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# LIVING WATER

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## Words from your Lay Director

Happy, Blessed New Year!

Many thanks to the Living Water Emmaus Community for your vote of confidence in selecting me as your lay director for 2007. What an honor and privilege to be asked to follow in the footsteps of Don Sanders, whom we all love and adore. A job well, Don. By the way, is the “golden pen” in the mail? I do recall you telling me that you will be present at the board meetings through this year. Be sure and bring your comforting smile.

My answer to this call is definitely a “God Thing”. You know the one I’m talking about. “He doesn’t call the equipped, He equips the one He calls”. There is an old hymn that says, “Where He leads me, I will follow, Where He leads me, I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow. I’ll go with Him, with Him, all the way.” Get on board. Jesus is at the reign.

Wasn’t the community meeting at the First Baptist Church in Cotton Center awesome? That dimly-lit chapel, clothed in its Christmas decor, was so welcoming for our worship service after the great meal we shared together. Thank you for hosting us as we celebrated the time of our dear Savior’s birth.

Ed Marks, thank you and the praise team for those wonderful, sweet Christmas carols of long ago. They brought such joy and comfort in that wonderful setting with the body of Christ all in one accord.

Murlyn Keller, thanks to you for answering the call in Kelly Warren’s absence. No one would have known it was your first time to lead the worship had you not said so. There’s that “God Thing” again. We are so blessed with such great clergymen.

And then there was Christine Ruyne from Walk #52 who graciously shared her testimony/Fourth Day with us. What a journey from Germany to West Texas with God leading all the way. Your heartfelt words pulled a lot of heart strings. Thanks so much and welcome to you and your family to the “Prarie Land” of West Texas.

As we move into 2007, let us make a resolution within the body of Christ to make ourselves available to those in need. I came across a poem which ministered to me, and I want to share it with you.

### “A Ringing Means of Grace”

With the push of seven digits, You can intersect a life.  
You can listen to a frazzled friend, Or calm a grieving wife.

You can pray for someone’s wayward son, Or whisper words of hope.  
You can read a verse of scripture, Just to help the stress-prone to cope.

You can laugh with the lighthearted. You can lift a downcast face.  
You can keep someone from giving up, By simply touching base.

I’m sure that Alexander Bell Never imagined the place  
His telephone would take As a ringing “means of Grace”

-- Greg Asimakoupoulos

Will you answer the call? You may be the only Jesus someone meets.

De Colores!

Sue Johnson

(more from Sue Johnson on page two.)

Community Gathering  
-- Jan. 11--

College Heights Baptist,  
802 Quincy, Plainview

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.

### UPCOMING

#### COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Jan. 11 College Heights Baptist,  
Plainview  
Feb. 15 1st Methodist,  
Hale Center

Call Tonya Stokes at 806-293-4448 to list your church on the schedule. Also, it is important to let Tonya know of any changes.

LIVING WATER MEN’S WALK # 53, JAN. 18 - 21

PILGRIMS

Darryl Bryant	Kerry Bearden	Jerry Beck
Johnny Boyce	Travis Burge	Craig Ellison
Tyson Evans	Paul Goad	Ronny Green
John Hernandez	Marty Hobgood	Danny Ivy
Keevin Johnson	Karl Knox	Josh Lambert
Grady Maples	Jeff Marler	Matt Morton
Mike Pesina	Joshua Rieff	Steve Rohde
Alan Sadberry	Bart Sadler	Sam Sadler
P. J. Schmidt	Dexter Spalding	Danny Sides
Ken Wood	Eddy Young	

(This list is subject to change.)

TEAM

Melvin Vanlandinham, lay director	Ron Brunson, spiritual director	
T. Coe Branch	Bryan Edwards	Jerry Ford
Lyall Foster	Keith Green	David Howell
Boyd Lee	Phil Lemons	Barry Miller
Sam Moore	Joey Myrick	James Race
Keith Roden	Richard Rockwell	Billy Scott
Patt Terrell		
Clergy:	Murlyn Keller	Jeff Moore
	Michael Summers	Rance Young
Music:	Michael DeLeon	Rick Huffines
	Jeff Vanlandingham	
Servant Team:	Jack Ball	Dewitt Crosby
Tim Johnson	Heath McKinney	Larry Trimble

UPCOMING WALKS

- # 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 806-928-1344  
or 806-771-5271  
  
Women’s Registrar  
Nancy Martin 806-729-3817

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Deadline for articles for the newsletter is the first of each month. Articles may be mailed to Box 460, Lockney 79241, or e-mailed to paul.gayle.schacht@sbcglobal.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tommy Horsford, Doris Howell, Alice Vanlandingham and Don Warren all completed in December their terms on the Living Water Emmaus Community board. At the December community gathering, Don Sanders expressed thanks for the hours they put in to make Living Water the awesome community it is. Replacing them will be Kenny Chance, Terry Blocker and Jessica Davis.

Plains Baptist Assembly near Floydada is in transition with a new director and staff. The LW board expects that fees will be raised, causing walk costs to go higher.

Sponsors of pilgrims on Walk #52 are being asked to pay for any books that their pilgrims may have taken home from the book table.

NAME TAG ORDERS

Persons wishing to order new name tags should send a \$5.00 check to Living Water Emmaus Community, P. O. Box 1895, Plainview, Texas 79073-1895.

If you have lost your lanyard, and also need another cross, , the charge for the cross is an additional \$3.00. There is no charge for the “crocheted” lanyard.

Please send the following information with your order: Name, church, hometown, and mailing address. Tags will be ordered ASAP and returned to you via mail.

WALK INFORMATION FOR PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY NEAR FLOYDADA

**FOOD AGAPE** - Bring to send-off on Thursday night Jan. 18 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, JAN. 18** - Gather in the Worship Center by 7 pm. Immediately following will be Sponsors’ Hour in Jubilee Conference Center Chapel.

**CANDLELIGHT, JAN. 20** - 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, JAN. 21** - 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.

**Words from Your Lay Director**  
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Don’t forget our Jan. 11 community gathering at College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview. We really are going to dedicate the team of Walk # 53 with Melvin Vanlandingham, lay director, and Ron Brunson, spiritual director, as they and their team prepare to follow where He leads them on Walk # 53.

Also keep the upcoming Kairos Ministry in our area in your prayers.

Please keep the Living Water board in your prayers as they prayerfully seek new members for the team selection committee and the nominating committee.