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LIVING WATER

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Words from your Lay Director

What a lovely time of praise and worship we experienced within the Body of Christ at College Heights Baptist Church in in January. Thank you Church family for your gracious hospitality. The tables were spread with great food as we fellowshiped with loving friends of the Living Water Emmaus Community. Zechariah’s Song, wow guys, the praise you led us in opened our minds and our hearts to welcome in the Spirit of God. as our spiritual director Kelly Warren led us in worship and holy communion. I don’t know about you, but I could not think of a better way to start 2007 than with the family of God in praise & worship to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our hearts were touched as Howard Steffens humbled himself before God with his Fourth Day talk. Thank you Howard & may God bless you in all your fourth days.

I spent many hours this past “walk #53” weekend absorbing my new role as community lay director. In summation, I was totally blown away by every unselfish & generous act of Agape love. The weather prediction was grim. I’m sure there were those that figured the walk would be cancelled. In all honesty, the thought crossed my mind. But because of the God we serve, in all His perfection, walk #53 was divinely carried out according to His will. It was definitely no accident that those 36 pilgrims were right where God wanted them just at the right time in their walk with Jesus. Never did I see a frown or look of discouragement on the faces of team members, pilgrims, or community members. With every snow flake that fell & very icy crystal that formed on God’s creation, made me marvel at the beauty of God’s love. Sure, the conditions were slightly uncomfortable, but He never said it would be easy. After all John 3:16 says “God loved the world so much that He gave His one & only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life”. There is no greater love than this.

I hope to see you at our February 15th community gathering at the First Methodist Church in Hale Center. Be in constant prayer for pilgrims for walk #54, Alice Gilroy-lay director & Sherman Aten-spiritual director on March 8-11 at Plains Baptist Assembly. We will be dedicating the team of walk #54 during our worship service.

Once again, pray for our board members and our community as a whole. God’s desire is that we love Him as He loves us. Don’t forget to tell your special someone how much you love them this Valentines day and everyday. I must not forget to say :Way to go Living Water Emmaus Community for your generous offering to the Lord in January at College Heights. “May your cup runneth over.

De Colores!

Sue Johnson

Community Gathering -- Feb. 15--

First Methodist,
202 W. Stevenson, Hale Center

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

Feb. 15	1st Methodist, Hale Center
Mar. 15	Host Needed
Apr. 19	Host Needed

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.

Welcome New Members from Walk #53

Darryl Barrett	Kerry Bearden	Jerry Beck
Johnny Boyce	John Brunson	Travis Burge
Thomas Campbell	Donnie Childers	Craig Ellison
James Espinoza	Tyson Evans	Paul Goad
Jonathan Folsom	Ronny Green	Stuart Halm
John Hernandez	Marty Hobgood	Alex Hill
Clint Hunt	Danny Ivy	Keevin Johnson
Matt Keeney	Harold Keeter	Karl Knox
Josh Lambert	Jeff Marler	Kevin Martin
Scott Perkins	Mike Pesina	Joshua Rieff
Steve Rohde	Bart Sadler	Sam Sadler
P. J. Schmidt	Greg Tucker	Eddy Young

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
Larry Stokes, lay director
Roger Foote,
spiritual director
- # 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

Walk cost is still \$100

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

Please send any change of address to Kayla Edwards so that you can receive your newsletter. God Bless !

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Deadline for articles for the newsletter is the first of each month. Articles may be mailed to 2807 W. 10th St. Plainview, TX 79072, or e-mailed to kayla_edwards@sbcglobal.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Walk cost will remain at \$100 through March.

Pilgrims are needed for the March walk #54, I’m sure you know someone who would love to grow closer to God.

New LW Board committee members:

Nominating Committee:
2yr. Term Neysa Carmichael
Doug Oldfield
Joe Barrera
1yr. Term Janet Pyle --Chair
Elaine Barrett
Dee Chance

Team Selection Committee:
2yr. Term Terry Blocker
Sam Moore
Marsha Sanders
1yr. Term Debbie Crosby --Chair
Marilyn Koelder
Ethyl Edwards

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Kayla Edwards will be taking over the newsletter form Gayle Schacht. She has been your editor since 2003. She has done a great job and we all appreciate the time and effort she has put into the Emmaus family. Thank you Gayle for all you’ve done and all that

Pilgrims needed
Walk #54

As of Feb.1
only 8
signed up !!!!

THANKS COMMUNITY FROM
WALK# 53

We would like to thank the members of the Living Water Emmaus Community for all of their prayers, agape, food and, oh yes, prayers. Thanks to all of the ones who ventured out on those icy roads to pray with speakers, help with agape, set up agape feast, and attend candlelight and oh, by the way, for your prayers.

Our God is an awesome God. He moved into that camp on Thursday night and His love surrounded everyone, pilgrims and team alike. I have never experienced His presence like I did this week-end. Truly, this was God’s Walk. From the team selection process to the team meetings and the placement of pilgrims on this Walk, it was truly God’s Walk. I have never seen God take over a Walk from the beginning and totally take control for the entire 72 hours like He did on this one. He is truly strong in our weaknesses. As I told everyone at closing, when I walked through that accordion divider at the rear of the worship center on Thursday night, it felt as if the weight of the world was lifted off of my shoulders and My Savior said to me, " Melvin, your job is over. Now, just sit back, hang on and enjoy the ride, I’ll take over from here." And He did.

What we originally considered a detriment to the Walk, turned out to provide a beautiful backdrop to an already beautiful setting. The snow did not interfere with the movement of the Holy Spirit. Barry Miller pointed out to me that when we left to go in to Dying Moments, the sky was overcast and it was snowing and dreary, but when we came out the Son was shining brightly on the new fallen snow and that was representative of what He had done for everyone during our Dying Moments. We were all as clean as the new fallen snow. We serve an awesome God.

Thanks to the Pilgrims for their openness, the team for their dedication, and the community for your acts of agape on our behalf and oh yes, did I mention your Prayers. A special thanks to the most awesome Servant Team ever. Thanks, Dewitt, Tim, Larry, Heath, Jack, and David for your servants heart.

Love in Him
Melvin