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Words from your Lay Director

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18) Easter is probably one of the most powerful holidays of remembrance there is. It brings to mind the cross & the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus willingly completed so that we might be saved & have eternal life. His grace has & will continue from now to the end of time to carry each of us through the ups & downs of our lives.

Our choir at Trinity Fellowship has been preparing a song for Easter Sunday. The title is "There Stands A Cross." Here are just a few lines that describe the Blood that covers us all that love Him.

Wandering through this desert, ashamed of all my past, looking for direction, a peace I know will last.

I see a distant mountain, though this valley I must cross, at the end of my journey I know there stands a cross. There stands a cross where all my debt is finally paid. There stands a cross where all my sins are washed away. Upon that hill where my Savior paid the cost; Through the darkest storm there stands a cross. I bow before my Savior, my debt now placed on Him; Aware of all His suffering, aware of all my sin. Forgiven by His mercy, for I'm no longer lost; At the end of my journey I know there stands a cross. HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS! IT SHALL NEVER SUFFER LOSS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What a wonderful message of hope. The love of Jesus is to be celebrated by all who love Him. Please join the Living Water Emmaus Community as we celebrate His resurrection April 16th in Floydada at the First United Methodist Church. It will be a great time of fellowship & praise & worship.

I am doing this letter for our gracious lay director, Debbie Crosby. Due to a the very sudden illness & hospitalization of Debbie's mom, she ask me to fill in for her. Please pray for Debbie & her siblings as they make decisions about there mom.

We love you Debbie & we will all be praying for your mom.

DeColores,
Sue Johnson

Community Gathering -- April 16 --

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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

April 16- First Methodist
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Call Sue Johnson at 889-3331 to list your church on the schedule.
E-mail: t6676s@yahoo.com



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

SCARS OF LIFE

Some years ago, on a hot summer day in South Florida, a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house.

In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks, and shirt as he went.

He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His father, working in the yard, saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, he ran toward the water, yelling to his son as loudly as he could..

Hearing his voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his father. It was too late. Just as he reached his father, the alligator reached him.

From the dock, the father grabbed his little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the father, but the father was much too passionate to let go.

A farmer happened to drive by, heard his screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator.

Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived.

His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal.

And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his father's fingernails dug into his flesh in his effort to hang on to the son he loved.

The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, 'But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too..

I have them because my Dad wouldn't let go.'

You and I can identify with that little boy.

We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, but the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He's been there holding on to you.

The Scripture teaches that God loves you.

You are a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations, not knowing what lies ahead.

The swimming hole of life is filled with peril - and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack.

That's when the tug-of-war begins - and if you have the scars of His love on your arms, be very, very grateful.. He did not and will not ever let you go.

God has blessed you, so that you can be a blessing to others. You just never know where a person is in his/her life and what they are going through. Never judge another person's scars, because you don't know how they got them.

Submitted by De Chance

GOD'S TIMING

A Saturday night several weeks ago, this pastor was working late, and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The pastor let the phone ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer, but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night. The pastor couldn't figure out what the man was taking about. Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer. " The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife. The man said, "That's OK. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, "God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now." At that point my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, "Almighty God". I was afraid to answer!" The reason why it showed on the man's caller ID that the call came from "Almighty God" is because the church that the pastor attends is called Almighty God Tabernacle!!!

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

••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.

I thought you needed a laugh today and remember:

Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one!

Acts 2:38

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services , when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!'

(Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ , so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar:

'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar.

'She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!'



† 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