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Words from your Lay Director

Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and His apostles didn't even have time to eat. Mark 6:31

Then He came to the disciples and said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look-the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

Matthew 26:45

Greetings, everyone, I hope this newsletter finds all of you happy and well. It has been hot, but I am enjoying the cooler weather we have been having the past few days. I am not a "hot" weather person. Makes me cranky when it's hot, hahaha! The summer "vacation" months are almost over...can you believe it? School will start soon and all of the kids and teachers will have to go back to the grind. For those of us who work all year, the only difference is that it is hot.

Summer is supposed to be vacation time, time to rest and relax. This really seems funny to me. I am just as busy, if not busier, in the summer. My life just never seems to slow down past a jog. Most of the time it goes at a pretty fast pace. You know that idle hands are the devils workshop, isn't that what our parents used to say? For some of you it was probably your grandparents. It is hard to not feel guilty if you are not doing something that needs to be done. But even Jesus rested. He just had to get away sometimes just to rest and refresh. Hey, even God rests like was told in Genesis 2:2 "On the seventh day God had finished His work of creation, so He rested from all His work." If God and Jesus rested, why is it hard for us to slow down, rest? I read something from Pastor Carl Toti, pastor of Trinity in Lubbock , it stated that successful people are never in a hurry. How well you prepare determines how well you perform. A singer or violinist will practice for hours on end before a performance. Athletes train for many hours before a game or the Olympics. Isaiah 50:4-5 tells us how our Lord prepared for His 3 ½ years of ministry that forever changed the course of this world. Have you ever noticed when you read about Jesus life that He was never in a hurry. Jesus prepared 30 years for a 3 ½ year earthly ministry (see Luke 2:52). Ephesians 6:15 says: "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." You know that God puts obstacles in our way sometimes in preparation of something great to come. So we need to be rested and ready for whatever it is that God has in store for us. We have to believe that good things are happening in our lives all of the time, even when it seems like nothing is happening-consider this prep time. Let's all gear up and be ready for the next endeavor that God has in store for us in Living Water Emmaus.

I send my love to all of you. Stay cool and rest up for a great time in the fall as we prepare for Walk #64 in October and Walk #65 in January. Get your applications in quickly. Let's fill these walks early.

DeColores, Debbie Crosby

Community Gathering

-- Aug. 20 --
First Methodist Church
700 Commerce
Silverton, 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

Aug. 20 First Methodist
Silverton, Tx
Sept. 17 Caprock Canyon
Oct. 15 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

Burned Biscuits

When I was a wee "tike", my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work.

On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Baby, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things.....and imperfect people.

What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults- and choosing to celebrate each other's differences- is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

"Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket!"

Keep it in your own." forwarded by Sue Johnson

Now this is the Living Bible:

His name is Tom . He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college.

He is brilliant. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Tom decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Tom starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat.. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything.

Tom gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Tom .

Now the deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant t, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do.

How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy.

The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do.

And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor.. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Tom and worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion.

When the minister gains control, he says,

"What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."

'Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read!'



PILGRIMS MISSING

Have you seen her? She may be your co-worker. neighbor. best friend. sister. mother. or daughter.

If found please fill out form and notify

Living Water Emmaus IMMEDIATELY

They will be taken care of in October.

UPCOMING WALKS

>>WALK COST \$100.00<<

#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.

From your community !!

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New Purple Books are in -\$2.00

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