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Floydada

LIVING WATER

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WORDS FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Last month I wrote you about peace. I hope you were able to find peace as this last month may go down in history as one of the most traumatic months in American history. One gets the impression from the news that we are teetering on the edge of the worst financial crisis since the great depression of 1929. People everywhere are uneasy and some are in a panic mode.

All of us should be concerned, and I am sure you have been doing some extra praying during these days. As I have been involved in harvest lately I have really noticed a difference in the tone of radio talk shows whether they are Christian or secular. I find my faith lifting me up and giving me a sense of confidence that is only understandable to those who know the Lord. Paul was right when he wrote to the Philippians that the "peace of God was beyond understanding."

One of the big reasons for confidence in such a time is a relationship with a never-changing God. He is not affected by the collapse of our financial institutions. And I sometimes wonder if He isn't allowing this in order to get the attention of the blessed people of America. Check out this warning that God gave to His people Israel as they were about to embark on their journey into the promised land. Listen to these words:

Deuteronomy 6:10-12 - "So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant - when you have eaten and are full - then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."

Is this not an accurate picture of our nation today? We have been given so much, and we have forgotten God. Is it possible that Almighty God has had enough of our arrogance and self-praise? The Bible does not hold out much hope for nations that forget God.

I pray that you will encourage the other people in your church so that they may be able to more clearly understand the security we have because of God's love for us. The other day in my daily devotional it talked about how to get more out of your worship time. Here it is:
Every week, thousands of pastors stand with a Bible in their hands to teach God's Word. But much of their ministry is wasted by careless listening in the pews.

Here's how to hear a sermon: (1) Pray for your pastor's message and prepare your heart to hear it; (2) If you know the text in advance, read it; (3) Sit near the front; (4) Bring your Bible, and follow along with the Scriptures; (5) Make notes of the outline, main points, quotes, and illustrations; (6) Take away at least one truth to apply in a practical way to your life; and (7) Try to share something from the message with another person as soon as possible.

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DeColores,
Steve Olson

Community Gathering -- October 23 --

First United Methodist Church
Floydada, 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

October 23 -----First Methodist Church
Floydada, Tx
November 20---First Methodist Church
Hale Center, Tx
December 18 -----First Baptist Church
Cotton Center, Tx

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



LIVING WATER WOMEN'S WALK #60 October 9-12



Pilgrims Walk # 60

Danielle Askins	Doris Barrett	Toni Barrett
Andrea Bennett	Carrie Blacksher	Vonda Boerger
Leslie Bownds	Alicegene Brooks	Dora Burk
Suzy Calderon	Tammy Campbell	Amanda Edwards
Sonyia Hill	Karen Jaramillo	Mary Ann Madrigal
Carla McCaslin	Lindsay Marshall	Elaine Mosley
Linda Perez	Carla Powell	Amanda Ramos
Mary Lou Ramirez	Jeannie Segedy	Shannon Seitz
Jeanette Sisco	Shirley Steinfath	Jo Terry
Lana Vasquez	Ruby Walzier	



Team Members Walk # 60

Debbie Crosby, Lay Director	Kelly Warren, Spiritual Director
Elaine Barrett	Laure Boyce
Shannon Cage	Lesa Conner
Dotty Evans	Tennie Goen
April Guenther	Sharon Hunt
Naomi Jones	Janie Keller
Ed Marks	Pat McKinney
Jane Murrell	Robin Nixon
Ray Perryman	Amy Reid
Alice Vanlandingham	Sherrie Wall
Hope Warren	Sheri Warren
	Justin Brozek
	Jessica Davis
	Trisha Grieve
	Sue Johnson
	Amy Kellison
	Susan Moore
	Elaine Norrell
	Aimee Teeple
	Tammy Waller
	Holly Westfall

Women's Christian Conference
Join in the Journey 2008
October 18, 2008
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Floyd County Unity Center Muncy, TX
Located half way between Lockney & Floydada on Hwy 70
Tickets are \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Proceeds benefit Floyd County Christian Women's Job Corps NOW
(New Options for Women)

For more information go to: www.joininthejourney.org.
Contact Connie Johnson 806-983-3603 or 806-983-3441

God doesn't give you the people you want, He gives you the people you NEED. To help you, to hurt you, to leave you, to love you and to make you into the person you were meant to be.

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Of course, we mustn't rely on a once-a-week sermon for all our spiritual nourishment. Let's remember to receive the Word with readiness and search the Scriptures daily.

Please be in prayer for the October women's walk and remember community will be on the fourth Thursday this month. See you at the walk!

Steve

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 29- Feb. 1, 2009
	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

WALK INFORMATION FOR PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY NEAR FLOYDADA

FOOD AGAPE - Bring to send-off on Thursday night October 9th 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.

PLACE MATS - 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, Oct. 9 - Gather in the Worship Center by 7 PM. Immediately following will be Sponsors' Hour in Jubilee Conference Center Chapel.
CANDLELIGHT, Oct. 11 - 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, Oct. 12 - 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.

****Don't forget your working battery Candlelight's, if you need to purchase one the price is \$5 from De Chance. Loners are available to be returned after candlelight.****

God doesn't give us what we can handle. God helps us handle what we are given.



God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called

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