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**COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

Dear LW Emmaus Community,

Our Community Meeting at First Baptist Church, Hale Center was wonderful! Thank you to Ricky Jimenez, Melissa & Katelyn Carter, and Happy & Judy Brake for leading our music in the Praise Team. Thank you FBC for opening your doors and opening your arms to Living Water! Roger Mahagan was our Fourth Day speaker and shared how God has led him through some trials with family and health, thank you Roger for your testimony. Our next community meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton on April 16<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will make an effort to be there to worship and fellowship together. This is also a great opportunity to bring your pilgrim forms for the upcoming Women’s Walk to be held at the ARK on July 23-26.

As we just came out of Holy Week, I want us to reflect so I am sharing a part of a devotion from Girlfriends in God.....

Mary said “I have seen Jesus! He is alive!”

Later that day, as the disillusioned band huddled in their hiding place, Jesus appeared in their midst. He didn’t knock. He didn’t open the door. He simply appeared. “Peace be with you,” Jesus said.

But the disciples didn’t recognize Him. He looked like Jesus, talked like Jesus, but how...how could it be? In order to convince the disciples that He was indeed the risen Christ, Jesus made a simple gesture. He held out His hands and revealed the nail-pierced hands. Then He lifted up his tunic to reveal the scar in His sword-pierced side.

It was then...that they believed.

As I read these verses, God played and replayed the frames in my mind’s eye, but it was the final scene that captured my attention. He showed them His hands and side. *Oh God, I prayed, they didn’t recognize Jesus until He showed them His scars. Yes, my child, He seemed to say, this is what I wanted you to see. They did not recognize Jesus until He showed them His scars, and this is how others still recognize Him today...when men and women who have experienced the healing of past wounds are not ashamed to show their scars to a hurting world.* Jesus did not have to retain the scars of the crucifixion on His resurrected body. He could have returned without them. After all, He is the one who put new flesh on the hands and feet of the lepers. But He chose to keep the scars, I believe, because they were precious to Him...that’s how others would recognize who He was. That is still the way people recognize Jesus today, when we are not ashamed to show the scars in our own lives. When we reveal the wounds that are now healed, and tell others about the Healer who made it possible.

**Let’s Pray** Dear God, thank You that Jesus kept His scars when He rose from the dead. I pray that I will not be ashamed of my scars, but that people will recognize the Healer in my life through my story. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

DeColores,  
Elaine Barrett

Community Gathering  
--April 16--

**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 - First United Methodist in  
Lockney**  
**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



TO A KEEPER!

One day someone's mother died.  
And on that clear, cold morning, In the warmth of her bedroom, The daughter was struck with The pain of learning that sometimes There isn't any more.  
No more hugs, No more lucky moments to celebrate together, No more phone calls just to chat, No more "just one minute."  
Sometimes, what we care about the most goes away. Never to return before we can say good-bye, Say "I Love You."

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So while we have it . . it's best we love it . . And care for it and fix it when it's broken . And take good care of it when it's sick.  
This is true for marriage .... And friendships ..  
And children with bad report cards; And dogs with bad hips; And aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, Because we cherish them!

Some things we keep -- Like a best friend who moved away Or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that Make us happy, No matter what.

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Life is important, And so are the people we know . . And so, we keep them close!

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I received this from someone today Who thought I was a 'KEEPER'!  
  
Who Are "keepers" in your life!

Have you told them or Thanked them for being there for you?  
  
Keepers are the very special people that God placed in your life to help you along the path he has already laid out for you.



Bless You and Your Keepers!!!!



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

ONLY IN TEXAS

A man in New York City decided to write a book about churches around the country.

He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign which read "\$10,000 a minute." Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and sign. The pastor answered that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God.

The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way. As he continued to visit churches in Seattle , Salt Lake , Chicago , Milwaukee , and around the United States, he found more phones with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor.

Finally he arrived in the lovely hill country of Austin , Texas. Upon entering a church, behold, he saw the usual golden telephone. BUT THIS time the sign read, "Calls: 25 cents."

Fascinated, he asked to talk to the pastor. "Father, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I found this golden telephone and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and could talk to God, but, in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads 25 cents a call.

"Why?" (I just love this part) The pastor, smiling benignly, replied, "Son, you're in Texas now, and it's a local call."

SOMETIMES THINGS ARE NOT BIGGER IN TEXAS, THEY ARE JUST BETTER!!!!

