

Men’s Walk #55
July 12-15, 2007

Community: May 17, 2007
Colonial Baptist
910 Kokomo
Plainview, TX

LIVING WATER

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Words from your Lay Director

Luke 24:29
But they urged Him strongly, "Stay with us ..."

Everyone who has ever taken care of anybody, who has been, they call today a caregiver, has had this experience-to be constrained. "Please stay a little longer", "you don't have to go, do you?", "Do you have to rush off?"

On the human level, we notice this, a good presence, whether we are the one asking for the visitor to stay, or we are the visitor. We notice this on a spiritual level as well. We want to stay where there is something good.

Everyone who has savored a worship service, where there was something life-giving, where there was Life, has noticed how people tend to linger, almost to bathe in the afterglow. They want to stay for a while, to talk, to reflect.

The two on the way to Emmaus had encountered someone who had spoken to them, who had such a presence about Him that they ask Him to stay, to abide for the evening. They knew there was something good about the stranger, about the conversation.

I believe that all of us have an innate sense of the presence of God. Even the skeptic at times can recognize something different, something powerful in a situation.

To the unbeliever it is both scary and intriguing. To the believer, it is where you wish to stay.

Sometimes on retreats, where the Presence is strong, you don't want to leave. It's not what you have to go back to is that bad, rather, that what and who you have encountered is that good. It is a down payment to what comes next, the aroma of glory. It is the "perfect love that casts out fear." When there is nothing to be afraid of--nothing.

It is the presence of the Lord, there by His Spirit, incarnated in the community of those who believe.

Compared to bring with Him, everything else pales in comparison. Stay with us, Lord Jesus.

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Community Gathering
-- May 17 --
Colonial Baptist
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Sponsor's Training 6:00 pm
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: 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.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

May 17	Colonial Baptist 910 Kokomo, Plainview
June 21	1st Methodist Church 1001 W. 7th, Plainview
July 19	1st Assembly of God 1300 N. I H 27, Plainview

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.

Words from Your Lay Director
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The above was taken from a wonderful book that Barb Lambert passed on to me Thursday night at LW Community gathering in Tulia. It is entitled “The Unseen Presence, Encounters on the Emmaus Road”, by John Garrott. It is 68 pages of very enjoyable meditation of the scriptures in Luke 24:1-35. This chapter of the book really spoke to me & I wanted to share with you. Just as Jim Lambert shared with us in his “Forth Day”, God is always preparing us for what is ahead. One step at a time, a dream, or a vision, He is always preparing us for the final victory. Thank you Jim & Barb for sharing with us & following thru with your vision for Living Water Emmaus community.

Tulia First Methodist Church “folks”, your gracious, warm hospitality was heart felt & so inviting. As a matter of fact, kind of like the book stated, people just wanted to hang out with the great food, fellowship, & on into the praise & worship. Thru the combined talents of all those on the praise team from different towns & churches, thank you for preparing us to welcome His presence among us. Kelly Warren lead us into our time of worship & holy communion. We truly are the family of god & embellish the time once a month on every third Thursday of each month. When we can come together, as all families do, & “just hang out together” in His presence.

Join us again on May 17th at Colonial Baptist Church in Plainview. I guarantee it will be a beautiful time in the Lord.

If you are interested in the book “The Unseen Presence” you can call 1-800-917-2665 or visit their website at www.selahbooks.com

Believe me you’ll be glad you did.

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Sue Johnson**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Walk #56 Lay Director Robin Nixon and Spiritual Director Les Hall. The October walk fee has been raised to \$125 dollars.

LW Board voted to change the Women’s walk normally held in March to June to better accommodate those wanting to attend. Exact dates will be determined soon.

There is an urgent plea for LWE to become better stewards of our possessions. If you have worked a walk or walks & accidentally forgot to turn in the purple worship book or the team manual notebook, PLEASE do so at our next community gathering in Plainview at Colonial Baptist Church. Replacement cost for the manuals is \$15.00.

If you are not receiving your newsletter please contact Kayla Edwards at 806-291-0611.

Thanks to Neal Burnett and Roger Horan for their act of agape by supplying name tags for Walks #53 & #54.

Rance Young accepted a clergy position on LWE board for a term of 3 years. Thank You, Rance.

Let us remember those affected by the tornados that made their appearance in both Olton and Tulia, our prayers are with them.

ATTENTION *ATTENTION

Let Us Put Our Giving Muscles to Work.

II Corinthians 8:7 “But just as you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness & in your love for us-see that you also excel in this grace of giving”.

Just like our physical muscles our “giving muscles” become dormant if never used. God has made us to be givers. It isn’t something we have to do in order to please Him so much as it’s something we need to do to keep ourselves working properly.

This wonderful tool of the “Walk to Emmaus” is a gift to each of us that has attended & received the joys & blessings of the journey on the road to Emmaus.

Giving to our community is our benefit. Let’s all pass on to others who He is and the sacrifice He made for each of us. In giving we are simply reflecting God’s image.

He who gave us everything.

UPCOMING WALKS

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Men’s Walk
July 12-15, 2007
Wayland Baptist University
Larry Stokes
Lay Director
Roger Foote
Spiritual Director
Walk cost is \$100
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Women’s Walk
Oct. 11-14, 2007
Plains Baptist Assembly
Robin Nixon
Lay Director
Les Hall
Spiritual Director
Walk cost is \$ 125
Men’s Registrar
Darral Bryant 806-928-1344
or 806-771-5271
Women’s Registrar
Nancy Martin 806-729-3817

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.

Food for Thought

In order to be fully alive, you first have to be awake and aware, otherwise you’re simply sleepwalking.

Every day be grateful for what you’re capable of instead of what you can’t or didn’t do. It will give you much more peace.

If you wait for special occasions to celebrate, you’re not honoring today. Why isn’t today a special occasion? You’re still alive!!!

When you wake up in the morning, shout out to the world, “I’m back!” It acknowledges the gift you’ve received to be on this planet another day.

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Deadline for articles for the newsletter is the 25th of each month. Articles may be mailed to 2807 W.10th St. Plainview, or e-mailed to kayla_edwards@sbcglobal.net

Have you seen the web-site?

It is fantastic!

It is
www.livingwateremmaus.com