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COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

The call has come and you have been asked to serve on a Walk to Emmaus - what next? The main thing is to realize that God does not call the qualified he qualifies the ones He calls. One of the greatest blessings of being a Lay Director is watching God's plans unfold at the Walk. Every person that God called on Walk 78 had a purpose for that Walk. When we all met the first time I knew a few of the men but most were strangers. I never would have believed a few months later how close we would become. From the beginning, I started learning the true meaning of being on a team. In Mark 6:7 we read how Jesus called his team together, gave them assignments, and sent them out to accomplish his purpose. For an Emmaus team the letter T stands for togetherness.

It was obvious from the start that everyone called was full of the Holy Spirit. Act 1:8 was our unifying mission. We all wanted to share Christ with the pilgrims. For an Emmaus team the letter E stands for empowered.

On every successful team, each member knows their role and we hold each other accountable. In Hebrew 13:17 we learn that we need to follow those that God put in authority. For an Emmaus team the letter A stands for accountability.

Finally we need to be taught by the Master. In Matthew 5:1-2 we find that Jesus took time to teach his disciples. We have to allow time for Jesus to instruct us though Bible reading, praying, studying and sharing God's word with other believers. For an Emmaus team the letter M stands for mentoring.

As I said earlier seeing how everyone called on Walk 78 had a purpose. People that God called for Walk 78 include every name on the prayer vigil, everyone who sponsored a pilgrim, everyone who came to sendoff, candlelight or closing, everyone who brought agape gifts, the team. God is counting on each one of us to make Walk #81 and #82 successful.

> Remember, we all are a part of God's Living Water Emmaus Team. T= Togetherness, E= Empowered, A= Accountability, M= Mentoring

Mark 6:7 Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Hebrew 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

Mathew 5: 1-2 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them.



DeColores, David Howell Community Gathering --May 15th--

Western Heritage Church 1209 Ave. G 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 leaders. 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

May 15 Western Heritage Church Hale Center

June 26

July 24

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

Thank You from Walk #80

Dear Living Water Emmaus Community,I know you must be saying, "better late than never"? This is the story of my life. I will make no excuses! I wanted to say thank you all so much for all that you did for Walk #80, the best walk ever. I never, EVER, intended to lead a walk as Lay Director, but I did. God doesn't always let you sit back and enjoy, and let someone else do the work, as in my case. He equips the called. And he did equip me with a wonderful team and a great community that bathed me and the walk in prayer. Thank you all so much for the prayers, the agape you provided and the love that I felt from all of you. God and Holy Spirit met us there and did a miraculous job. Thank You, Lord! If God would call me He will call a lot of you! Take the challenge and I guarantee you will never regret it. It was one of the "more gooder" experiences of my life. I might would like to do it again sometime, LOL! Ask me in a few years?

Love you all, Dewitt Crosby

Living Water Emmaus Cookbooks Have Arrived

Ready for your Kitchen and for gift giving.

They are \$15 each and you can get yours at the next Community meeting in Quitaque or by contacting

> Reta Star Craft at gncraft@suddenlink.net or 8062927675

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CLERGY FOR WALK FEES

ATTENTION

The Living Water Emmaus Community makes available the mailing of newsletters to persons who cannot or do not want to receive the newsletter via the internet.

The mailing list grows after each walk, as some of the new pilgrims do not have access to computers. There is no charge for this service. However, the cost is about \$80 per month to print, fold and mail the newsletters to nearly 140 people.

An appeal for donations will be made each February. If you wish to make a donation to help cover this cost, please send it to Living Water Emmaus Community, P O Box 1895, Plainview TX 79073.

If you would like to have your name removed from the mailing list, please send a a note to the address listed above, or call Gayle Schacht at 806.652.2022.

Thanks, Gayle

UP COMING WALKS >> Walk Cost \$140 <<

#81 Women's Walk June 19-22, 2014 The Ark, Amherst Shannon Cage, Lay Director Ted & Jody Wilson, Spiritual Dir #82 Men's Walk July 17-20, 2014 The Ark, Amherst Don Sanders, Lay Director Ernie McGaughey, Spiritual Dir

GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN NOW, WE WANT THESE TO BE GREAT FULL WALKS... Men's Registrar: Darral Bryant 806-928-1344 or 806-771-5271 Women's Registrar: Nancy Martin 806-729-3817 Sign up your CHURCH For COMMUNITY MEETINGS Pick Your Month before someone else gets it.....

CALL OR E-MAIL ME @ kayla.edwards@yahoo.com NT**** 806-292-4807 ****I

******URGENT****** 806-292-4807 ******URGENT****** 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 God's cake.... This is about the best thing I've ever read as an explanation.

Sometimes we wonder, 'What did I do to deserve this?' or 'Why did God have to do this to me?' Here is a wonderful explanation! A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack,

and the daughter says, 'Absolutely Mom, I love your cake.'

'Here, have some cooking oil,' her Mother offers. 'Yuck' says her daughter..

'How about a couple raw eggs?' 'Gross, Mom!' 'Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?'

'Mom, those are all yucky!' To which the mother replies:

'Yes, all those things seem bad all by

themselves. But when they are put together in the

right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!

God works the same way.

Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times.

But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order,

they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and,

eventually, they will all make something wonderful! God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and

a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.

He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

Life may not be the party we hoped for,but while we are here we might as well dance! Submitted by: Dennis Carter

May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation always say, "The Lord be exalted!" Psalm 40:16

Thank You, Lord, for being so faithful. Thank You for Your compassion--that is just the right amount to get me through the day. amen.

When we take time to notice the simple things in life, we never lack for encouragement. We discover we are surrounded by a limitless hope that's just wearing everyday clothes.