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Words from your Lay Director

Greetings from a very excited Lay Director! We had so much fun at Caprock Canyons State Park. The food was excellent! It always tastes better out in the wide open plains. There was more than enough watermelon to go around. Anyone who wanted one, took one home. Thanks Quitaque and others for hosting us. Ron Brunson and his team of singers led us in some fun Emmaus songs played country-western style. They were great! You’ll have to ask someone who was there about the 4th Day talk. If I said anything it I would be bragging, ‘cause I gave the talk. All I can say is, it was inspired by God.

You never know how or what God is going to give you to write about.

Here’s an interesting story. The next time you see geese heading south for the winter, flying along in V-formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It seems that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V-formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Christians who share a common direction and a sense of community can also get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust and uplift of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation, to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same way we are going. When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the formation and another goose flies point. It pays to take turns doing hard jobs with people at church or with geese flying south. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. What do we say when we honk from behind?

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gun shot and falls, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is able to fly or until he is dead; and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their original group.

I believe these geese can show us, the community, a deeper understanding of true servant hood. The geese who helped each other shared. Sharing is both serving and giving. It’s a part of being a servant. As a community we believe that it is the privilege of the Christian to dedicate what he has and what he is to God. We commonly speak of time, talents, and possessions. How we use these is a choice we make which indicates the depth of our faith.

Just like the geese, when we unite and share in a common direction, our community will stay strong. Know that by being a member of Living Water Emmaus Community you are loved and cared for just like the goose who fell out of formation. We belong to each other and when one is hurting we want to help out and get back into the unity of the community.

Walk #54 will begin October 12 and go through the 16th. As of the time I write this letter, there are 31 ladies who are registered to walk with Jesus and have their lives changed forever. By Oct. 12, I am believing that 36 women will be registered and have 72 hours to spend with Jesus. Thank you, community, for answering God’s call. Remember, He has no other hands or feet but ours and He is counting on us.

De Colores!

Don Sanders

Community Gathering
-- Oct. 19 --

First Methodist, Tulia

119 N Briscoe

Meal 6:30 pm
Worship 7:30 pm

Guests are welcome. A nursery will be provided.

Bring your favorite dishes. Wear your name tag. Bring your worship book. Come to share in the fun and fellowship!

LIVING WATER BOARD meets at 5:30 pm.

SPONSOR’S TRAINING will be held at 6:00 pm with Elaine Barrett as leader. The Board invites and urges all new community members and others who have never sponsored a pilgrim, and anyone who has not been through a recent training class to participate. The class will last for 30 minutes.

Being a sponsor is one of the most important roles of the Walk To Emmaus. Several areas must be covered in order for the pilgrim to have an exciting and successful walk.

WORSHIP begins at 7:30 with praise songs, and closes with communion.

Emmaus Event To Be In Houston

An Emmaus celebration is scheduled Nov. 3-4 at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston. The event is hosted by West Emmaus/Chrysalis Communities. For more information, contact Dick and Fran Adams, 713-464-4957 or e-mail:

rhadams7@yahoo.com or go to
www.upperroom.org/emmaus/
gatherings

LIVING WATER WOMEN’S WALK # 52, OCT. 12 - 15

PILGRIMS		
Irene Almaraz	Stephanie Benson	Karen Boyce
Breanna Burge	Glyndene Burns	Mitzi Clark
Shonda Chancey	Minnie Collett	Cheryl Cox
Cathy Davis	LaDonna Davis	Lillie Davis
Hope DeLeon	Sandra Edwards	Lori Flemons
Elizabeth Franklin	Leeona Garlitz	Jewel Gipson
Kim Gleghorn	Diana Hale	Julie Heath
Kathleen Hulse	Tamara Horton	Joy Holcomb
Marvina Mason	Jane Murrell	Jo Ann Nunez
Christina Ruyne	Adrianne Sistrunk	Felicia Valles
Irene Vera	(This list is subject to change.)	

