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119 N. Briscoe
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LIVING WATER

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Words from your Lay Director

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22: 37-39

I don't have a problem with this scripture. It is not hard for me to love God or to love my neighbor. The biggest problem I have is, loving myself. I can be very hard on myself and I make myself mad a lot. But, I believe, that God is telling us that we have to love ourselves to be able to love anyone else. In our community of Living Water Emmaus, I feel the love of God so abundantly in the way that we all love one another. Every time we are together in a large or small group, I feel the warmth and love. This past community meeting was such a special one for me, first because it was my first one as your Community Lay Director. Second, it was special because it was at my home church and my pastor led praise and worship. I would like to say thank you to all from TFC that came together and helped make it such a great meeting. Thank you, Suzy, for getting it together and taking a lot of burden off of me. What are friends for? (I am speaking of Sue Johnson if you don't know.) I got an email the other day, I had read it before a while back but it came to me again. It is about a Holy man having a talk with God, he asked God "I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." God led him to two doors and opened the first door. In the middle of the room was a large round table with a large pot of stew in the middle that smelled delicious. But the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They had spoons with long handles, that were strapped to their arms and they could reach into the pots and spoon out the stew but couldn't get the spoons to their mouths. God said, "You have seen Hell." At the next door it was the same table and stew and the long spoons. In this room they were all well nourished, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand." God said "it is simple, it requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other." When I read this again, I thought of Living Water Emmaus. We feed each other. I know, we eat all of the time at all of our Emmaus functions, but, I am talking about the way that we lift each other up in prayer and encouragement. I am encouraged everyday by someone with LWE. I am so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful organization. I am still in awe of how much trust has been given to me in being your Lay Director. I need your prayers through this year that I can do all that needs to be done and do it well. Hope to see you all, not at the February meeting, but in March. I will be out of town in February. God bless you all!

Your Sister in Christ,
DeColores,
Debbie Crosby

Community Gathering -- February 19 --


First United Methodist Church
Tulia, 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

February 19- First Methodist Church
119 N. Briscoe St.
Tulia, TX
March 19- First Assembly of God
1300 N. I-27
Plainview, TX

Call Sue Johnson at 889-3331 to list your church on the schedule. 
T.G.I.F. - TODAY GOD IS FIRST



Welcome Men of Walk # 61

Mike Allen	Alan Ash	Jerry Askins
Jerry Baker	Dave Ballesteros	Troy Bates
Jon Beasley	Brian Bennett	Bryan Curry
Richard Howell	Johnny Jaramillo	Casey Jones
Keith Jones	Kevin Kuriyama	Kasey Kuriyama
Ben Linton	Jackie Lynn	Roger Mahagan
Phillip Maples	Marlon McDonald	Michael McKinney
Rowdy Mullin	Sam Perez	Kolby Pillow
Jamey Qualls	Javier Ramos	Levi Ramos
Johnny Ruis Jr.	Vernon Session	Cary Skaggs
Gary Skaggs	Donnie Stone	Rick Teran
Stan Vandivere	Jonathan Whedbee	Cory Winders

Quilt of holes

I dreamed that we were facing our Maker at the last judgment. Each person's life was laid before them in little patches of cloth like the squares of a quilt. An angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into tapestries. As my angel took each patch of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged each one was. They were filled with giant holes. Nearly every square seemed to be a part of my life that had been difficult -- with challenges, temptations, hardships that I had endured -- and failures. I glanced around. Nobody else seemed to have such ragged squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I looked back on the tapestry of my own life and was discouraged. Still, my angel continued sewing the ragged patches together, threadbare and full of holes. Finally the time came when each life-quilt was to be displayed and held up to the light. One by one the other people rose and held up their tapestries. Judging from their quilts, It seemed to me that their lives must have been rich and full.

Finally my angel nodded for me to rise. I looked at the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love and laughter in my life, but there had also been trials of illnesses, financial hardships and false accusations. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only somehow to muster the strength to begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance. I had endured painful ridicule often, but each time I had offered my trials up to the Father.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked at the quilt. Light was flooding through the many holes, creating an image -- the face of Jesus.

Then, as our Lord himself stood before me, with warmth and love in his eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to me, it became my life, my hardships and my struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let me shine through, until there was more of me than there was of you."

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!
Author Unknown

Cell phone vs. Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like
We treat our cell phone?
What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
What if we flipped through it several time a day?
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?
What if we used it when we traveled?
What if we used it in case of emergency?
This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?
Oh, and one more thing.
Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our
Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.
Makes you stop and think where are my priorities?
And no dropped calls!
Trust in the Lord and *ASAP (Always Say A Prayer)

From your community !!

Congratulations!!! Jessica Davis, for receiving her Master's Degree in Education from Wayland Baptist University.

Elaine and Darryl Barrett and Suzy Calderon donated a golf cart to LWE. Thank you it is greatly appreciated and will be used...

The Emmaus Worship book or "the purple worship book" has been revised and they are ready to purchase. We will probably be taking orders for them soon.

Concert at First United Methodist Church, HaleCenter on Monday, February 9th, 7:00 PM.

Ed Crawford and the Mystery Men Quartet. All are invited.

UPCOMING WALKS

>>WALK COST \$100.00<<

#62 Women's Walk
June 11-14, 2009
Wayland Baptist University
Cheryl Teeter, Lay Director
Kyle Brock, Spiritual Director

#63 Men's Walk
July
Wayland Baptist University
Women's Registrar : Nancy Martin
806-729-3817

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

FYI

Walks cost \$135 we only charge \$100 for the pilgrims. If you wish to pay the full \$135 Thank You

••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.

**When you reach the end of your rope
You will find the hem of his garment..**

TODAY IS THE TOMORROW THAT WE WORRIED ABOUT YESTERDAY!

Life is short - -
Break the rules,
forgive quickly,
Kiss slowly,
love truly,
laugh uncontrollably - -
and never regret anything that made you smile.



† 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