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# LIVING WATER

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## Words from your Lay Director



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well it has been another exciting month for me. Alice and I have kept the roads hot during the month of March and it isn't going to change for April. Anyway, I am late doing my part for the newsletter and Kayla is reminding me, ---again.

Emmaus is a tool that God is using to change lives and put people to work for His Kingdom. I experienced that first hand on March 27th. A dear friend of mine that lives in Quitique attended Walk #53 of which I had the blessing of being the lay director on. Since he went on his walk I have seed a magnificent transformation in his life. As I referred to earlier, on Saturday a week ago I attended a Cross Raising ceremony across the road from the roadside park just west of Quitaque. There were probably 45-50 people there to see this and participate. Jerry built the crossed and got permission from the land owner to erect them on his property. When you come from Silverton you can see them from the time you come around the curve going down into the Caprock Canyon. He has also completed all of his certification requirements to be a lay minister in the Methodist Church, and all of this since he went on a Walk to Emmaus. I am not shouting praises to Jerry, but to our Heavenly Father, who is still using the Walk to equip and enable His people to perform His work.

It is time for all of us to get to work and get people signed up for the June and July Walks. June is fast approaching and we have no where enough Pilgrims to allow us to conduct this Walk if we had to do it at this time. I am sure that all of us know at least one person who "deserves" to receive the blessings that comes from attending a Walk. We need to be vigilant in searching for those people and getting them signed up. Don't think that someone else is going to recruit the Pilgrims needed. It is all of our responsibility. Oh yes, while I am on the subject, Jerry is also one of our most faithful servants in the Kairos prison ministry and eh wasn't doing it before he went on his Walk. Sign someone up and see how God blesses you by observing what He has done in the life of others.

DeColores & Love in Christ,

Melvin Vanlandingham

## Community Gathering

-- April 15--

First United Methodist  
700 Commerce  
Silverton, TX

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

April 15 First United Methodist  
Silverton, 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

THE SNEEZE submitted: Dennis Carter & Tonya Garcia

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing .. and the traditional caps, they looked almost .. as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements----not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine.....until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED !!!!

The student on stage.. simply looked at the audience and said,

'GOD BLESS YOU

And he walked off stage...

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Isn't this a wonderful story? Pass it on to all your friends.....and GOD BLESS YOU!!!!

This is a true story; it happened at the University of Maryland .

Oh, how I wish THIS one would take off and FILL the whole Country!!

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Concentrate on this Sentence

'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.' Something good will happen to you today; something that you have been waiting to hear.

Sweet Friends ~

Friendship is an art. We all know the satisfaction and benefits of good friendships. There is a real security in having a good friend. We also know that people who seem to be friends sometimes betray us, hurt us, and disappoint us. They are not true friends in the end. While our emphasis seems to be on having friends, the truth is that in order to have friends, we first must be a friend. And so we each need to learn the art of being a friend.

Proverbs 17:17 tells us, "A friend loves at all times." This means that a friend continues to love, and to show his or her love, whatever the circumstances. A friend is one who knows you and still loves you. A true friend helps you when your need is great. Friendship is love expressed in acceptance of another person. It is consistent. It is being the one person someone else can count on.

Walk 66 can be a wonderful way for women to learn the art of friendship. We can be a real help to others in time of need. We can accept people for who they are. We can be a consistent presence, an encourager, and a loyal adviser.

A friend loves at all times.

Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)

I am so thankful God put so many Sweet Friends in my life. God Bless U All!!

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain.

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits..

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

••NAME TAG ORDERS••

Persons wishing to order new name tags should send a \$10.00 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**

Everyone has been asked to Please fill out a new DATA Sheet and get it turned in as soon as possible.

Data Sheets may be found on the web sight at [www.livingwateremmaus.com](http://www.livingwateremmaus.com)

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806-296-6090

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Please contact Elizabeth with the following:

New Data Base Information Needed: We need to know what church (The Actual name of your Church), every LWE person is a member of.

Lay Director and Spiritual Directors for all LWE Walks starting with #1.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the **Power** behind us.

Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just show up for duty!

**UPCOMING WALKS**

>>WALK COST \$100.00 for Pilgrims<<

#66 Women's Walk  
June 3-6, 2010  
Stacie Hardage, Lay Director  
Kyle Brock, Spiritual Director  
Wayland Baptist University

#67 Men's Walk  
July 29-Aug.1, 2010  
Danny Andrews, Lay Director  
Kelly Warren, Spiritual Director  
Wayland Baptist University

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**

**\*\*\*Walk Cost go UP in October to \$140.00 so get your pilgrim in for the summer walks.\*\*\***

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✝ Get your Applications in for the June & July Walks !!!! June 3-6.2010 & July 29-Aug. 1

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† **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](mailto:kayla.edwards@yahoo.com)