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LIVING WATER

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WORDS FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

DECOLORES!

I TRUST THAT YOU HAD A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING, AND ARE READY NOW TO ENTER INTO THE ADVENT SEASON WITH A GRATEFUL HEART AND A SPIRIT OF EXPECTATION. LAST SUNDAY AT CHURCH WHEN WE STARTED THE ADVENT SEASON MY MIND RACED WITH THOUGHTS OF HOW MAGNIFICENT AND HOW STRESSFUL THIS TIME OF YEAR CAN BE. IT IS TRULY AMAZING TO ME TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS. SOME TALK ABOUT GIFTS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, PARTIES, PAIN, LONELINESS, OR EVEN DEBT. FOR CHRISTMAS TO BE EVERYTHING WE DREAM OF IT BEING WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE WORD LOVE. CHRISTMAS IS RECEIVING THE LOVE OF GOD, BECAUSE CHRIST, WHOSE BIRTH WE'RE CELEBRATING, WAS GOD'S ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF HIS LOVE. DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU? HE LOVES YOU SO MUCH THAT HIS SON LEFT HEAVEN AND CAME DOWN TO EARTH. HE WAS BORN A HUMAN BEING; GOD IN THE FLESH. HE KNEW WHY HE HAD COME. HE WAS BORN TO DIE SO THAT YOU AND I, WHO WERE DEAD IN OUR SIN, MIGHT HAVE LIFE. HE CAME SO THAT YOU AND I WHO WERE SEPARATED FROM GOD MIGHT BE RECONCILED TO GOD. CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT LOVE, A LOVE THAT RECONCILES, A LOVE THAT TAKES TWO WHO ARE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING ALONG WITH ONE ANOTHER AND AGAIN MAKES THEM FRIENDS. CHRISTMAS IS RECEIVING THE LOVE OF GOD AND THEN GIVING IT TO OTHERS.

IS THERE SOMEONE YOU NEED TO FORGIVE, SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO HEAR "I LOVE YOU" FROM YOU?

I HAVE SEEN SO MANY LIVES CHANGED BY PEOPLE MAKING THE EFFORT TO SHARE EMMAUS WITH OTHERS. MOST PEOPLE DO NOT GET TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE THE WAY THEY CAN THROUGH EMMAUS. WE ARE IN NEED OF PILGRIMS FOR WALK #61. TOMMY AND THE TEAM ARE ALMOST READY. WHO HAS GOD PUT ON YOUR HEART TO INVITE?

CHERYL TEETER HAS AGREED TO BE THE LAY DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WALK #62 IN JUNE. PLEASE START PRAYING FOR HER NOW AS SHE IS IN THE VERY BEGINNING STAGES OF TEAM FORMATION.

OUR EMMAUS COMMUNITY REALLY IS AWESOME. MANY OF YOU SERVE IN SUCH QUIET, UNNOTICED WAYS. STEVEN WHITE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE SOUND AND MEDIA AT ALL OUR MEETINGS, KYLE BROCK PROVIDES US WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTION, (NOT THAT I THINK YOU DON'T NOTICE KYLE, HE JUST DOES A REMARKABLE JOB!).

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DeColores,
Steve Olson

Community Gathering -- December 18 --

First Baptist Church
Cotton 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

December 18 -----First Baptist Church
Cotton Center, Tx

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



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

(continued from your lay director)

KAYLA EDWARDS AND GAYLE SCHACHT BRING US THIS NEWSLETTER, BETH HANNABAS OVERSEES OUR FINANCES, DARRAL BRYANT AND NANCY MARTIN ARE OUR REGISTRARS, ELAINE BARRETT TEACHES SPONSOR’S TRAINING, JERILYNN BLOCKER IS IN CHARGE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP DATABASE, JIM FRANKLIN KEEPS UP OUR WEB SITE, AND DE CHANCE TRAINS OUR LAY DIRECTORS. I HAVE BEEN DULY IMPRESSED BY EACH MEMBER OF OUR DIFFERENT BOARDS. EACH ONE BRINGS PERSONALITY THAT BALANCES EACH OTHER OUT AND THEY ALL WANT GOD’S WILL TO BE DONE AND THE BEST FOR OUR COMMUNITY. NONE OF THESE PEOPLE GET THE THANKS THEY DESERVE. I KNOW THEY SERVE BECAUSE OF THEIR LOVE FOR THE LORD. AS I WRITE THIS FINAL LETTER, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANKS TO ALL OF THEM AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND THE AMAZING SUPPORT YOU HAVE SHOWN ME.

I WOULD ASK YOU TO START PRAYING NOW FOR DEBBIE CROSBY AS SHE WILL BE OUR NEW COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR STARTING IN JANUARY.
I PRAY THAT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WILL BE EVERYTHING YOU DREAM OF AND I LOVE YOU ALL,

STEVE

Did you Know?

The Bible, the world’s best selling book, is also the world’s most shoplifted book.

The word “Christian” appears only three times in the Bible: Acts 11:26;26:28; 1 Peter 4:16.

About 50 Bibles are sold every minute.

There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after it. The verse in the exact middle of the Bible is Psalm 117:8.

Job is the oldest book written in the Bible-it was written by an unknown Israelite around 1500 BC.

Malachi, written about 400 BC, is the youngest book in the Old Testament.

James, written around 45 AD, is the oldest book in the New Testament.

Revelation, written about 95 AD, is the youngest book in the New Testament.

The word “Lord” appears 1855 times in the Bible.

The word “God” appears in every book except Esther and Song of Solomon.

The word “grandmother” appears in the Bible only once: 2 Timothy 1:5.

The word “eternity” is mentioned only once: Isaiah 57:15.

Almonds and pistachios are the only nuts mentioned in the Bible.

During the 6th Century, it was customary to congratulate people who sneezed because it was thought that they were expelling evil from their bodies. During the great plague of Europe, the Pope passed a law to say “God bless you” to one who sneezed.

You never so touch the ocean of God's love as when you forgive and love your enemies.
Psalm 23 :

The Lord is my Shepherd = That's Relationship!
I shall not want = That's Supply!
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures = That's Rest!
He leadeth me beside the still waters = That's Refreshment!
He restoreth my soul = That's Healing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness = That's Guidance!
For His name sake = That's Purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = That's Testing!
I will fear no evil = That's Protection!
For Thou art with me = That's Faithfulness!
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me = That's Discipline!
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies= That's Hope!
Thou annointest my head with oil = That's Consecration!
My cup runneth over = That's Abundance!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life = That's Blessing !
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord = That's Security!
Forever = That's Eternity!
Face it, the Lord is crazy about you.

What is most valuable, is not what we have in our lives, but WHO we have in our lives!
' Do not ask the Lord to Guide your
Footsteps if you are not willing to move your Feet'
Even though you can't see Him, GOD is there for you
When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!

Eternal Security

When God calls a man, he does not repent of it. God does not, as many friends do, and hate another; or as princes, who make their subjects favorites, and afterwards throw them into prison. This is the blessedness of a saint; his condition admits of no alteration. God’s call is founded upon His decree, and His decree is immutable. Acts of grace cannot be reversed. God blots out His people’s sins, but not their names.

Thomas Watson

Grace

Grace and glory differ very little; the one is the seed, the other is the flower; grace is glory militant, glory is grace triumphant.

Thomas Brooks

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

#62 Women’s Walk
June
Wayland Baptist University
Cheryl Teeter, Lay 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.

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! When Satan is knocking at your door, simple say, “Jesus, could you get that for me?”



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