

Living Water Emmaus

September 2019



Hello again,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day Weekend. We sure did. Johnny and I have been taking our family to Cloudcroft camping in the Lincoln Nation Forest for 26 years. Well, this year, our oldest daughter and her family couldn't make it and we considered not going. Johnny and I just couldn't forget our trip and our youngest daughter and grandsons were coming. After much consideration, we decided to go on. We pulled into our camp-site at 10:30 Texas time set up our tent and went to bed. It is so dark in the mountains we couldn't even tell if we had camp neighbors. I woke up the next morning to John's voice talking to a couple next to us. We all made our introductions and went on about our business. That afternoon, around a pot of coffee, we got to know our neighbors much better. As we were sharing about ourselves, We discovered both were widowed and they had only been married a year. Claudia lost her husband within 3 weeks of his cancer diagnoses and I'm not sure under what circumstances Dave lost his wife. As always, John and I share our faith and walk with Christ in our everyday language and as the conversation continued she shared with us that she is an Atheist. As she told us this, she asked us not to hate her and we assured her we didn't judge her but we'd like to know how she made it through her grief during the time of her husbands lose. She said very straight-forward that it was very hard and lonely. Our hearts just broke to think that she went through all that without reaching out to God. In conversation, she said she is the type of person that has to see to believe. There we were, in the forest with all the beauty of God's hand and I ask her if that was proof for her and where she thought all that hand come from. She replied that it just appeared. She also said she really wanted to believe but just couldn't wrap her head around it. John ask Dave if he believed and without hesitation, he said yes. John and I spent the rest of the weekend praying for her and asking God to show her what she needed to believe. We ended our weekend with our new friends by letting Claudia know we were going to continue to pray God would open her heart to see him in her own eyes and come to know him. After our first encounter with Dave and Claudia, John turned to me and said, now we know why we couldn't get rid of that tugging feeling we shouldn't give up our family time in Cloudcroft. God needed us to witness to this beautiful lady. Are we using every opportunity to share Christ through our everyday life and conversation. If John and I hadn't shared our walk through our talk, we would have missed the opportunity to witness to Claudia about our heavenly father. Even though she didn't come to the Father with us, we planted the seed and that's what He ask of us. We will continue to pray for Claudia and all others that are lost to God. I hope you will to.

De Colores,
Karen Boyce

Calendar of Events

September 19 – Community Meeting
First Methodist Church, Tulia

October 17 – Community Meeting
Seeking Host Church

October 24-27 – Women's Walk #100
Roaring Springs Retreat Center

November 21 – Community Meeting
Seeking Host Church

December 12 – Community Meeting
Plainview

January 16 – Community Meeting
Seeking Host Church

February 20 – Community Meeting
Seeking Host Church

Community Meeting Schedule

Board meeting - 5:30
Sponsor's Training- 6:00
Community meal - 6:30
Bring a dish & your appetite
Wear your Emmaus name tag
Community service - 7:30

Seeking Host Churches

If your church would like to host, call or e-mail either

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UPCOMING WALKS

Women's Walk #100

Lay Director: Diana Rowten

Spiritual Director: Shelly Thrasher

October 24-27, 2019

Roaring Springs Camp & Retreat Center

Applications Due: October 4

Get your applications in for Walk #100!!!

Send Applications to Registrar Deidra Howell

Mail: PO Box 1895, Plainview, TX 79073

E-mail: livingwateremmaus@yahoo.com;

Phone: 806-789-3329

Fee - \$150

Applications can be found at

<http://livingwateremmaus.org/downloads/>

WALK #99

Hello my friends in the Emmaus Community, What an amazing blessing it was to get the opportunity to be the Lay Director for Walk #99! The experience was really a chance to watch the Lord orchestrate what he wanted in the lives of dozens of people. I have definitely discovered that from start to finish, Jesus puts together a Walk to Emmaus weekend. Now, don't get me wrong, we all put a lot of effort into the process. The hearts and efforts of this beautiful community are on display every Walk, and as a Lay Director, it is very humbling to see it all come together. You people are amazing. The love and sacrifice from so many folks, just to show a bunch of strangers the awesome love of God, is beyond anything I have ever witnessed. The impact to the men that were privileged to be part of the weekend was massive. Lives were changed, hearts were broken and then mended, and Satan got a black eye. But God did it the way he wanted. He chose who he wanted to be on this team. I took the team selection list, prayed over it, and then called those men who God told me to call. Some of the men He had me call had their personal walk resurrected during that weekend. Others, stepped way outside their comfort zone to give talks and were blessed in their own lives because of it. Some that I chose had to back out, so that God could put a man on the team that needed to be there for the men that He had already chosen to be on the walk. Some of the pilgrims that were originally scheduled to be on walk #97 didn't get to go for various reasons, so that God could give them what they needed through a particular team member who God couldn't free up until walk #99. I can't fathom how the Lord manages to orchestrate all this in so many lives, but it is truly mind blowing and awe inspiring. We serve an infinitely powerful and all-knowing God! We didn't have a full walk because we weren't supposed to have a full walk. The guys who came on this weekend needed more individualized attention so that their lives could be changed. And that is exactly what happened! Now I will tell you that it is a bit stressful trying to be in charge when God keeps changing everything. But what that does is force a person to sit back and learn to trust the living God. We all need to come to that point in our lives, don't we? The funny thing is

New Community Members

Abraham Garza

Lee Adams

Al Keesee

Leland Wood

Ben McGee

Marcos Patino

Blake Crawford

Marcus Adams

Chuck Edwards

Mario JR Perez

Derrick McCormick

Mario Perez

Don Mitchell

Monty Watson

Gerald Moore

Nino Garcia

John Barajas

Robbie Robinson

John Reynolds

Ryan Byrd

Jonny Neumann

Terrence Miles

Justin Pescatore

that once the weekend got started everything went smoothly and without any real hiccups. I guess God knew that I needed a break. Of course He did! He knows everything. My friends, 24 pilgrims went on walk #99, and out of that 1 gave his life to God for the first time, and another 7 recommitted their lives to Jesus. Those are pretty big numbers. But that doesn't even include the personal breakthroughs that many of the other 16 experienced and the impact on the team members and yours truly. The Walk to Emmaus is one of God's power tools, and we are all blessed that He allows us to be a part of it. I love you all.
Decolores,
Joe Switzenberg