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Words from your Lay Director

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at All! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. Romans 11:11

Greetings to all of Living Water! It is so good to be back home and back doing the duties I have been chosen for. But it was very good to get away!

Have you ever played that game, I am not sure what it is called, but you have a circle of friends and the first one whispers a secret in the ear of another and, in turn, they whisper that same thing into the ear of another and on and on until it gets to the end and that person has to tell what they heard? Isn't it amazing what it ends up being? Every time I have played it, the end result has always been way off base. This can be true in your jobs, also. We may train someone to do things on the job and they may train someone else and it may start taking a different turn than you started with. Not to say that it is always a wrong way, just different.

I want to explain a little of the "workings" of Emmaus. It is a wonderful organization and as in all organizations there have to be guidelines. *In Colossians 2:17 we are told: "For the rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ Himself is that reality."* And this is always our ultimate goal. As you all know we have a board of dedicated people trying to do all of the right things at the right times and some things slip through the cracks. We also have a Nominating committee and a Team Selection committee who have various jobs. The Nominating committee submits names to the board for new board members and for new committee members and for clergy and lay directors for the walks. Probably more stuff too, but this will give you a picture of what they do. The Team Selection committee's job is getting a list together for the Walk Lay Directors to pick their team from. There are about 7 different categories that the Selection committee has to pick people for. These 2 jobs are not easy. I have served on both of them and they are very time consuming. Some of these meetings can last several hours. There are certain criteria that each person selected has to meet for each of these areas. We all love to work walks and sometimes it may seem that we get overlooked. We have a list that we compile from the data sheets that you fill out after your walk and each time you work a walk. These data sheets are so very important to our committees for selecting our boards, teams and Lay Directors. The qualifications for being a Walk Lay Director is as follows: they have to have worked at least 4 walks, been an assistant table leader, a table leader and an assistant lay director 2 times and have given the Priorities and Fourth Day talks.

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DeColores,
Debbie Crosby

Community Gathering

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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

March 19- First Assembly of God
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Plainview, TX
April 16- First Methodist
203 W. Kentucky
Floydada, TX

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

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

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The Upper Room has set this up so that it works in the order it should. We always try, to the best of our abilities, to do everything right. You may ask why I am telling you all of this. Please bear with me. You know I mentioned the data sheets, if we don't have a good data sheet on every one; we cannot do our job well. We have a bit of a dilemma with the Men's walk in July. As I told you at the first of this article about the whispered secrets, well, it was the understanding of some of the Nominating committee and our board that the requirements for Lay Director was to only be an ALD one time and give either the Priorities OR Fourth Day talks. So now we have found that we only have 4 men eligible to be Lay Director for the July walk. There could be more eligible if the data sheets were more up to date. We have asked all 4 of the ones eligible and they cannot, for various reasons, do the July walk. We have been in contact with Carleen Alderman, our regional Upper Room director, and asked for her guidance. And it is the Upper Room's recommendation that, due to the fact that there is only 4 months to prepare for the July walk, we should get a past Lay Director to hold this walk. We discussed not having the walk, but, don't want Satan to win. He would like nothing better than for us to cancel this walk. We have a list of several that we will be in contact with. So please bear with us as we are working on this situation. Most of all be in prayer for your board, your committees, pilgrims to come, these men that we will contact and for our community. There will be a Leadership Development Seminar on March 14 at Grace Methodist Church from 9:00 am until early afternoon. This is for everyone not just the board. Please make every effort to attend so we can all pull together and make our Living Water community the best it can be. And, please, get an updated data sheet turned in. Let me leave you with this scripture of hope: *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."* **Romans 8:28**

DeColores, Debbie

Dancing With God

When I meditated on the word Guidance,
I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word.
I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing.
When two people try to lead, nothing feels right.
The movement doesn't flow with the music,
and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.
When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead,
both bodies begin to flow with the music.
One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back
or by pressing Lightly in one direction or another.
It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.
The dance takes surrender, willingness,
and attentiveness from one person
and gentle guidance and skill from the other.
My eyes drew back to the word Guidance.
When I saw "G": I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i".
"God, "u" and "i" dance."
God, you, and I dance.
As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust
that I would get guidance about my life.
Once again, I became willing to let God lead.
My prayer for you today is that God's blessings
and mercies are upon you on this day and everyday.
May you abide in God, as God abides in you.
Dance together with God, trusting God to lead
and to guide you through each season of your life.
Thank God if he has done anything for you in your life.
There is no cost but a lot of rewards;
so let's continue to pray for one another.
And I Hope You Dance through 2009 and the years after!

Submitted by: Melinda Horsford

From your community !!

Everyone has been asked to Please fill out a new DATA Sheet and get it turned into Jerrilyn Blocker as soon as possible.

New Purple Books are in --\$2.00 ea

Lashana Pace graduated from Wayland with a Masters of Arts in Management. Congratulations !!

*God closes doors no man can open
& God opens doors no man can close.*

Revelations 3:8

When God leads you to the edge of the cliff, trust Him fully and let go, only 1 of 2 things will happen, either He'll catch you when you fall, or He'll teach you how to fly!

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 9-12, 2009

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.

A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer; it sings because it has a song.
- Maya Angelou

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Peace starts with a smile.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

He who angers you, controls you!

† 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