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Community Lay Director

Well 2014 has arrived and that means some changes are in order. Sheri Warren has completed her term as Living Water Emmaus community leader. Sheri did a great job and will be missed. As the new community leader, I would like to introduce myself. I am David Howell, my wife is Doris, & we have one daughter Deidra. I am a retired Ag Teacher but still teach half time at Cotton Center High School. I serve as a Deacon at First Baptist Church, Cotton Center. Plus, I am involved in two prison ministries. I work Kairos at the Roach Unit in Childress. On Wednesday nights, I help with a Bible study at Formby Unit along with Ted Wilson and Melvin Vanlandingham.

My goal as the Living Water Emmaus community leader is for us come to realize the wisdom of Roman 12:4-5. In this verse we read that “For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” As a lay director last July, I came to love this verse. I came to realize that everyone has an important part in each and every walk.

On Walk 78 God put together a group of men that became a vehicle to move the pilgrims to a closer walk with him. God then steered this vehicle in the direction he wanted it to go. But what I learned in this process is that God is calling the Living Water Community to be the road that vehicle travels on. The LWE community paved the road with prayers, agape gifts, food, candle light, and by sponsoring pilgrims.

Think back to your walk and remember how important candle light was to you. Remember when you got home and went thought all the agape gifts, I did this with my wife and had a great time. Finally, remember all the food. You may think you’re not important, but when God paves streets - he uses gold. Yes each and every member of the Living Water Emmaus community is precious to God and he is counting on you.



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David W. Howell

Community Gathering  
--January 16--

New Deal United Methodist  
307 Monroe Ave  
New Deal

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 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

Jan. 16

New Deal Methodist

Feb. 20

March20

Call Kayla Edwards @ 292-4807  
to list your church on the schedule or  
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Forgiveness Leads to a Fuller Life  
by Rick Warren

“At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, ‘Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?’ Jesus replied, ‘Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.’” (Matthew 18:21-22 MSG)

The book of Job tells how Job's friends hurt him tremendously. They betrayed him, were disloyal, criticized him, misunderstood him. Nothing hurts more than being misunderstood or falsely accused. And it wasn't even Job's fault! He was innocent. He had every right to be resentful.

But God did a 180 in Job's life — not after Job had retaliated or grown resentful. God worked in Job's life after Job released his offenders and forgave them. The Bible says he not only let them go, but he also prayed for them (Job 42:10).

Why is it important to release your offenders? Because we become what we focus on. “I’m not going to be resentful!” What are you focusing on? Resentment. “I’m never going to be like my mom.” If you don't release them, you're going to start to resemble those who have hurt you. It's a fact of life.

Bitterness in your heart does very strange things to your personality. We're not meant to walk around carrying grudges. It takes a toll on our life.

How often do you have to forgive someone? Peter asked Jesus this question, and Jesus responded “seventy times seven” — that’s 490 times!

Do you store up ammunition in your marriage? Love keeps no record. Forgiveness must be continual. Every time you remember someone’s sin against you, you forgive him again until you know that you’ve released him.

How do you know when you’ve fully released that person? It doesn't hurt anymore. You can pray for their success. You can feel comfortable in their presence. You can empathize.

I don't know that I ever feel like forgiving anybody. But I do it, not because I feel like it, but because God tells me to, and because forgiveness gives me the freedom to live the full life God intended for me.

"Jesus Calling"

I AM A GOD WHO HEALS. I heal broken bodies, broken minds, broken hearts, broken lives, and broken relationships. My very Presence has Immense healing powers. You cannot live close to Me without experiencing some degree of healing. However, it is also true that you have not because you ask not. You receive the healing that flows naturally from My Presence, whether you seek it or not.

But there is more—much more—available to those who ask.

The first step in receiving healing is to live ever so close to Me. The benefits of this practice are too numerous to list. As you grow more and more intimate with Me, I reveal My will to you more directly. When the time is right, I prompt you to ask for healing of some brokenness in you or in another person. The healing may be instantaneous, or it may be a process. That is up to Me. Your part is to trust Me fully and to thank Me for the restoration that has begun. I rarely heal all the brokenness in a person's life. Even My servant Paul was told, “My grace is sufficient for you,” when he sought healing for the thorn in his flesh. Nonetheless, much healing is available to those whose lives are intimately interwoven with Mine. Ask, and you will receive.

UP COMING WALKS

>> Walk Cost \$140 <<

#80 Men's Walk

February 13-16, 2014

PBA, Floydada

Dewitt Crosby, Lay Director

Ron Brunson, Spiritual Director

GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN NOW,

WE WANT THIS TO BE A GREAT FULL WALK...



Sign up your CHURCH For  
COMMUNITY MEETINGS



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

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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

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PHILIPPIANS 4:13

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH  
CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

The road to success is not straight.

There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

**Pilgrims  
Needed!**

**The February  
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 David 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**

Emmaus Cookbook

Living Water Emmaus is  
all about the love of  
Food and Fellowship. So  
we have to decided to put  
together a cookbook of  
your favorite recipes.

Please

submit any or all of your  
great recipes to  
Reta Star Craft at  
gnrcraft@suddenlink.net

or you can print  
them and bring to any  
community function...  
**PLEASE GET THESE  
IN BY THE END OF  
JANUARY !!!!**