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Words from your Lay Director

“Surely Your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:6 NLT

God is watching over all of us. When King David wrote this passage he was not saying that only good things would happen to us. Bad things happen to good people. He was saying that God can take difficult situations and bring us good from any of them.

One of God’s great promises to us is that we can know, without a doubt, that all things are working for our good if we believe in His Son, Jesus. If we believe, all things are working for our good, not that all things are good, but they work together for good. There is no situation that we are in that God can’t ultimately turn toward good.

When we understand God’s grace and mercy, there is no need to fear the future. Jesus paid the price for all of our sins we have done and those to come. When bad things happen, we don’t have to think that God is getting even with us. And for one, am so thankful for that.. Mercy follows us in life. Like a parent follows a child picking up after them, God is always picking up our messes.

We, as Christians should go toward the future with an exclamation point, not a question mark. God’s goodness provides and protects, God’s mercy pardons and forgives. His goodness will help, His mercy will heal. God’s goodness is that God gives us good things in life we don’t deserve. His mercy means we are spared the condemnation we do deserve.

I have just been through a rough time in my life. I have spent over a month of my life that has seemed like a year. I have witnessed sad times and joyful times. I have done things that I never thought I was capable of doing. I spent a wonderful month, though a very sad month, caring for my mother. Crying, laughing, singing, praying and “nursing”, and believe me, I am NOT nurse material. I watched her struggle, fight and finally lose the battle on this earth. I know that my Mom has gone to heaven and now has the “ultimate healing” that I have prayed for. And through all of this “bad” stuff that my family and I have been through, God has used this difficult situation and has blessed us in so many ways. My family has drawn closer together and I had a wonderful opportunity to pray with my Mom and tell her that we would be okay and she could let go, if she was ready, and God would take care of all of us. That was such a special time for me. Thank you all for your prayers, concerns, cards and calls. I am sorry if I haven’t done a very good job as your Lay Director during this time. I felt compelled to spend as much time with her as I could.

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DeColores,
Debbie Crosby

Community Gathering

-- May 21 --
Colonial Baptist
910 Kokomo
Plainview, 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	
May 21	Colonial Baptist Plainview
June 18	First Methodist Lockney
July 16	First Methodist Hale Center

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

From your lay director:
I got this poem in an email and think that it sums up what I have been trying to say to you:

AIN'T

He was just a little boy
On a week's first day
Wandering home from Bible school
And dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes in the grass
He even found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod
And blew out all the "filler."

A bird's nest in a tree overhead
So wisely placed up so high,
Was just another wonder
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig zag course
And hailed him from the lawn;
Asked him where he'd been that day
And what was going on.

"I've been to Bible school,"
He said and turned a piece of sod.
He picked up a wiggly worm replying,
'I've learned a lot about God."

"M'm very fine way," the neighbor said,
"For a boy to spend his time.
if you'll tell me where God is.
I'll give you're a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came
Nor were his accents faint.
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,
If you can tell me where God AIN'T."

DeColres,
Debbie Crosby

Duct Tape or a Nail ?

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and says, 'Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven.. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.'

'Okay,' the man says, 'I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart.'

'That's wonderful,' says St. Peter, 'that's worth two points!'

'Two points?!' he says.

'Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service.'

'Terrific!' says St. Peter.. 'That's certainly worth a point.'

'One point!?!'

'I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans.'

'Fantastic, that's good for two more points,' he says.

'Two points!?!'

'Exasperated, the man cries. 'At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God.'

'Bingo ! 100 points ! Come on in!'

We often try to fix problems with WD-40 and duct tape.

God did it with a nail.

AMEN...

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!

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*

Our House is just a little house....
God knows where we Live.
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Love is not measured by the Number of
breaths we take, but by the Moments that
take our breaths away.
**

Each day has the possibility of a Miracle.
By: Elizabeth David
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We are never so lost that Angels can't
find us.
**

We do not remember days we
remember moments.
by: Cesare Pavese
**

LAUGHTER IS AN INSTANT
VACATION

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
Steve Olson, Lay Director
Kyle Brock, Spiritual Director

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.

† 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