TEAM		
Donna Burnett, lay director	Max Browning, spiritual director	
Cheryl Teeter	Sue Johnson	Neysa Carmichael
Debbie Crosby	Jane Morphis	Gwen Thrasher
Janie Keller	Stacie Hardage	Brenda Morton
Gwen Willis	Shelly Thrasher	Debra Lee
Sheri Warren	Doris Howell	Adeela Harrell
Donna K Burnett	Virginia Williams	Connie Burnett
Kayla Edwards	Valerie Moore	Billie Reynolds
Clergy:	Marianne Brunson	Dennis Hartley
LaQuita Jones	Glenda Johnson	
Servant Team:	Cindy Olson	Kim Kruse
Kelly Prayor	Frankie Watson	Cindy Ahrens
Cindy Bartram	Cindy Willis	

UPCOMING WALKS	
# 53	Men’s Walk Jan. 18-21, 2007 Plains Baptist Assembly Melvin Vanlandingham, lay director Ron Brunson, spiritual director
# 54	Women’s Walk Mar. 8-11, 2007 Plains Baptist Assembly Alice Gilroy, lay director Sherman Aten, spiritual director
# 55	Men’s Walk July 12-15, 2007 Wayland Baptist University
# 56	Women’s Walk Oct. 11-14, 2007 Plains Baptist Assembly Men’s Registrar Darral Bryant 806-774-3648 or 806-771-5271 Women’s Registrar Nancy Martin 806-729-3817

Please pray for the board and prospective office holders as the process of finding leaders for our community is going on.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY GATHERINGS	
Oct. 19	1st Methodist, Tulia
Nov. 16	
Dec. 14	1st Baptist, Cotton Center
Jan. 11	College Heights Baptist, Plainview
Call Tonya Stokes at 806-293-4448 to list your church on the schedule. The month of November is available.	
Also, it is important to let Tonya know of any changes.	

WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE SET AT MUNCY ON OCT. 21	
“Join in the Journey 2006” is theme of the women’s Christian conference to be held Oct. 21 at Muncy (halfway between Floydada and Lockney). Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Conference hours are from 9 am to 4 pm. Proceeds benefit the Christian Women’s Job Corps NOW. Child care is available at First Baptist Church in Floydada by reservation. Call 983-3755 and leave the each child’s name, age, address and a call back phone number. Emcee will be Jody Wilson of Borger (formerly of Petersburg). Music will be led by Tammy Payne Aten. Speakers	Include Hilda Almaraz of Emmanuel Worship Center Assembly of God, Lubbock; Pam Kanaly and Shelley Pulliam, co-founders of Arise Ministries in Edmond, OK ; and Tracey Puckett Brock of Grace Thru Faith Fellowship Church in Dumas. The conference was organized by several women from Floyd County. Information may be obtained at www.joininthejourney.org Registration may be done by calling Connie Johnson at 983-3603 or 983-3441; Janis Julian at 983-2713, or Kay Martin at 652-3594 or 652-3386.

WALK INFORMATION FOR PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY NEAR FLOYDADA
FOOD AGAPE - Bring to send-off on Thursday night Oct. 12 to the kitchen of the Jubilee Conference Center. If your pilgrim has special food needs, please provide them. If food agape is brought after Thursday night, leave it in the Agape Room on the end of the building.
PLACEMATS - Bring for all eight meals on Thursday night to the Agape Room. These must all be there at that time!!
AGAPE GIFTS - Bring Thursday night to the Agape Room in Jubilee Conference Center. To assist the servant team, your cooperation is appreciated on the following: - Do NOT “personalize” agape with pilgrims’ names. (Of course, it is OK to include your name or the name of the reunion group providing the agape.) - Do NOT bring personal gifts for pilgrims. (Give after the walk.) - Do NOT bring any agape after Friday noon.
CAMERAS - Please do NOT bring cameras to send-off, candlelight or closing. The only pictures made during a walk will be of table groups.

SEND-OFF, OCT. 12 - Gather in the Worship Center by 7 pm. Immediately following will be Sponsors’ Hour in Jubilee Conference Center Chapel.

CANDLELIGHT, OCT. 14 - Do not arrive at the Worship Center before 7:30 pm. This will help to keep your presence a surprise! Worship service will begin about 8:30 pm. The pilgrims are scheduled to arrive at Candlelight at 10 pm.

CLOSING, OCT. 15 - Do not arrive earlier than 3:30 pm. Worship service will begin about 4:30, with the pilgrims scheduled to arrive between 4:45 and 5:00. Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up after closing.