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From Your Community Lay Director

Greetings to all the Living Water Emmaus community.

I would like to thank everyone from Seth Ward Baptist Church for a wonderful community meeting in May. Thank you to Keisha Haley and Patty McCarty for the music and Jamie Qualls for running the sound system and music. Thank you Brenda Blevins for the great Fourth Day talk.

I am not sure of the exact numbers, but I heard that, depending on rollovers the July Women's walk is full and the Men's walk in August is safely made. If you want someone on one of these walks you had better hurry, It may be too late for the August Women but it is just right for October Women's walk and we will start looking very soon at January for Men.

This month I would like to write about the subject of encouragement. I recently heard a television evangelist talking about what he called wisdom keys. He said "Every man has a king and an idiot inside of him, the one that will respond is the one that you speak to." I also believe this in relationship to children. I heard several years ago someone say that if you tell a child how bad, or sorry, or unworthy, or unimportant they are enough they will live down to those expectations. On the other hand if you encourage them and build them up, they will live up to those expectations. Our words are so important that Jesus said that if you speak to a mountain that it would move, or a tree would be uprooted and it would be planted in the sea. In Matthew 8 when the centurion said "But only speak a word and my servant will be healed" Jesus marveled at his great faith. In chapter 3 of James he talks about bridling the tongue. Verse 2 says that if anyone does not stumble in word he is a perfect man. Wow it seems that we can change the course of lives just through the words that we choose. The prefix en means to put something in, and the prefix dis means to take something out. Thus encourage means to put courage in and discourage would mean to take courage out.

My wife Tommie and I will be married 34 years on the 30th of this month. Tommie is a wonderful encourager. We went to a marriage retreat many, many years ago and about all that I can remember about it was that one part of it they taught about a wife being the cheerleader and the husband being her hero. To this day Tommie almost daily tells me that I am her hero. I smile and tell her that she is my cheerleader. Some days I really need to hear her say that and especially when I do not feel like a hero I need the encouragement. We all need support and encouragement from time to time, but especially when we are at our lowest. Tommie really is my cheerleader and as I look back on 34 years I can truly say that I am so glad that we are where we are today in our relationship both personally and spiritually.

I have also had lots of encouragement and support from my Emmaus friends and family. I would like to thank you all for the support and especially the encouragement. I look forward to seeing you all on the 21st at Bethel Baptist Church in Plainview.

De Colores, Russell Flick

Community Gathering
--June 21 --

Bethel Baptist
1700 North I-27
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

June 21 Bethel Baptist
Plainview

July

August



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Allow Christ to Live Through You
by Rick Warren

"God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." (Philippians 2:13 NLT)
It is the Holy Spirit's job to produce Christ-like character in you.
You cannot reproduce the character of Jesus on your own strength. New Year's resolutions, willpower, and best intentions are not enough. Only the Holy Spirit has the power to make the changes God wants to make in our lives. The Bible says, "God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him" (Philippians 2:13 NLT).
Mention "the power of the Holy Spirit," and many people think of miraculous demonstrations and intense emotions. But, most of the time, the Holy Spirit's power is released in your life in quiet, unassuming ways that you aren't even aware of or feel.
Christ-likeness is not produced by imitation but by inhabitation. We allow Christ to live through us.
How does this happen? Through the choices we make. We choose to follow Jesus in all situations and then trust God's Spirit to give us his power, love, faith, and wisdom to do it. Since God's Spirit lives inside of us, these things are always available for the asking. Submitted by: Todd Crawford

Two Trouble Makers

A couple had two little mischievous boys ages 8 and 10. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town their sons would get the blame.
The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed and asked to see them individually.
So the mother sent her 8-year-old first in the morning with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.
The clergyman a huge man with a booming voice sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"
The boy's mouth dropped open but he made no response sitting there with his mouth hanging open.
The clergyman repeated the question. "Where is God?"
Again the boy made no attempt to answer.
So the clergyman raised his voice some more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!?"
The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet slamming the door behind him.
When his older brother found him in the close the asked, "What happened?"
The younger brother gasping for breath replied:
"We are in real BIG trouble this time! God is missing and they think we did it!"

Submitted by: Marsha Sanders



UPCOMING WALKS

>>WALK COST \$140<<

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

#74 Men's Walk
August 2-5, 2012
The Ark, Amherst, TX
Jim Franklin, 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

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....

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New Beginnings

To believe is to know that every day is a new beginning.
It is to trust that miracles happen, and dreams really do come true.
To believe is to see angels dancing among the clouds,
to know the wonder of a stardust sky and the wisdom of the man in the moon.
To believe is to know the value of a nurturing heart,
the innocence of a child's eyes and the beauty of an aging hand, for it is through their teachings we learn to love.
To believe is to find the strength and courage that lies within us.
When it is time to pick up the pieces and begin again.
To believe is to know we are not alone, that life is a gift and this is our time to cherish it.
To believe is to know that wonderful surprises are just waiting to happen, and all our hopes and dreams are within reach.
If only we believe.

"And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." - Revelation 21:6

Submitted by: Glenda Tipton

SMALL STRAWS IN A SOFT WIND by
MARSHA BURNS:

I see those things that are looming before you that have overwhelmed you. I know you're doing your best to be strong and to overcome, but you feel weak and unable to cope. I say to you, that I am your strength in every situation. I am your peace in the storm. And, with Me nothing is impossible. Go forth in faith and with peace I will cause you to not only endure, but to succeed, says the Lord.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Submitted by: Sherri Warren

Pilgrims Needed!

The August and October 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