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From Your Community Lay Director

Dear Emmaus Family,

Thank you to Harvest Christian Fellowship for hosting our November meeting. We had great food, fellowship and praise. I appreciate all the churches that have hosted our meetings this year. Thank you.

Well 2011 is drawing to a close. I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving with your families. And we can now look forward to Christmas and the blessed time with our families again.

I had a wonderful trip to New York to spend Thanksgiving with my family. But as most people when they go on vacation I am glad to be back home in Texas. I appreciate your prayers for me as I traveled and witnessed to my family.

As we approach Christmas I am reminded again of Gods great blessings in my life. This year as community lay director has been one of the greatest blessings in my life. I thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving. I want to thank the board for their support, encouragement and hard work to make this year so great. Once again God is so good!!! I also want to thank all of you for your support, encouragement and hard work to help our community grow stronger and be a greater witness for our Lord.

Kayla will have a list of suggested items to put in the Christmas gift bags for the Legend of the Plains Nursing home in Hale Center. Please pray about blessing others this year. There is more information in this newsletter.

Remember we were given the greatest gift of all when God gave us His Son – Jesus. Jesus is what this season is all about. So let us bless others and remember why we celebrate Christmas.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the community meeting this month. Until then be blessed and filled with the love and peace of God.

In His Name,
Nancy Martin

Community Gathering
--December 15 --

First Methodist Church
202 W. Stevenson
Hale Center

Board 5:30 PM
Sponsor’s Training 6:00 PM
Meal 6:30 PM
Worship 7:30 PM

Guests are welcome and NO nursery will be 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

Dec. 15 First United Methodist
Hale Center
Jan. 19 Seth Ward Baptist
Plainview
Feb. 16



Call Kayla Edwards @ 292-4807
to list your church on the schedule or
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Christmas To Me

I remember as a child, the mention of Christmas sends ripples of Joy through my Heart, especially growing up in a Family where this Season is given so much priority and Importance.

I remember all the frenzy shopping for clothes, shoes, accessories, decorations for the Home, plenty to wine and dine and all the prettying up to do.

Oh Boy! A season to look forward to, but then is that ALL there is to Christmas?

As an adult I now know better. This season for me means:

- ** A new Birth.
- ** A new Beginning.
- ** A new Song.
- ** A new Dawn.
- ** An Emergence of a Rainbow that would never FADE>
- ** A Mystery that can NEVER BE completely explained.
- ** A LOVE COMPARABLE TO NONE. John 3:16 shows how a Father so Loved the World (You & me) that He gave His ONLY SON that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish but have LIFE ... Mmmm ... LIFE ETERNAL ... Such Awesome SACRIFICE.

I shiver to think of it, sacrificing CERTAINTY (Eternal Peace & Joy) for UNCERTAINTY.

Thank God for this Awesome BIRTH, for this Birth marked the BEGINNING OF HOPE for us and paved the path of a FUTURE INHERITANCE, thereby swapping for chosen ones assurance of a better life to unpredictability.

- ** Hallelujah ...Christ is Born
- ** Hallelujah ... I have a Future
- ** Hallelujah ...That Good Shepherd Born in this Special Season can quiet your Soul (Psalm 23).
- ** Hallelujah ... CHRIST IN ME THE HOPE OF GLORY.

SO Brethren rejoice, for that Birth paved the way for the Purchase & Ransom of YOU & ME.

For as long as I live CHRISTMAS remains CHRIST for the MASSes.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14

Submitted by: Glenda Tipton

Legend of the Plains Emmaus Christmas Project has 23 Men and 16 Women if you would like to make up gift bags to donate here are some suggested Items: socks, combs, brushes, tooth brushes, tooth paste, denture items, Deodorant, room spray, snacks, sleep gowns, pj's, sweat pants, sweat shirts, non slip slipper socks, a cross, a picture to hang and look at, and many more things you can imagine. Think of your own needs or the elderly needs. Please bring to December Meeting or call to pick up.

UPCOMING WALKS >>WALK COST \$140<<

#72 Men's Walk
January 26-29, 2012
Plains Baptist Assembly
Russell Flick, Lay Director
Brad Huckabee, Spiritual Director

Men's Registrar Darral Bryant 806-928-1344 or 806-771-5271
Women's Registrar Debbie Crosby 806-292-7264

Sign up your CHURCH For
COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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

CALL OR E-MAIL ME @
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Pilgrims Needed!

The January Men's
Walk is in need of
Pilgrims!!!



Please be in Prayer for God to put the right person in your mind and heart for this walk. I pray that it fills up and there is a waiting list. This is your opportunity to bless someone. There are Community people who would be willing to help you with any sponsoring needs. Just notify me or Nancy and we will be glad to pass the word to complete your needs. Thank You in advance for the great work you do in Our Saviors name.

DeColores: Kayla Edwards

I Corinthians Christmas

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, *I'm just another decorator.*

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, *I'm just another cook.*

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, *it profits me nothing.*

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, *I have missed the point.*

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, and golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure. Merry Christmas!

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

I Corinthians 13:13