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From Your Community Lay Director

Greetings Emmaus Community,

I would like to thank First United Methodist Church in Tulia and all the members there who made our April Community meeting so enjoyable. Marsha Sanders, Joe Adams, Sandra Johnson, Charleene Stark, and Kayla Edwards did such a great job of worship music. Three young girls setting close to us sure seemed to enjoy the worship time. I recognized one of them as Chris and Sandra Johnson's daughter. I recalled when Sandra used to tote her around Emmaus meetings in a baby carrier, it does not seem that long ago, but they sure grow up fast.

Thank you to Ronnie Johnson for a great job on the fourth days talk. Everything was great. Thank You all who helped out. We were at Harold Germany's funeral the next Thursday. Harold was quite an inspiration to us all. I sat with Harold on Saturday night after candle light on his Walk, and I can just imagine a similar amazement when Harold entered those Pearly Gates.

We recently attended a Freedom In Christ weekend at our church and I was reminded again of something that Pastor Paul first told me. This was the third time I actually heard this, but, I have to admit that I had a hard time fully grasping this at first.

The subject is pride and that pride is like a coin with two sides. The first side we all know, it is that attitude that we can do it our self with no help. The other side though is that when we give up hope and have no faith in God, thus not even allowing God into the equation. I think sometimes this is actually a false humility. I am sure that we have all done this at sometime. I am reminded here of the story of Peter (Matthew 14:22-33) when he walked on the water. When he started to lose faith he began to sink .

When we lose faith we take God out of the equation. Sometimes we do this with our praying and saying, we pray for something but we negate our prayers when we confess the opposite of what we pray for. Is this not what James referred to as a double minded man? (James 1:5-8) He says that man should not suppose to get anything from the Lord. He also says that faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26) . I say lets show our faith by working at signing up some pilgrims and filling these walks up.

We will soon be working on the October Woman's walk and the January Men's walk, so we really need everyone to update their data sheets, if you have not already done so, as soon as possible so that we know your status. Sherri and Jim are preparing for July and August walks. It is time to get those pilgrim applications in for those walks soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone on May 17th at Seth Ward Baptist Church for our next monthly community meeting. God bless you all.

De Colores
Russell Flick

Community Gathering
--May 17 --

Seth Ward Baptist
601 E. 24th
Plainview, Tx

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

Guests are welcome and 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 Janet Pyle 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 GATHERING

May 17 Seth Ward Baptist
 Plainview
June 21

Call Kayla Edwards @ 292-4807
to list your church on the schedule or
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DOES GOD EXIST?

This is one of the best explanations on the nature of God that I have ever seen...
A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: 'I don't believe that God exists. 'Why do you say that?' asked the customer. 'Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things. The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again and he said to the barber: 'You know what? Barbers do not exist. 'How can you say that?' asked the surprised barber. 'I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you! 'No!' the customer exclaimed. 'Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside. 'Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me. 'Exactly!' affirmed the customer. 'That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world. BE BLESSED & BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS!

I really liked this, I hope you share it.....
Submitted by: Terry Gillen

"Jesus Calling"
YOUR ARE MINE FOR ALL TIME; nothing can separate you from My Love. Since I have invested My very Life in you, be well assured that I will also take care of you. When your mind goes into neutral and your thoughts flow freely, you tend to feel anxious and alone. Your focus becomes problem solving. To get your mind back into gear, just turn toward Me, bringing yourself and your problems into My Presence.

Many problems vanish instantly in the light of My Love, because you realize you are never alone. Other problems may remain, but they become secondary to knowing Me and rejoicing in the relationship I so freely offer you. Each moment you can choose to practice My Presence or to practice the presence of problems.

Reference Bible Verses:
Romans 8:38-39;
Exodus 33:14



Years ago, I was frustrated because the Lord didn't answer a certain prayer the way I thought He would. I confess that I was not only frustrated but I was mad at God all day as I struggled with it. That night as I was about to go to sleep the Lord began to speak to me very clearly concerning a church where I would be ministering the following Sunday. I was surprised He was even speaking to me since I was upset with Him that whole day and didn't even talk to Him. I asked the Lord, "How come You are talking to me like this when you know I have been mad at You all day?" The Lord responded, "Son, you may be mad at Me, but I'm not mad at you! My love is different than yours. I love you whether you love Me or not. I love you no matter what!" I repented immediately, seeing myself the way He sees me and yet still loves me. I'm learning that God not only loves us, He even likes us!

Bill Yount
Blowing the Shofar Ministries
Submitted by: Sheri Warren

PROVERBS 3:6 " IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT."

I AM CALLING YOU to a life of constant communion with Me. Basic training includes learning to live about your circumstances, even while interacting on that cluttered plane of life. You yearn for a simplified lifestyle, so that your communication with Me can be uninterrupted. But I challenge you to relinquish the fantasy of an uncluttered world. Accept each day just as it comes, and find Me in the midst of it all.

Talk with Me about every aspect of your day, including your feelings. Remember that your ultimate goal is not to control or fix everything around you; it is to keep communing with Me. A successful day is one in which you have stayed in touch with Me even if many things remain undone at the end of the day. Do not let your to-do-list (written or mental) become an idol directing your life. Instead, ask My Spirit to guide you moment by moment. He will keep you close to Me.

Reference Bible verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Proverbs 3:6

- UPCOMING WALKS

#73 Women's Walk
July 19-22, 2012
The Ark, Amherst, TX
Sheri Warren, Lay Director
Kelly Warren, Spiritual Director

#75 Women's Walk
October 19-22 2012
Plains Baptist Assembly
Shelly Thrasher, Lay Director
Rance Young, Spiritual Director
- >>WALK COST \$140<<

#74 Men's Walk
August 2-5, 2012
The Ark, Amherst, TX
Jim Franklin, Lay Director
Kelly Warren, Spiritual Director

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.

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 July and August Walks are in need of Pilgrims!!

Please be in Prayer for God to put the right person in your mind and heart for these walks. 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 Russell or I 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