



Llano Estacado Emmaus Community Newsletter

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Community Meeting Thursday, July 3 7:00 p.m.

The next Llano Estacado Emmaus Community meeting will be at Aldersgate UMC. **Bring your favorite snack to share.** Guests are welcome, and a nursery is provided for children kindergarten and younger.

Upcoming Community meetings are:

July 3	Aldersgate UMC	10306 Indiana Ave
Aug 7.	Indiana Ave. Baptist Church	9507 Indiana Ave
Sept 4.	Trinity	University & S. Loop 289

To Be Announced

Have you joined the President's prayer team? They provide specific prayer requests from the White House. Give it a try. <http://presidentialprayerteam.org>

DONATE YOUR TIME

There are always needs to be met somewhere!!! If you see something we as a Community could be doing, but are not, say something. Or if you just want to help out with an area already being served. You never know who might like your help and who might like to help you. Don't be shy. Just because someone has not asked you to be a part of something, don't assume you are not needed.

Don't forget Kairos cookies. You can buy already made dough, make dough and freeze it, or even make the cookies and freeze them.

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Silly Notions and Such – From the Lay Director

What makes the "Walk to Emmaus" so special? Simply put – many folks have made themselves available during Walks to share God's mercy, forgiveness, and grace. Many "in-control" people come to their Walk and surrender their "security blankets," and hear from God and experience His love. So what are your "security blankets" - car, telephone, pager, watch, cell phone, computer, calendar, etc. In your fourth days, have you picked up that "security blanket," and are you holding on to it? When Maxie Dunnam and his team were developing materials for the Upper Room "Walk to Emmaus" they followed as closely as possible the form and format of the Cursillo. Like the Cursillo, emphasis was placed on developing servants and people that would christianize their environments. They also wanted to maintain a strong focus on communion. "The Walk to Emmaus" was to be an Ecumenical ministry. A vehicle that encouraged Christians to band together in small groups for support, challenge, and accountability. Our Community certainly represents the best in an ecumenical movement. Both lay and clergy come together and genuinely seek Christ and follow Him. Rather than look at differences, our focus is on what we have in common – the centrality of Christ in our lives. The Jesus model of servanthood (John 13) develops disciples and leaders. As the Lord refocuses us during a Walk many want to step up and get involved in their local church. With the Holy Spirit's guidance we surrender to Christ's teachings and start to bear witness to Him through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion. Has becoming a servant led you spend time with the poor in your local community, visited those in jail, or visited someone who is homebound or in the hospital? Some might say they are not cut out for the hands on stuff, but have you considered writing a letter to your congressman or senator concerning an economic or social issue? Nearly everyone I have met following a Walk has enjoyed being on the mountain, and are looking forward to touching those in the valley. All of us need to let that glow we have following a Walk shine into the darkness in our homes, our workplace, and our neighborhood. By being a servant and being passionate about Jesus, those around us always sense that we have something that they want. Most come home from a Walk with a new appreciation of communion. For me, as I took the bread and cup, Christ met me at a point of deep personal need. The reality of what Jesus went through for me, from Gethsemane to the grave, became very real. I was forever changed, and I had been receiving communion in one form or another for 32 years.

Men's Walk #50

Pilgrims

Not Posted on Web.

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2003 Walk Dates

July 17-20	Men's #50	Keith Laughery
Aug. 7-10	Women's #77	Debbie German
Sept. 18-21	Men's #51	Barry Pittman
Oct. 16-19	Women's #78	Andra Solomon
Nov. 6-9	Women's #79	Pearl Renfro

Epiphany Dates

July 31-Aug.3	#5	Jim Archer
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Kairos Dates

Oct. 1-5	#14	Mike Fisher
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All Walks and Flights are held at Mercy Center in Slaton, unless other wise indicated.

