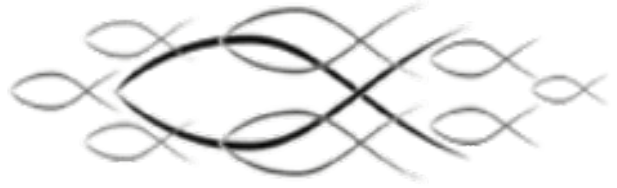


Living Water Emmaus

December 2021



Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe that 2021 is coming to an end, as is my time as Community Lay Director. I want to thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout the year, and to take this opportunity to welcome Jerry Wall as our new Community Lay Director for 2022. I look forward to seeing God's plan worked out in all of us in the coming year.

I would like to share a little of The Nativity Devotional that I purchased from Pathway to Victory this year. Dr. Robert Jeffress (one of my favorite persons to quote) focuses on each of the familiar characters from the Nativity scene. Mary-God chooses those who are available. He gives 4 reasons why a peasant girl from Nazareth found favor with God. 1) Mary was pure: Isaiah 7:14 prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin. Mary was faithful to God, and she remained pure. When God is looking for somebody to use, He chooses those who are not necessarily the most talented, the most qualified, or the most beautiful, but those who are pure. 2) Mary believed God's word: Mary didn't understand how she was going to give birth to the Savior, but she believed what God said, and she acted accordingly. 3) Mary placed the glory of God above her own reputation: Mary knew that if she agreed to be used by God like this, it would harm her reputation. After all, who was going to believe her? People would spread rumors about her. How many teenage girls do you know that don't care what people say about them? And 4) Mary was willing to sacrifice what was important to her: Mary knew the consequences of allowing herself to be the mother of Jesus. She knew the law of unfaithfulness of being put to death, but if Joseph chose not to do that, he would probably break their engagement. Mary realized that saying yes to God meant losing the person who meant everything to her. Every time you see Mary in a nativity scene, ask yourself: Am I available to God? Am I keeping myself pure? Do I believe the promises of God? Am I willing to place God's glory above my reputation? Am I willing to sacrifice that which is most important to me? God, help us to be like Mary, who was faithful to You and willing to do what you asked her to do. During the excitement of this Christmas season, help us to listen for Your voice and be available to You.

I hope to see you all on December 16th at FUMC New Deal for a special service that Nelda and The Three Strands have been preparing for us. Bring a potluck dish and let's fellowship and take a moment to celebrate the true reason for the season.

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Tracy Campbell

Community Meeting Schedule 3rd Thursday of the Month

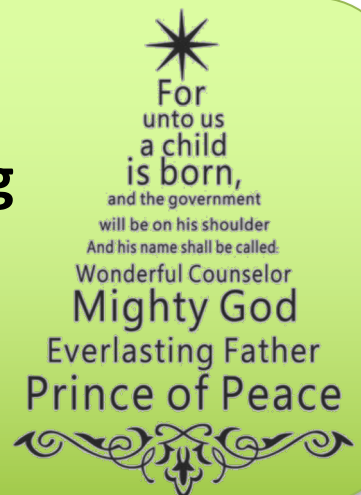
Board meeting – 5:30 pm
Sponsor's Training- 6:00 pm
Potluck Supper – 6:30 pm
Community service – 7:30 pm
Wear your Emmaus name tag

Seeking Host Churches

If your church would like to host please let Tracy Campbell know.

Next Meeting

December 16
FUMC New Deal



January 21 is the deadline for Men's Walk #108

UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk #108

Lay Director: Cory Rocher

Spiritual Director: Lamar McBride

February 10 – 13, 2022

Assembly of God Youth Camp, Roaring Springs

Applications Due: January 21

Women's Walk #107

Lay Director: Nancy Young

Spiritual Director: Rance Young

June 2-5 2022

The Ark, Amherst

Applications Due: May 13

Send Applications to Registrar Deidra Howell
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Phone: 806-789-3329

Fee - \$150
Applications can be found at
<http://livingwateremmaus.org/downloads/>

I Still Believe in Christmas

Anne Wilson

The choir's singing carols
Bells are ringing, streets are bright
It's Christmas all around me
So why is Christmas hard to find?
December snow is falling down
like I am to my knees
I could use some hope right now
Cause right now hope is hard to see

Help me still believe
For God so loved this broken world
He sent His only Son
To a carpenter and a teenage girl
To show us all His love
He left His home in Heaven
To make Heaven my home
My Emmanuel is with me
And I'll never be alone
Down here, my heart can't find much to believe in
But I still believe in Christmas

I still believe in healing
For the weary and the hurt
And in a world that's so divided
I still believe in peace on Earth
I still believe that love is strong
enough to conquer hate
And in a world that won't believe it
I still believe enough to say

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My Emmanuel is with me, and I'll never be alone
Down here, my heart can't find much to believe in
But I still believe in Christmas
I still believe in Christmas,

Oh I still believe in Jesus
The name above all names
A Savior in a manger
And a star that leads the way

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