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COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Dear LW Emmaus Community,

March, 2015

Our Community Meeting was wonderful! Lamar McBride, Sandra Johnson, Marsha Sanders and Joe Adams were in the Praise Team. They helped lead us into worship and they were amazing. Thank you FUMC, Tulia for opening your doors and opening your arms to Living Water! Greg Bednarz was our Fourth Day speaker and touched the hearts of all of us there. The men of Walk #84 came out in numbers and you could tell they felt this kind of love from God

"To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" Ephesians 3:19

His love is not something we can achieve-it is something we receive. He uses the message of His love on a cross to bring us into a relationship with Him. God's love is enough! There is no way to make Him love us less, and there is no need to make Him love us more. His love is inexhaustible, unfathomable and beyond human description. It is wider than anything we will ever cross, longer than any distance we will ever have to go, higher than we will ever have to climb, and deeper than we could ever sink or fall.

When we know the love of Christ, we know that nothing can ever change it. There is no circumstance, problem, or need that can ever change God's love. It is enough ~ More than enough!

I thank Him that His love is so amazing, no words can describe what He has done in forgiving our sins through the blood of Christ. I praise Him for the gift of eternal life that He has freely given.

I hope to see all of you at the First Baptist Church in Hale Center on March 19th.

DeColores, Elaine Barrett

P.S. I know some of you have been very disappointed to hear that we have cut our walks down to two a year, one women's and one men's. The cost of the walk is \$160.00 at Plains Baptist Assembly and when we do not fill the walk we have to pay the difference. In other words, if we are 10 pilgrims short it cost the community \$1600.00. Until we start having full walks before the deadline, we felt this was the only way. We are hoping that in this year's time that we will have a waiting list for the upcoming walks. Please get applications turned in early so we can go back to having four a year.

Community Gathering --April 16--

Issue # 211

First United Methodist Church Silverton, Texas

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 GATHERINGS

Apr 16 - First United Methodist in Silverton

May 21 -

June 18 - First Assembly in Plainview



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

Welcome the men of Walk # 84

JOE STARKEY BRANDON TURNBOW ROCKY ROSAS JIM SAUL DAVID WHITEHORNE DUSTIN MORTON DICK McDUFF MARLIN PHILLIPS **JOSHUA JONES JAKE GASS BOB COFFEY** JIM MESSER TIMMIE NORTON MITCH ROSS **NICK JOINER** RAYMOND RODRIGUEZ PEDRO RODRIGUEZ DAVID BELLOMY DON BELLOMY SHANE BERRY **GREG IVY** RYAN CROWE LEONARD DICK **DONALD SMITH** J.T. McGILLEM **BRANDON NEWMAN** TATE PFEIFF DANIEL STUART JUAN RODRIGUEZ ETHAN SOTO **GARY MAYES BRODY FORD-CARLOS JARA JACOB RIEFF GREG BEDNARZ**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

GROCERY LIST Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food. John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once. Visualizing the family needs, she said: 'Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can.' John told her he could not give her credit, since she did not have a charge account at his store. Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, 'Do you have a grocery list?' Louise replied, 'Yes sir.' 'O.K' he said, 'put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries.' Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed. The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down.. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, 'I can't believe it.' The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said: 'Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands.' The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a hundreddollar bill to the grocer and said; 'It was worth every penny of it. Only God Knows how much a prayer weighs.' Trust in the Lord with all your heart and He will never fail you because He is Awesome

PAY IT FORWARD COMES TO MIND!!!!!!

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

#85 Women's Walk
July 23-26, 2015
Doris Howell, Lay Director
Ted & Jody Wilson, 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 @

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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

Growing old is Awesome when you look at it like this!!! Some very true words to ponder....I hope you enjoy.

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50, 60 &70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will. I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well And, I eventually forgotten. remember the important things. Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But, broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and A heart never compassion. broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect. I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!

