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First Methodist Church
Hale Center

LIVING WATER

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WORDS FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

DEAR EMMAUS FAMILY,

SPECIAL THANKS TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST IN FLOYDADA FOR HOSTING US LAST MONTH. WHAT AN AWESOME TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP WE HAD.

HERE WE ARE JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND EVERYDAY IT SEEMS LIKE SOME NEW DEVELOPMENT HITS THE NEWS ABOUT THE ECONOMY, THE CANDIDATES, THE HOUSING MARKET, THE PRICE OF GAS AND THE WORLD-WIDE FINANCIAL CRISIS. IT IS NOT AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT WE LIVE IN A WORLD OF CHAOS!

WHAT PART DOES THE WORD OF GOD PLAY IN OUR LIVES WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS UP FOR GRABS? HOW HAS GOD ALREADY PREPARED US THROUGH HIS WORD TO FACE THE DIFFICULT ISSUES OF OUR DAY? WHAT KIND OF INSTRUCTION FROM THE BIBLE DO WE NEED FOR SUCH AN HOUR AS THIS?

IN 2 PETER CHAPTER ONE, WE ARE TOLD THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS...THROUGH THE GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES OF THE SCRIPTURES. AS WE NEGOTIATE OUR WAY THROUGH THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES WE NEED A STRONG FOUNDATION TO STAND ON! WE NEED SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN TRIED AND PROVEN OVER TIME! WE NEED TO STAY COMMITTED TO GOD'S WORD. WHEN WE MAKE THIS ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES, WE WILL NOT BE SHAKEN BY THE UNANNOUNCED INTERRUPTIONS TO LIFE THAT SEEM TO BE HAPPENING QUITE FREQUENTLY THESE DAYS. IT TRULY IS POSSIBLE TO LIVE WITH CONFIDENCE IN A WORLD OF CHAOS.

ONE THING WE MUST KEEP IN THE FRONT OF OUR MINDS IS THAT NO MATTER WHO WINS THE ELECTION, GOD IS SOVEREIGN. HE KNEW WE WOULD BE FACING THESE TIMES. HE LOVES YOU AND ME MORE THAN WE COULD EVEN IMAGINE.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR YOUR LIVING WATER BOARD. WE ARE DEALING WITH SOME COMPLEX ISSUES THAT WILL AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY IN THE DAYS AHEAD. GOD HAS THE ANSWERS. PRAY THAT HIS WISDOM WILL BE SHOWN TO ALL OF US.

OUR NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 20 FIRST METHODIST CHURCH HALE CENTER.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN EVEN IMAGINE.

DeColores,
Steve Olson

Community Gathering -- November 20 --

First United Methodist Church
Hale Center, 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

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.





Welcome Women of Walk # 60

Danielle Askins	Doris Barrett	Toni Barrett
Andrea Bennett	Connie Bickel	Carrie Beth Blacksher
Vonda Boerger	Leslie Bownds	Dora Burk
Suzy Calderon	Amanda Edwards	Sonyia Hill
Venita Howell	Karen Jaramillo	Mary Ann Madrigal
Lindsay Marshall	Carla McCaslin	Tabitha Menard
Elaine Mosley	Linda Perez	Carla Powell
Mary Lou Ramirez	Jeannie Segedy	Shannon Seitz
Jeanette Sisco	Shirley Steinfath	Jo Terry
Cheryl Wade		

FOOTPRINTS...A New Version

Imagine you and the Lord Jesus are walking down the road together. For much of the way, the Lord's footprints go along steadily, consistently, rarely varying the pace.

But your footprints are a disorganized stream of zigzags, starts, stops, turnarounds, circles, departures, and returns.

For much of the way, it seems to go like this, but gradually your footprints come more in line with the Lord's, soon paralleling, His consistently.

You and Jesus are walking as true friends!

This seems perfect, but then an interesting thing happens: Your footprints that once etched the sand next to Jesus' are now walking precisely in His steps.

Inside His larger footprints are your smaller ones, you and Jesus are becoming one.

This goes on for many miles, but gradually you notice another change. The footprints inside the large footprints seem to grow larger.

Eventually they disappear altogether. There is only one set of footprints. They have become one.

This goes on for a long time, but suddenly the second set of footprints is back. This time it seems even worse! Zigzags all over the place. Stops. Starts. Gashes in the sand. A variable mess of prints.

You are amazed and shocked.

Your dream ends. Now you pray:

"Lord, I understand the first scene, with zigzags and fits. I was a new Christian; I was just learning. But You walked on through the storm and helped me learn to walk with You."

"That is correct."

"And when the smaller footprints were inside of Yours, I was actually learning to walk in Your steps, following You very closely."

"Very good.. You have understood everything so far."

When the smaller footprints grew and filled in Yours, I suppose that I was becoming like You in every way."

"Precisely."

"So, Lord, was there a regression or something? The footprints separated, and this time it was worse than at first."

There is a pause as the Lord answers, with a smile in His voice.

"You didn't know? It was then that we danced!"

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4.



It's not WHAT you have in your life, but Who you have in your life that counts... Think about that.

I ASKED GOD

I asked for a flower,
He gave me a garden.

I asked for a tree,
He gave me a forest.

I asked for a river,
He gave me an ocean.

I asked for a friend,
He gave me "YOU."

The Good You Do Today
People will often forget tomorrow;
Do Good Anyway.

If you are successful, you will win
some false friends
and some true enemies;
Succeed Anyway.

If you are kind, people may
accuse you of being selfish,
And having ulterior motives;
Be Kind Anyway.

What you spend years building,
Someone may try to destroy
overnight;
Build Anyway.

If you are honest and Frank,
people may cheat you;
Be Frank & Honest Anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
And it may never be enough;
*Give The World the Best You Have
Anyway.*

If you find serenity and happiness,
They may be jealous;
Be Happy Anyway.

You see, in the final Analysis,
*It's between You and God;
It Was Never Between You & Them
Anyway.*

UPCOMING WALKS

>>WALK COST \$100.00<<

#61 Men's Walk

January 29- Feb. 1, 2009

Plains Baptist Assembly

Tommy Horsford, Lay Director

Robert Malcolm, Spiritual Director

Women's Registrar Nancy
Martin 806-729-3817

Men's Registrar Darral Bryant
806-928-1344 or 806-771-5271

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.

**Praising God places you in the
river of God's grace.**



*SORROW looks back.
WORRY looks around.
and FAITH looks UP...*

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