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Grace United Methodist Church
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LIVING WATER

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WORDS FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores,

Special thanks to FUMC of Lockney for hosting our community gathering last month. Hal Hawkins brought us an awesome fourth-day talk. Eddie and Cheryl Teeter were married forty three years ago that night at that very altar. I thought that was really cool. God has truly blessed our area and in particular Living Water through them. I pray God will continue to bless them.

Have you been anxious lately? I really have. Cindy and I recently sent both our children away to college. I never knew I could have so many negative thoughts. We are glad they are doing what they are but Satan keeps reminding me of how many traps are out there for young people. Philippians 4:6-8 tells us how to handle anxiety in our lives. In our world today, we can't just casually think on these things, we must be deliberate and fight to keep our minds where they have to stay. As Christians, we can let ourselves become bogged down until our negative thoughts make us unable to function as believers. We can also choose to have peace in our lives. When we fill our mind with the word of God it is hard for other things to come and take up space. When I think about how so many of our young people think that they can get by with doing something that is in opposition to God's will only once it really won't matter. William James authored the book Principals of Psychology. He says "If young people could understand how every act they do good or bad, influences what they will become when they are young they would give more attention to what they do. They are choosing their lives good or evil. Everything we do good or bad leaves its ever so small scar. The drunken Rick Van Winkle said of every fresh failure "I won't count it this time." As much as we may wish the good things we do would count more and the bad things we do would count less the truth is, they all are what we are made up of. One of the most effective disciplines I know is to be able not to do something the first time because repetition will come far easier the second time. So what I am saying to all of us is that if we want to continue to be able to be used by God, we must take control of both our minds and our habits. I would ask that you continue to pray for me to be the man God wants me to be as I continue to pray that you all will be people God uses mightily. May the peace that passes all understanding cover your lives because of the good choices you make.

I hope you will make an extra effort to come to community at Grace United Methodist church in Plainview September 18, 2008. Bill Ayres will give the fourth-day talk. If you know Bill, you know what a blessing is in store for us, if you don't know him, come and be blessed to hear about God's work in his life.

Peace,
Steve

Community Gathering -- September 18 --

Grace United Methodist Church
Plainview, TX

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



The Coal Basket!
But I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as
I close the book.
"What good does reading the Bible do?"
The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said,
"Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."
The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before
he could get back to the house.
The grandfather laughed and said,
"You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the
river with the basket to try again.
This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he
returned home.
Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was
"impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket
instead.
The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water.
You can do this.
You're just not trying hard enough," and he went
out the door to watch the boy try again.
At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show
his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would
leak out before he, got far at all.
The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his
grandfather the basket was again empty.
Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"
"So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket."
The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the
basket looked different.
Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was
clean.
"Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible.
You might not
understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change
you from the inside out.
That is the work of God in our lives.
To change us from the inside out
and to slowly transform us into the image of His son."
God is so good!!

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

- One: Don't miss the boat.
Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
Six: Build your future on high ground.
Seven: For safety sake, travel in pairs.
Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.
Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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.

UPCOMING WALKS >>WALK COST \$100.00<<

#60	Women's Walk	#61	Men's Walk
	October 9-12, 2008		January
	Plains Baptist Assembly		Plains Baptist Assembly
	Debbie Crosby, Lay Director		Tommy Horsford, Lay Director
	Kelly Warren, Spiritual Director		

Women's Registrar Nancy Martin 806-729-3817
Men's Registrar Darral Bryant 806-928-1344 or 806-771-5271

May God Give You
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.

To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.

When God takes something from your grasp. He's not punishing you. but merely opening your hands to receive something better.

Concentrate on this sentence
The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

- TEN (10) PREDICTIONS NO
MATTER WHO WINS THE
ELECTION:
May be, this is something we need to remember...
1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anoïnted preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the cross. 9. Jesus will still love you. 10. Jesus will still save the lost.

ISN'T IT GREAT TO KNOW WHO
IS STILL IN CONTROL?
(Amen!)



Our Condolences go out to those who have lost friends, family, & loved ones in the past few months. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

T.G.I.F. - TODAY GOD IS FIRST



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 291-8755 or e-mailed to kayla.edwards@yahoo.com