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LIVING WATER

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Words from your Lay Director

FAITH...

Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. James 1:2-3

For many of us this is a difficult scripture to live by. "COUNT IT ALL JOY." This is easy to say when life is going good and very hard when life is in the valley. We've all experienced it in our lives. Count this joy? You have got to be kidding me! I am sure that the majority of you have heard that Walk #63 has been cancelled? The very morning that we had to decide whether to cancel or not, this was the scripture that was in my daily devotional that I have been studying. God knew what a hard decision that the LWE board and I would have to face so He sent me this scripture. Not to mention what Steve and his team would have to face in canceling the walk. I felt when I was reading this scripture that God was preparing me and I should share it with everyone. My heart goes out to each one of the team that have worked so hard on the talks, music and all that this entails. The days that they have sacrificed their weekend to have meetings will be hard to face. I know that there is one concession in this situation; I know that you all have been blessed at the meetings with talks and fellowship with the team. So I know that all is not totally lost. Team of Walk #63, you are in my prayers. You have all done a great job and I hope this won't make you feel like you have failed in some way...YOU HAVE NOT!!!

Now what? We ask God for direction! We will hear His tender voice say "I love you, child. Have faith." We, as a community, need to have faith in God and at the same time be faithful to Him. I feel that I should have done more to find a pilgrim and get him in timely. I have used the excuse of my mothers passing and dealing with her affairs. God has been so faithful to me in this matter so I should have been more faithful to Him by doing my part. I am sorry to all of you for this.

Count it all joy? You bet. Our faith honors His faithfulness.

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Debbie Crosby

Community Gathering

-- June 18 --First Methodist Church 202 W. Stevenson Hale Center, 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 pilarim, 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

July 16 First Methodist Hale Center

August 20

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

Welcome Women of Walk # 62

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

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the

editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But f or the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the

"Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say,
"Jesus, could you get that for me?"

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back...

1. Time 2. Words 3. Opportunity

Three things in life that can destroy a person...
1. Anger 2. Pride 3. Unforgiveness

Three things in life that you should never lose...

1. Hope 2. Peace 3. Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable...

1. Love 2. Family &Friends 3. Kindness

Three things in life that are never certain...

1. Fortune 2.Success 3. Dreams

Three things that make a person...

1. Commitment 2. Sincerity 3. Hard work

Three things that are truly constant... Father...Son...Holy Spirit

I ask the Lord to bless you, as I pray for you today; to guide you and protect you, as you go along your way. God's love is always with you, God's promises are true.

And when you give God all your cares, you know God will see you through.

UPCOMING WALKS >>WALK COST \$100.00<<

#63 Cancelled

#64 Women's Walk
October 8-11, 2009
Elaine Barrett, Lay Director
Roger Foote, 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.

Thank you Community for all your prayers. My grandson Rylan does <u>not</u> have Cystic Fiborsis and is much better. God is good and prayers have been answered. Love you all, Kayla

'To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.' When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence... 'The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.'

From your community!!
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† ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

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