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Words from your Spiritual Director

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

It is with joy that I write this letter to you. Normally, this letter is written by our lay director and Living Water Emmaus is currently without a lay director. We all know that Debbie Crosby's term ended at the close of 2009, and that we were greatly blessed to have her as our leader for the past year. However, the time has come for someone else to step into that role and continue leading this community as the Lord directs. It blesses me to think back of the leaders God has blessed us with since Living Water was formed and how He prepared and equipped those leaders to accomplish His purposes. I believe God is currently doing the same, it is just a matter of us agreeing with Him. I have been blessed to spend a lot of time with a very dear friend in recent months and to learn of a motto that my friend has adopted as his own. It is unlike the motto we have heard in years past referring to the use of alcohol and drugs, which says: "Just say No!" My friend's motto, concerning God's calling and desire for each of our lives, says this: "Just don't say No!". I think this approach to our Christian service is evidence that we have bought into God's purpose and plan for the work He has begun and will continue in the days to come. Remember the scripture in Philippians 1:6 that says; "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Would you agree with me that God began a good work in us when He brought Living Water Emmaus into being? And if He began that good work, will He see it to completion? I believe we would all agree in saying "YES". So, here we are with the need for a community lay director, a lay director for the women's walk in June, a lay director for the men's walk in July, board members to serve three year terms, a person to coordinate the music for the various gatherings, and the list goes on. As your spiritual director, I ask that each of us would enter into a time of prayer and fasting as we seek God's will and look with great anticipation and excitement for Him to raise up those whom He has chosen to fill these leadership roles. And that is where the joy comes from writing this letter. When people step forward in faith and place their trust in The Almighty God of the Universe, it is so exciting to see what can be accomplished. We have a "full" men's walk coming up the end of this month. Think about what God has in store for these men. Doesn't it excite you to think about the fruit that will result from this effort; saved souls, renewed hearts, revived marriages, closer families, stronger churches. We've seen it many times, and I believe we'll see it again and again. The choice is ours! God is doing His part, all we have to do is agree with Him and make ourselves available.

In closing, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve in this community. God has blessed me so much through you, because you have agreed to be His servant. Serving others is being "Just Like Jesus". May that be our goal!

So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45

Serving the Lord with you,
Rance

Community Gathering

-- January 21 --
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Board 5:30 PM
Sponsor's Training 6:00 PM
Meal 6:30 PM
Worship 7:30 PM

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

January 21	First Baptist Edmonson, Tx
February 18	First Baptist Plainview, Tx

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

LIVING WATER MEN’S WALK #65 Jan. 28- Jan. 31



Pilgrims of Walk #65

Ernest Alcala	Jess Barrera	Jim Beckner
Russell Branham	Vondal Burnett	Mike Carthel
Efrain Cenicer0s, Jr.	John Corcorran	Pete Fischer
John Franklin	Chris Fulton	Harold Germany
Danny Ginn	Jimmie Glenn	Terry Goodfellow
Jim Harris	Bucky Hudson	Kevin Ivy
Shawn Jones	C.D. Lawhon	Bryan McCrary
Bj McKeever	Brandon Miller	Tanner Olson
Nate Pochucha	Pete Ramos	Jess Roan
Jimmy Roberts	Lonnie Russell	Alfred Segovia,Jr.
Brendon Thrasher	Kody Thrasher	Matt Walton
Melvin Washington	Bobby Wilson	Jeriel York

Waiting List: Jerry Green

This list is subject to change.

Walk #65 Inside Team

Tom Johnson	Lay Director	Ron Brunson	Spiritual Director
Joe Barrera	Monty Bowen	Oliver Clark	
David Cole	Mark Collins	Todd Crawford	
Gary Eastwood	Jim Franklin	G.L. Hight	
Jim Lambert	Phillip Lambert	David Moore	
Sam Moore	James Race	TJ Terrell	
Arthur Wall	Fred Willis	Eric Wilson	

Clergy: Max Browning Roger Foote
Dennis Hartley Ed Jennings

Music Team : Greg Carroll Michael DeLeon
Leo Esquivel Wayne White

Outside Team: DeWitt Crosby Tommy Horsford
Roger Mahagan Keith Jones Chad Green
Jeff Vanlandingham BrandonWall

Luke 24:31 "And their eyes were opened and they knew Him"

PHONES IN CHURCH

A man in Topeka , Kansas decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco and started working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign, which read "Calls: \$10,000 a minute." Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered 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 , Phoenix, Salt Lake City , Denver , Oklahoma City, 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 a church in Dallas , Texas , behold - he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign read "Calls: 35 cents."

Fascinated, he asked to talk to the pastor, "Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found this golden telephone 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 a minute. Your sign reads only 35 cents a call. Why?"

I love this part... We love Texas

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

American by Birth - A Texan by the Grace of God.

WALK INFORMATION FOR PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY NEAR FLOYDADA

FOOD AGAPE - Bring to send-off on Thursday night Jan. 28th to the kitchen of the Jubilee Conference Center. If your pilgrim has special food needs, please provide them. If food agape is brought after Thursday night, leave it in the Agape Room on the end of the building.

PLACE MATS - Bring for all eight meals on Thursday night to the Agape Room. These must all be there at that time!!

AGAPE GIFTS - Bring Thursday night to the Agape Room in Jubilee Conference Center. 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, Jan. 28 - Gather in the Worship Center by 7 PM. Immediately following will be Sponsors' Hour in Jubilee Conference Center Chapel.

CANDLELIGHT, Jan. 30 - Do not arrive at the Worship Center 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 at Candlelight at 10 PM.

CLOSING, Jan. 31 - 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. ••

Always Remember This:
You don't stop laughing
because you grow old,
You grow old because you
stop laughing!!!

† 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