



# Golden Triangle Emmaus Community Newsletter

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## Sustaining the Spirit...

### Temptation

Temptations! A great Motown quintet. A scrumptious dessert. One of our daily pains. We are taught to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (the evil one). The Lord never leads us into temptation, but the Lord leads us into battle against the evils and injustices of this world that would draw us away from Him. The Lord allows us to undergo various trials that test us, but testing is to reveal character. This is aimed at our good. Temptation persuades into sin. Temptation is not the sin. The choice is the sin. Adam and Eve had only one choice to make. They could not stay on a diet any better than the rest of us. That original sin of eating from the tree showed that temptations greatest power is to persuade us to believe that we will be happier and more fulfilled if we just have that one more thing, someone else's stuff, wife, career, car, appearance, gifts or *fill in the blank*. So, what temptations do you face in your walk with Christ? Is it the temptation to give in and give up because I just can't live it out? You can't, but He can. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work in you, the Lord is completing His good work in you. He's not done yet.

Lexy Fowler, a sheep rancher, tried everything she knew to keep the coyotes from killing her sheep: odor sprays, electric fences, corrals, 'scare-coyotes', and sleeping in the pen. The southern Montana rancher lost dozens and dozens of sheep until she discovered the Llama. Llamas seem to have no fear of anything. They are aggressive and walk straight toward a predator. Coyotes don't like that. So, with a few Llamas mixed in with the sheep, the coyotes rarely win and often don't even mess with the sheep. **James 4:7** says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (like a coyote with a Llama in the way). Think Llama. Have the mind that was in Christ and let the power of the Holy Spirit work in you.

De Colores

Community Spiritual Director  
Rick Sitton

## Community Lay Director Writes...

### Greetings from your Community Lay Director

De Colores!

Greetings to you all in this New Year! The board would like to thank Theresa “Maw Maw T” Cowart who has been extremely busy planning for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Temple in Port Arthur. The Celebration will begin at 2 PM with singing. We will then have a few short break-out Sessions before coming together again for singing. This Celebration will be held in conjunction with the April Gathering and we would like everyone to attend! Catch the excitement all over again!

We would love to have everyone remind people in their church that may have gone on their walk several years ago. My plan this year as your Community Lay Director is to try to revive the love and commitment in this community. Remember what Emmaus has done for you and how it has changed your life. There are still many people out there that need that change too. Getting back to the Model doesn't mean it will be any less powerful for others and the new Pilgrims don't know what changes were made over the years to make Emmaus “better” according to some.

Please continue to pray for our Community, your Board of Directors and the wonderful program of Emmaus that has been entrusted to us by the Upper Room.

**Blessings**

**Johnna Cormier, GTC Community Lay Director**

## Walk #122 Lay Director Writes...

Hello Everyone:

Just a little note to let everyone know that Women's Walk #122 is underway in the team building process and all is well. I marvel how God weaves together His tapestry masterpiece. As we are previewing talks, learning about one another, praying with one another, a team member shared with me that after previewing the first few talks she wrote the words "Life Journeys" and I shared I had written "Hope". We believe we will experience and share with one another our Life Journeys of Hope. God is so good to us, He is a God of hope and Christ living in us is our hope of sharing in God's glory.

Just to let all of you know due to damage to the Mallory Center, **Women's Walk #122 will take place in Port Arthur at Aldersgate not in Orange.** Please help us get the word out to the Emmaus Community of this change. Also, please be in prayer for a hedge of protection around the team and the pilgrims as we draw near to our Lord and Women's Walk #122.

De Colores  
In His Service,  
Beth Melancon

**GTEC**  
**15-yr Celebration**  
**Learning Ways to Serve Christ**  
**April 18, 2009**  
**2pm**

## Chrysalis Community



### Greetings from the Chrysalis Community!

Chrysalis is a 3-day retreat during the month of June that aims to impact high-school aged youth. The weekend focuses around helping teens become more like Christ and learn to include Him in their everyday life. "Chrysalis was an amazing experience," Taylor VanDevender said. "It taught me that love is the easiest way to reach someone and that God understands when I make silly mistakes, but He loves me anyway." Chrysalis is open to all youth between the ages of 15 and 18, or from exiting 9th grade to exiting 12th grade. It is NOT too early to register a caterpillar! Please prayerfully consider sponsoring sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, or other teenagers that you know. We also need team members for the flights! The girls' flight is June 11-14 and the boys' flight is June 18-21. To sponsor a caterpillar, apply to serve on the team, or just learn more about Chrysalis, please visit our website at [www.goldentrianglechrysalis.com](http://www.goldentrianglechrysalis.com).

### 2009 Chrysalis Flight Dates

(Open to youth who have finished 9<sup>th</sup> 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	Theresa Lisenby
Men's Walk #127	January 28-31, 2010	Charlie Waldron
Women's Walk #128	February 25-28, 2010	Cindy Deranger
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – we have reformatted the event so that there is less talk and more worship, music & praise!

*Check the website as well for upcoming gatherings.*

**Corner Laugh**



**GTEC Community Gatherings**

**03/21/2009.....Aldersgate Trinity UMC**  
3600 Memorial Blvd

**04/18/2009.....United Methodist Temple**  
4101 Highway 73, Port Arthur

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**FUNNY CHURCH BULLETINS**

**Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.**

**Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.**

**For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**

**This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.**

**A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.**

**The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.**