaven and to the resurrection. John Wesley called it “going on to perfection.”

Emmaus and the Emmaus community is one of the means of grace to help us grow spiritually and keep striving after the goal.

I hope you will pray for the Golden Triangle Community to reach its goals for the coming year. Specifically, that every walk will make with at least 20 people and those on the walk will be there by God’s providence.

I am humbled to follow many spiritual directors of the Golden Triangle Community who came before me who led toward the goal of *Christlikeness*. Pray for me to stay focused on that. Keep Rev. David Green, pastor of St. Paul’s UMC in Bridge City, in your prayers. David had to focus on the goal of keeping his church together and recovering from Hurricane Ike. What are your spiritual goals right now in your life?

Community Lay Director Writes...

Greetings from your Community Lay Director

Purpose of Emmaus

The purpose of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work; and to renew the church through Christian Leadership. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

So the question is how do we know if we have a successful Emmaus Community? Is it by the number of people who attend our gatherings? Or is it by how many walks we plan each year? Or how many pilgrims names we add to our book?

We may never see the fruits of our labor. Emmaus is truly Kingdom work. It is an investment in other churches and people we don't even know. The success of the Emmaus Community is determined in the willingness of it's servants to do the work God has called them to do. Emmaus is only one of the many ministries that we are able to bring others to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The concept of Emmaus is built on God's Grace coupled with Christian Action. When this is shared with others the body of Christ is renewed and strengthened.

It is my hope and prayer that this community flourishes in its service to the Lord and to our fellow Christians.

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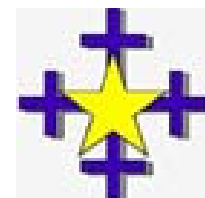
Harry Cronk, GTC Community Lay Director



Kairos

Currently in Texas, 172,000 are incarcerated (1 out of 9 people). This does not include those out on parole or waiting for trial/sentencing. If an inmate is not involved with a Christian ministry the recidivism rate is 62%. If an inmate is so involved, the rate drops to 37%. Many of these men & women will be returning to our communities, working in stores, serving our food, etc. The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. Each Kairos weekend serves 42 men as participants. The cost to put on a weekend is approximately \$300 per participant and is paid for by donations of money or donations in kind. Do you remember how you felt after your weekend? Imagine how these men feel after 72 hours of experiencing God's love. Would you consider becoming a Kairos volunteer. There are many needs: Be a team member, Be a prayer partner, Be a support volunteer, Be a sponsor, or be a cookie baker. Contact us for more information. Kairos Stiles next weekend is March 19th to 22nd. There is no time like the present to become a part of Kairos.

Scott Miller



Epiphany

The next epiphany will be Feb. 5-8, 2009. We will begin team meetings sometime in December. Anyone who is interested in working an Epiphany can contact Dawn Irwin, the next Lay Director, at dynamicdawn@sbcglobal.net or Paul Boutte at srboutte59@yahoo.com.

The staff at the Al Price Unit have made some positive comments about how Epiphany has changed some of the young men. Very encouraging! The young men ask a lot about when they can go to an Epiphany. We always need much prayer for all of the Al Price Unit. Great and mighty things are occurring at the facility. Our God is an awesome God.

The next Epiphany...

(For young men & women who are in the custody of Juvenile Justice Facilities)

Epiphany Walk

February 5-8, 2009

LD – Dawn Irwin

Chrysalis Community



Greetings from the Chrysalis Community!

I have the honor of serving as the GTCC Lay Director this year. I have been involved with Chrysalis since 2002. I have seen the powerful impact God has on the lives of youth through this tool called Chrysalis.

This will be a very exciting year as we prepare for our Chrysalis Flights in June and our **first** Chrysalis Journeys in August 2009. Chrysalis Journey weekends are for ages 19-24 year olds. Chrysalis Flight weekends are for youth who have finished ninth grade to new high school graduates. Prayerfully consider serving on a Chrysalis flight and/or a Chrysalis Journey. We will need youth and adult team members, weekend support and lots of prayer. You can find more information, as well as team and caterpillar applications on our website:

<http://goldentrianglechrysalis.org>

I would like to thank the Emmaus board for all the support and encouragement in planning our first Chrysalis Journeys.

The Chrysalis Steering Committee is always looking for people with a heart for youth who are willing to serve. If you are interested in attending Committee meetings or serving on the committee, check the website for time and location. We would love to see you there.

Fly With Christ!
Leisa Hargrove

2009 Chrysalis Flight Dates

(Open to youth who have finished 9th grade to new high school graduates, 15-18)

Girl's Flight #25 June 11-14 LD – Gay Ferguson

Boy's Flight #26 June 18-21 LD – David Edgar

2009 Chrysalis Journey Dates

(Open to young adults, 19-24)

Girl's Journey #1 August 6-9

Boy's Journey #2 August 13-16

2009 & 2010 GTEC Walk Schedule

Walk #	Date	Lay Director
Men's Walk #121	Feb.26-March 1, 2009	Gage Barker
Women's Walk #122	March 26-29, 2009	Beth Melancon
Men's Walk #123	May 21-24, 2009	Jimmy Simms
Women's Walk #124	July 23-26, 2009	Donna Windhorst
Men's Walk #125	Sept. 24-27, 2009	Bryan Blevins
Women's Walk #126	October 22-25, 2009	Virginia Cunningham
Men's Walk #127	January 28-31, 2010	tbd
Women's Walk #128	February 25-28, 2010	tbd
Men's Walk #129	May 20-23, 2010	tbd
Women's Walk #130	July 22-25, 2010	tbd
Men's Walk #131	Sept. 23-26, 2010	tbd
Women's Walk #132	October 21-24, 2010	tbd

*Remember team application
need to be turned in at least
4 months prior to the walk.
Applications can be*

Candlelight: Saturday 8pm

Closing: Sunday 4pm

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Gatherings are usually held on the
3rd Saturday of the month at various
churches. Snack supper is at 6:00pm
→ bring your family and your food.

Worship follows at 7:00pm.

Everyone is invited to gatherings!
PLEASE attend the gatherings – it is
wonderful food, fun and fellowship!

*Check the website as well for
upcoming gatherings.*



GTEC Community Gatherings

11/15/2008.....Aldersgate UMC

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honk!"**

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church this Sunday!"**

**"Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your
Bible."**

**"Satan subtracts and divides. God
multiplies and multiplies."**

"God answers kneemail!"