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From Your Community Lay Director

Dear Emmaus Family,

Summer is nearly over. School will start soon. This summer has really been busy for me and entirely too hot and dry? Our church is doing Vacation Bible School this week and I have the honor of working with second graders. The kids have been awesome and they have really blessed me with the hunger they have to better know Jesus. Once again I am asking you to step up as a community. At the time I am writing this letter we do not have a host church for our August community meeting. We should not have this struggle to have a place to meet. Please pray about your home church hosting a community meeting this year. It is both an honor and privilege to have community at your home church. It does require some work and effort. Please remember to get your data sheets turned in. I am on the intercessory prayer chain at church and I am constantly reminded of the way our Great God answers prayers. Recently I had a very dear friend have carotid artery surgery and from that a heart attack and then bypass surgery she was in the hospital for 2 months. At one point the family was told that she would not make it – they had done all they could do. But once again the prayer warriors got on their knees and she is at home and slowly getting back to normal. But the neatest part of this is that she knew just when the prayers were being sent forth in great force because she felt the change in her body and she turned the corner. She knows that God has something that she still needs to do. WOW!!! This has opened the door for me witness to her in deeper ways than ever before. So do not think that your prayers are not being heard. Our God is listening at all times. Remember Upper Room Training on Saturday, August 13th at Grace Methodist Church in Plainview. We will start training at 9am. Grace Methodist is Kyle Brocks church and they have offered to feed us lunch. Please come and be blessed.

Hope to have host church before Kayla sends this letter out.

In His name,  
  
Nancy Martin

Community Gathering  
-- August 18 --

New Covenant Church  
3300 Kokomo  
Plainview

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. 18 New Covenant Church

Sept. 15

Oct. 27 Bethel Baptist  
Plainview

Call Kayla Edwards @ 292-4807  
to list your church on the schedule or  
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I was sitting at the drive-through window at McDonald's this weekend (ok, I eat out a lot). I did the usual thing, I drove up to the menu and ordered. I proceeded to the first window and paid, then drove to the second window and waited for the order. After sitting there for a few minutes, the clerk slid back the window and asked, "Will you please pull over to the side? your order is not ready."

I was a little upset and even impatient, but I pulled over and waited. I thought, "How come other folks ordered and drove straight through and I have to wait." I waited for another two or three minutes. It seemed like hours before the clerk finally ran out, tapped on the window, and handed me the order.

Of course I asked, "Hey, what took so long?" She replied, "You wanted the Special Sauce, which meant it had to be specially made for that sandwich - it doesn't usually come with that one."

It seems to me this scene could be a reflection of our prayer lives. We make our request to the Lord. Our menu is His Word, where He has listed promise after promise. We stand before Him and request and plead and, sometimes, even beg. We go to the first window and pay, sometimes with fervent prayer, sometimes with prolonged suffering, sometimes with obedience, and sometimes not at all.

We then move to the second window and wait for our order. If God doesn't answer within a few minutes, we become upset. You know the phrase, "Jesus, it's 5:00 p.m. Friday; I prayed to You yesterday, and You still haven't answered. I can't wait much longer."

Why is it taking Him so long? I've seen people drive up before me and they received their orders right away! We even go so far as to tap on the window and ask if He has forgotten our order. We become impatient. We become upset. We become downright mad.

Lord I asked for a mate ten days ago and I don't see him/her anywhere.

Lord, I've been asking for a new job for two years; others have passed me by.

I've been waiting on a financial blessing for ten years and I still have more month than money.

Where are You and why haven't You blessed me?

And just when you think He is giving you the answer, He pulls back the royal curtain of Eternity, and says, "Please pull over to the side and wait a while longer."

This once frustrated me to no end, made me mad, made me want to give up, made me want to holler; that is, until the clerk brought out my sandwich. Then, the revelation became clear.

Do you know why the Lord has put you on the side? Do you know why you have had to wait for this blessing longer than before? Do you know why He has put you through more this time than ever? Do you know why it seems as though He has not heard you and He does not care? Do you know why it seems like you have had to go through more tears, more pains, and more struggling this time?

Because this blessing is a Special Sauce Blessing!

This is an Overflowing, Pressed-Down, Shaken Together, Blessing!

You made a Special Order and God has been putting together a Special Sauce Blessing for you and He has to prepare it for you!

That mate you wanted . . . He's putting together a Special Sauce!

That job you wanted . . . He's putting together a Special Sauce!

That financial blessing . . . He's putting together a Special Sauce!

That peace on the job . . . He's putting together a Special Sauce!

That house . . . He's putting together a Special Sauce!

That deeper anointing . . . He's putting together a Special Sauce!

That promotion . . . He's putting together a Special Sauce!

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end... [and a Special Sauce]. Jeremiah 29:11

How many people have driven away before the clerk brought their food, and how many people have missed their blessings because they did not wait.

Hang on there. Keep on waiting. You made a Special Order, now wait on God's Special Sauce!

But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

They who wait shall receive a Special Sauce!

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." - Luke 6:38

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>>>>>MARK YOUR CALENDAR<<<<<<

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COMMUNITY TRAINING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011

9AM--3PM

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SIGN UP AT COMMUNITY MEETING OR BY CALLING NANCY MARTIN

THIS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!!!

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UPCOMING WALKS

#71 Women's Walk

October 20-23, 2011

Plains Baptist Assembly

Cheryl Edwards, Lay Director

Roger Foote, Spiritual Director

#72 Men's Walk

January 26-29, 2012

Plains Baptist Assembly

Russell Flick, Lay Director

Brad Huckabee, Spiritual Director

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO WORK A WALK???

STEP 1. FILL OUT A CURRENT DATA SHEET

STEP 2. BECOME INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sign up your CHURCH

For

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Pick Your Month before someone else gets it.....

CALL OR E-MAIL ME @

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When hosting community Churches are responsible for the Dinner & dessert plates, napkins, silverware, cups, & drinks. Childcare is optional for the church, but Emmaus does pay \$25.00 for the person who works in childcare for the evening.

Men's Registrar Darral Bryant 806-928-1344 or 806-771-5271

Women's Registrar Debbie Crosby 806-292-7264

GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN NOW, WE WANT THIS TO BE A GREAT FULL WALK. It can be with you & God's will.