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From Your Community Lay Director  
Dear Living Water Emmaus Community:

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a blessed holiday season. I'm looking forward to great things from 2013. A new year always feel like a clean slate. I believe that the Lord's mercies are new every year, just as the Bible says they are new every morning.

One of my goals for this year, as in years past, is to grow closer to the Lord and to be more like Jesus by the end of the year. I believe that is a goal on each of our hearts, even if we don't speak it out or write it down. We long to be like Jesus. Philippians 3:10 and 14 says, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Our devotion to becoming like Him happens first of all in our private devotional time. There is no substitute to seeking His face every day. Our churches offer another opportunity to grow in grace in serving and worship. And Emmaus gives us a chance for a middle-of-the-month boost! It's a blessing to fellowship every time we get together. If you haven't been able to attend a community meeting in a while, I hope that you can be at First Methodist Church in Silverton on January 17. Bring a friend!

I have a friend or two on Facebook who have made it their goal this year to bless someone anonymously throughout the year by sending a small gift, meeting a need, sharing an encouraging card, etc. This is the spirit of Emmaus! Every time you give an agape gift to a pilgrim, every time you pray, every time you serve in any way, you are giving that unselfish love to someone who really needs a touch from God. Pray this year that He would show you whom you can bless through sponsorship, by making a gift, writing a letter, or whatever He wants you to do. I'm really looking forward to serving with you in 2013. See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

DeColores,  
Sheri Warren

Community Gathering  
--January 17--

First Methodist  
700 Commerce  
Silverton, 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

Jan. 17 First Methodist  
Silverton, TX

Feb.



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

How Great is our God!!!  
Our Creator and Redeemer . . . and do we THINK about it ???  
God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs...  
For example: -the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;  
                  - those of the canary in 14 days;  
                  - those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;  
                  -The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;  
                  - those of the mallard in 35 days;  
                  - The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.  
(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

- Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.
- Each orange has an even number of segments.
- Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.
- Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

- Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

-The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

-All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

The lives of each of you may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if you will only entrust Him with your life. If you try to regulate your own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One Who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

The Bible

When you carry "the Bible," Satan has a headache, when you open it, he collapses, when he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, AND when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

Submitted by; terry gillen

AN ANGEL WROTE:

Many people will walk in and out of your life,  
but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.  
To handle yourself, use your head,  
To handle others, use your heart.  
Anger is only one letter short of danger.  
If someone betrays you once, it's his fault.  
If he betrays you twice, it's your fault.  
Great minds discuss ideas;  
Average minds discuss events;  
Small minds discuss people.  
God gives every bird its food,  
but He does not throw it into its nest.  
He who loses money, loses much;  
He who loses a friend, loses more;  
He who loses faith, loses all.  
Beautiful young people are acts of nature,  
but beautiful old people are works of art.  
Learn from the mistakes of others.  
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.  
The tongue weighs practically nothing,  
but so few people can hold it.  
Friends, you and me ... you brought another friend...and then there were  
3 ... we started our group...  
Our circle of friends ... and like the circle ... there's no beginning  
... there is no end.  
-- Author Unknown

submitted by; glenda tipton

SMALL STRAWS IN A SOFT WIND  
by MARSHA BURNS:

It is important that you keep your wits about you and stay calm in the midst of turmoil. If you will purpose to be at peace, the chaos that threatens to overtake you will be averted. Take each moment as it comes knowing that I have given you the wisdom and strength to deal successfully with all adversity. Be strong and calm, says the Lord.

Psalms 131:2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.  
Submitted by; sheri warren

"To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did."

When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.

Concentrate on this sentence..  
'The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.'

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  
Sherrie Wall, Lay Director  
Kyle Brock, Spiritual Director

#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 Registra Nancy Martin  
806-729-3817

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 @  
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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 from that church for the evening.