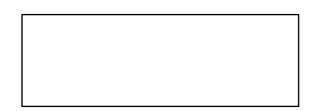
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## From Your Community Lay Director

Greetings to the Living Water Emmaus Community,
I would like to thank Bethel Baptist Church and all of the members who hosted our November Community meeting. We had a great meeting there. Thank you to Alfred and Debbie for leading our worship music, and thank you to Joe Barrera for our fourth days message. We all had a great time together at Bethel Baptist last month.

This will be my last newsletter and I wanted to thank all the people who have been such a help to me this year. I will not try to name them all, as I would not be able to list them all, but I thank all of those board members who have helped and supported and encouraged me this year. I also thank those who have volunteered their churches for community meetings and team meetings and helped with all of the background things that need to be done. I also thank the walk leaders, who have given themselves completely to the task of leading their walks so wonderfully, we have had some really great walks this year. We have a wonderful community and everyone pitches in to make every walk so wonderful. I also would like to thank everyone who has wrote a letter or card or emailed or texted me an encouraging word this year, you are greatly appreciated.

It is a little hard to believe that it is already December, especially when the temperature outside has been in the upper 70s. Christmas will be here soon and I hope that each of you have a chance to share Christ's birthday and its meaning with others. This is a wonderful time of the year, and the time when we celebrate our Saviors birth. Something that our family does each year is to read the Christmas story with the children when we get together for our family Christmas, it is so fun to share with the little ones. Luke 2 v. 11,14 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you on December 20th at First United Methodist Church of Hale Center.

De Colores, Russell Flick

## Community Gathering --December 20--

First Methodist 202 W. Stevenson Hale Center, 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 and Ray Macha 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

Dec. 20 First Methodist Hale Center, TX

Jan. 17 First Methodist Silverton, TX



Call Kayla Edwards @ 292-4807 to list your church on the schedule or e-mail kayla.edwards@yahoo.com

Here is the info on upcoming events and links for <u>Chrysalis</u>. The Web site www.llanoemmaus.org is temporarily down but hopefully that will be taken care of soon. But if it doesn't come back up soon they can get a hold of me and I will email applications or data sheets. Below is also a list of the registrars and lay director that they can also get a hold of.

College Young Women's Journey January 10-13, 2013 @ Mercy Center, Slaton Kristi Scoggins, Lay Director

College Young Men's Journey January 17-20, 2013 @ Mercy Center, Slaton Tom Griffin, Lay Director

High School Boys and Girls Flight August 1-4, 2013 @ Ceta Canyon Jared Chrestman, Boys Lay Director Shayla Ericson, Girls Lay Director

Chrysalis Cost is \$150 but scholarships are available if needed.

Chrysalis Lay Director Roan Cowen roancowen@gmail.com

Girls Chrysalis Registrar Mark & Celia Miller 806-328-5210 mfmrraider@aol.com

Boys Chrysalis Registrar Yvonne Allred 806-745-7917 yvonneallred@sbcglobal.net

Thanks, Winfield Davenport ministry@windquarterhorses.com

## WHY JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA CLAUS?

Santa lives at the North Pole ... JESUS is everywhere. Santa rides in a sleigh ... JESUS rides on the clouds and walks on the water. Santa comes but once a year ... JESUS is an ever-present help. Santa comes down your chimney uninvited ... JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited. Santa fills your stockings with goodies ... JESUS supplies all your needs. You have to wait in line to see Santa ... JESUS is as close as the mention of His name. Santa lets you sit on his lap ... JESUS lets you rest in His arms. Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?" JESUS knew our name before we were born. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads. Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly ... JESUS has a heart full of love All Santa can offer is HO HO HO ... JESUS offers health, help and hope. Santa says, "You better not cry" ... JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you." Santa's little helpers make toys ... JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions. Santa may make you chuckle but ... JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree ...

JESUS became our gift and died on a tree.... The cross.

We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, Jesus is still

the reason for the season.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only

begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not

perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Submitted by: Debbie Crosby

WHY GOD GAVE US FRIENDS
GOD knew that everyone needs
companionship and cheer,
He knew that people need someone

whose thoughts are always near. He knew they need someone kind to lend a helping hand.

Someone to gladly take the time to care and understand.

GOD knew that we all need someone to share each happy day,

to be a source of courage when troubles come our way.

Someone to be true to us, whether near or far apart.

Someone whose love we'll always hold and treasure in our hearts.

That's Why GOD Gave Us Friends

Submitted by: Glenda Tipton

UPCOMING WALKS >>WALK COST \$140<<

#76 Men's Walk
February 21-24, 2013
Plains Baptist Assembly
Andy Rainwater, Lay Director
Rance Young, Spiritual Director

#77 Women's Walk June 13-16,2013 The Ark, Amherst

#78 Men's Walk July 25-28, 2013 The Ark, Amherst

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 THESE TO BE GREAT FULL WALKS. 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 @ kayla.edwards@yahoo.com 806-292-4807

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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.