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First Methodist Church
102 W. Poplar
Lockney, TX



LIVING WATER

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Words from your Lay Director

"Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer" (Psalm 94:19 LB).

First let's talk about cheer. I want to tell you something funny that I read a while back. There was a man from Kansas that decided to write a book about churches around the country. He first went to San Francisco and started working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking pictures and making notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign, which read "Calls: \$10,000.00 a minute."

Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and sign. The pastor told him that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God. The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way. As he continued to visit churches in Seattle , Denver , St Louis , Chicago , Milwaukee , and around the United States , he found more phones, with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor. Finally, he arrived in TEXAS . Upon entering the church, behold – he saw the usual golden telephone. But this time, the sign read "Calls: 35 cents." Fascinated, he asked to talk to the pastor, "Pastor, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found this golden phone and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God, but in the other churches the cost was \$10,000.00 a minute. Your sign reads only 35 cents a call. Why?"

The pastor, smiling replied, "Son, you're in TEXAS now. You're in God's Country. It's a local call."

Now doesn't that cheer you up to know that we are in God's Country? Those of us that are Texans love to believe that we are in God's Country and closer to God than any other state. But it doesn't matter where we are, if we have Jesus in our hearts, we are IN God's country. The truth of this story is that we ALWAYS have a direct line to God and it doesn't cost anything. All we have to do is talk to Him.

Let me add a little to this. We can talk to God anytime we want, but, do we ever stop and listen to Him? As the scripture above says, "when doubts fill my mine and when my heart is in turmoil," I don't know about you, but my mind is in turmoil a lot. And what do I do about it? I SHOULD sit still and be QUIET. Those of you that know me know that it is really hard for me to be still or quiet. I am always trying to out-reason God. Not just God but everyone. My mind is in turmoil because I am always trying to figure things out. Have you ever had a hard time going to sleep at night because your mind won't stop turning? That happens to me a lot. Some of us are afraid of silence. What is the first thing we do when we get home? Turn on the TV, in the car we turn on the radio because we need the noise. So what does the second part of that scripture say? "Quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer." God, in a sense, says, "If you want to lower your stress, it's as simple as this: Be silent. Stop talking and start listening." I know that I will ask God for something and not take time to listen, really listen, to what He wants to tell me. I call this a "drive by prayer". I am going to try to take a few minutes a day to sit back and ask God a question, and then sit and listen, not read my bible, but really listen. Why is this important? Because the race of life is tough and, quite honestly, it's tough to live God's plan for your life. It's important to be still and know He is there.

DeColores,
Debbie Crosby

Community Gathering

-- June 18 --

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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

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| 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



Pilgrims of Walk # 62

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| Alicegene Brooks | Heidy Caveres | Coloma Cox |
| Amy DeLeon | Cynthia DeLeon | Julia Diaz |
| Emma Durham | Mary Farias | Terisa Ferguson |
| Casandra Gary | Carson Graham | Ashley Hardage |
| Rebecca Hazelwood | Sheri Hildinger | Tara Holder |
| Nita Hooper | Alyssa Irlbeck | Kari Johnson |
| Keita Jones | LeeAnn Jones | Patti Jones |
| Kim Massey | Janai M. Mes | Angela Miller |
| Kassidi McPherson | Deborah Qualls | Christina Rodriguez |
| Rachel Self | Jill Teran | Sandy Vandivere |
| Ann West | Bobbie West | Linda Wheat |
| Marci Wynn | | |

Walk #62 Team Members

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| Cheryl Teeter-Lay | Director | Kyle Brooks- | Spiritual Director |
| Leslie Hukill | | Tina Nance | Janet Pyle |
| Ann Thompson | | Kelly Wilson | Cindy Olson |
| Neysa Carmicheal | | Sharon Hunt | Stacie Hardage |
| Sherry McDonald | | Kim Teeter | Valerie Moore |
| Adeela Harrell | | Sharie Moore | Lori Bennett |
| Shelly Thrasher | | Kodi Cole | Dahlia Hight |
| Debbie Braselton | | Shawntee Clawson | Miranda Eastwood |
| Del Perez | | Hayley Gibson | Brandi McKinney |
| Maridel Montgomery | | Robin Sanders | Naomi Dudley |
| Ricky Carstensen | | Rusty Teeter | Rance Young |

We complain about the cross we bear but don't realize it is preparing us for the dip in the road that God can see and we cannot.

Whatever your cross,
Whatever your pain,
There will always be sunshine, after the rain....
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall;
But God's always ready, to answer your call....
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
A word from His lips, can calm every fear...
Your sorrows may linger, throughout the night,
But suddenly vanish, by dawn's early light...
The Savior is waiting, somewhere above,
To give you His grace, and send you His love...

May God fill your day with blessings!!!

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle....

Sent by: Dennis Carter

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

Have You Hugged
Someone Today?
Did You Make Someone
Smile or Laugh?
Try It....

••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.

WALK INFORMATION FOR

Wayland Baptist University

SMAC BUILDING & Brown Chapel
(old Trinity Church) 9th and Utica
>>>Parking Space is available 1 block east of SMAC building<<< 9th & Travis or across the street from Brown Chapel

FOOD AGAPE - Bring to send-off on Thursday night June 11 to the kitchen of the SMAC Building. If your pilgrim has special food needs, please provide them. If food agape is brought after Thursday night, leave it in the Agape Room across from the kitchen.

PLACE MATS - Bring for all eight meals on Thursday night to the Agape Room. Please label them as to which meal they are for. These must all be there at that time!!

AGAPE GIFTS - Bring Thursday night to the Agape Room in the SMAC building. To assist the servant team, your cooperation is appreciated on the following:

--Do NOT "personalize" agape with pilgrims' names. (Of course, it is OK to include your name or the name of the reunion group providing the agape.)

--Do NOT bring personal gifts for pilgrims. (Give after the walk.)

--Do NOT bring any agape after Friday noon.

CAMERAS - Please do NOT bring cameras to send-off, candlelight or closing. The only pictures made during a walk will be of table groups.

SEND-OFF, June 11 - Gather outside the NW end of the SMAC building.

Immediately following will be Sponsors' Hour in the Brown Chapel at 8th & Raleigh.

CANDLELIGHT, June 13 - Do not arrive at the Brown Chapel before 7:30 PM. This will help to keep your presence a surprise! Worship service will begin about 8:30 PM. The pilgrims are scheduled to arrive for Candlelight at 10 PM.

CLOSING, June 14 - Brown Chapel: Do not arrive earlier than 3:30 PM. Worship service will begin about 4:30, with the pilgrims scheduled to arrive between 4:45 and 5:00. Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up after closing.

****Don't forget your working battery Candlelight's, if you need to purchase one the price is \$5 from De Chance. Loners are available to be returned after candlelight.****

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

† 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