

Community: April 17, 2008  
First Methodist Church  
202 W. Stevenson Ave.  
Hale Center

# LIVING WATER

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## WORDS FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
I would like to thank Barb Lambert for giving our fourth day talk at last month's community meeting. She shared with us how she has been growing in Christ. She reminded us to serve with joy and asked us to draw little smiles in our worship books to remind us of our calling to accept whatever comes our way and remember God is in control. I am reminded of this passage from Philippians 4: 4-7.  
*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

As I am writing this letter, I am pondering the pain that has come upon our community recently. At some point we all have to stop and ask ourselves what are we doing with the small amount of time God has given each of us on this earth? How will people summarize your life? As for myself, I spend most of my time trying to grow great crops but I certainly hope I am not remembered for just that. We all need to choose today the legacy we will leave others. In a recent conversation with a friend who lost his dad two years ago I asked him how he would describe his dad in one sentence. The conversation started me thinking that who we are and the legacy we leave is made one day at a time, the sum of how we live each day becomes our legacy. Add up each action over the course of many years and you begin to see your legacy form. Jesus understood something that we, as Christians, ought to take to heart regarding service to our Lord: When God is given all the glory and honor and we remain hidden in the background, more lives are led to Christ; and the kingdom of heaven is enriched and enlarged. If you want to know exactly how to serve as Jesus served, all you have to do is look at the passage of Scripture found in Philippians 2:6-8.

There are six steps to Jesus' service to sinful mankind:

- 1) He made himself of no reputation
- 2) He took the form of a bondservant
- 3) He came in the likeness of man
- 4) He humbled himself
- 5) He became obedient to the point of death . . .
- 6) . . . even the death of the cross

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De Colores!  
STEVE OLSON

## Community Gathering -- April 17--

First Methodist Church  
202 W. Stevenson Ave.  
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Board 5:30 PM  
Sponsor's Training 6:00 PM  
Meal 6:30 PM  
Worship 7:30 PM

Guests are welcome and a nursery is 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. Worship begins at 7:30 with praise songs, and closes with communion.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

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| April 17 | First Methodist Church<br>202 W. Stevenson Ave.<br>Hale Center |
| May 15   | First Methodist Church<br>119 N. Briscoe<br>Tulia              |
| June 19  | First Methodist Church<br>700 Commerce<br>Silverton            |

Call Sue Johnson at 889-3331 to list your church on the schedule.

## Worthless Worry .....by: Joanna Weaver

\*submitted by Sherrie Wall\*

"An anxious heart weighs a man down," (Proverbs 12:25) tells us. And yet the heavy burdens of anxiety offers no real benefits. Jesus Highlighted this basic futility when he reminded us, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matthew 6:27)

It's been said that worry is like a rocking chair---it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere. One interesting set of statistics indicates that there is nothing we can do about 70% of our worries:

### *What We Worry About*

*40% are things that will never happen.*

*30% are about the past --which can't be changed.*

*12% are about criticism by others, mostly untrue.*

*10% are about health, which gets worse with stress.*

*8% are about real problems that can be solved*

When it comes down to it, worry is really a waste of time. But it's also more than that. Worry is not only futile. It's actually bad for us. No wonder the Bible tells us more than 350 times to "FEAR NOT." We were not fashioned for fear. And if we want to live healthy lives, we have to find a way to leave our Chronic Anxiety Behind.

When God tells us in the Bible not to worry, it isn't a suggestion. It's a command. Why is the Bible so adamant about our avoiding fear and worry? Because God knows worry short-circuits our relationship with him. It fixes our eyes on our situation rather than on our Savior.

When Jesus told us not to worry, he wasn't asking us to live in denial. He wasn't telling us there's nothing to be concerned about. The truth is, we live surrounded by opportunities for fear, anxiety, and worry. Because our world is filled with struggles and real pain, we face legitimate concerns every day. Bad things do happen to good people--and not-so-good people as well. There is potential for pain all around us. And there are certainly things that require concern and action on our part.

Jesus knew this better than anybody. He spent most of his life being harassed and pursued by his enemies. So why did he tell us not to worry? Jesus knew that a life filled with fear has little room left for faith. And without faith, we can neither please God nor draw close to him for the comfort and guidance we need to face the cares and affairs of everyday life. We face legitimate concerns everyday of our lives. But instead of fretting, instead of worrying, we need to focus on discerning what we can do (with God's help) and what should be left entirely up to God. *Even more important, we need to keep our focus on who God is and what God can do.*

Jesus warned us, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33). Catch that He said, "you *will*," not "you *might*." Troubles come with this earthly territory. "But take heart!" Jesus says, "I have overcome the world." If we have Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are not alone. We are *never* alone. That's the reason we *can* leave our worry behind--not because there's nothing to be concerned about, but because we have Someone who can handle them a lot better than we can.

Steps to victory over worry.

1. Be *anxious* about *nothing*
2. Be *prayerful* about *everything*
3. Be *thankful* for *all things*.

**In short Give it all to God!!!!!!**

This came from the book-- Having a *Mary* Heart in a *Martha* World

## UPCOMING WALKS

# 58 Women's Walk  
June 5-8, 2008  
Wayland Baptist University  
Neysa Carmichael, Lay Director  
Roger Foote, Spiritual Director

#59 Men's Walk  
July 24-27, 2008  
Wayland Baptist University  
Gary Koelder, Lay Director  
Max Browning, Spiritual Director

#60 Women's Walk  
October 9-12, 2008  
Plains Baptist Assembly



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The One who deserved unending recognition for what He did never even asked for a "thank you." He simply wanted people to love His Father and accept His forgiveness.

Do you know of someone you could sponsor on a walk? You might even help them form their legacy by modeling Jesus' service to them. Thank you for all you do and for giving me the opportunity to be part of this community. **S.O.**

## TRIVIA

### Center of the Bible

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 119

Q: Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

A: Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q: What is the center verse in the Bible?

A: Psalms 118:8

Q: Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for Our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the Center of His WORD! Psalms 118:8

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Now isn't that odd how this worked out (or was God in the center of it)?



## >>Announcements<<

Please get your pilgrims applications turned in soon along with the \$135.00



## 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.

## 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, 79072 or phone 291-0611 or e-mailed to [kayla.edwards@yahoo.com](mailto:kayla.edwards@yahoo.com)