



NorthEast Texas EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Walks and Flights

Greetings

FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

2010 Walks

**Women's Walk #10-108 Sept. 23-26
Led by Annette Horne**

**Men's Walk #10-109 Oct. 21-24
Led by Clif Wilkerson**

Greetings to all,

Yep, summer is just about over. I hope the heat and humidity have not gotten the best of you. It is once again time to consider our upcoming walks. The Women's walk will be September 23rd through the 26th led by Annette Horne. I understand the walk is currently full. What a blessing! But if you have someone in mind to be a pilgrim, go ahead and submit her application... someone may need to drop off. The Men's walk will be October 21st through 24th led by Clif Wilkerson. That walk is not currently full, but filling up fast. If you have a pilgrim for that walk, submit the app soon. It is such a blessing to watch our friends experience God's grace on one of these weekends.

In July, we had two successful Chrysalis flights. The Girl's flight, led by Brenda Potts had 19 caterpillars and the Boy's flight, led by Sam Yancy had 18. What a blessing to see our youth further their walks with Christ! Great job all who worked with them! On the Saturday night after the second flight they had a Hoot (Chrysalis version of a gathering) in Avery. Reportedly it was a huge success. Consider any youth you might send to the upcoming flights in January. Chrysalis is, also, in need of people to serve on the teams, both adults and youth. I have worked several flights in the past and I have always received more than I gave. The blessing has always been mine.

Sadly, Dawn Trickey resigned from the Emmaus board because of other current commitments she has. Dawn has done a great job as secretary and will be missed. But on a positive note, Nancy Rooks has agreed to serve the remainder of her term. Let us all be willing to support Nancy in this undertaking.

Hope to see you all in September.

Blessings,
Sue Lambert

From Mike McCurry: Taken from Snopes.com
An excerpt

Forty years ago today two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it.

Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his pastor to help him. And so the pastor consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. And Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon.

He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the Scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.'

I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare [sic], the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly. I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility . It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

And of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon — and Who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

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R.E.C. Website

R.E.C. has its' own web site now!

www.txrec.org/

Web Links

If you're looking for Emmaus "stuff", here are some great web sites:

www.singstherooster.com

www.doveinc.com

www.cursilloitems.com

www.rainbowsandpromises.com

www.webfodder.com/decolores/

www.cokesbury.com

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