2003 Cleopus

Fall	Sweden - Walks
Oct. 2	Joint Community between NewHorizons and Llano Estacado Emmaus hosting the Scandinavian Communities

High School Flights 2003

July 10 - 13	Guys # 16	Tim Cochran
Aug. 28-31	College Guys # 17	
Sept. 4-7	College Girls #18	Renee Watson

Our High School Flights are taking off! If you would like to sponsor a caterpillar you can get an application off of the Emmaus Web Site or contact any of the Lay Directors or a Board member. To attend a flight the youth must have completed their freshman year of high school.



Chrysalis Connection



I was lying in bed this morning (afternoon) and I could hear the T.V. on in the living room. It was only 11 o'clock so I still had a good 2 perhaps 3 hours of sleep ahead of me. But the sound of some golf tournament on T.V. was keeping me from my sleep. I was home alone so I could yell at one of my roommates to turn it down and I'm to stinkin' lazy to get up and turn it off myself. So I laid there and listened to a couple commentators talk about the wind and how it was affecting the way the golfers were playing. As they were still speaking about the wind a passage came to mind. In Luke chapter 8 verse 22 we find Jesus and his disciples out on a boat. Jesus falls asleep and a great squall came down on the lake and the boat was being tossed all over the place. Check out how the disciples react in verse 24, "The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" Many times in my life I feel like my boat has been swamped and I thought I was going to be drown by the raging waters, but every time I get down or I feel like I have too much weight to carry I remember what Jesus says in verse 25, "Where is your faith?" Many times we get caught up in worldly stuff and then things get to be too much and we begin to struggle in our walk with God. That's when we have to wake up and go back to the basics, prayer, reading our bible and going to church. And when we do these things our faith begins growing again. I believe its Matthew 17:20 that tells us with faith the size of the mustard seed we can move a mountain. Wow! Now that's faith. The boy's Chrysalis is kickin' off Thursday, July 10. Be in prayer for the caterpillars and the workers. Be sure to show up at our next community meeting, Flip Flop Ministries will be leading us again.

De Colores,
Clayton Chancy LikeDiss83@aol.com

Epiphany #5 is quickly approaching. I can't wait to see how God touches the young men of the Bill Clayton Detention Center. At this point, the team is falling into place, however, we still need clergy for our spiritual team. If there are any ministers or youth ministers out there looking for a wide open ministry field, then I invite you to please call Jim Archer at (806) 793-9453. Keep the boys and the team in your prayers!

God is at the window

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing. After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen. Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes. Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help. She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help. After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed the he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Thought for the day and everyday thereafter:

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done — and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, debt, fear, hatred, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, etc.) whatever it is, you need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you?

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets - It is by God's Grace and Mercy that we are saved. Go ahead and make the difference in someone's life today. Share this with a friend and always remember. God is at the window..

When I read this I felt I had to share it with others. We are so often afraid to confess our sins to Christ.. like he does not already know???? So many times we put off offering forgiveness to others and to ourselves. Why wait.. the only One it truly matters to already knows. What do you have to lose by humbling yourself when the situation calls for it. I really hate admitting to my husband when he was right about something. Especially parenting issues. Pride can be an awfully big obstacle and a road block on our Walk. When "what" you are becomes more important than "who" you are life can get unbalanced. Always remember to set your priorities. If you don't, someone else will, you can bet on that one. God gave each of us a purpose. Do you know yours? Have you assigned it? Has someone else assigned it to you? Did God provide it for you? Do you know the answer?

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We had our first team meeting on June 14, 2003 at Indiana Ave. Baptist Church. It was a sweet time of fellowship with the Lord and each other. Our emphasis was on "vulnerability." We shared "lifelines" with one another with the goal of being able to share openly and honestly with each other and our brothers-in-white. As we are open to them, they will respond in kind, knowing that they are loved and needed in the Body of Christ. There were over 40 in attendance and our time together was a blessing. If you feel that God is leading to share your life as a team member, we would be blessed to have you join us. Our next team meeting will be July 12, 2003 @ Indiana Ave. Baptist Church. There are still several places available for both ladies and gentlemen. Others areas of service are also opened to you. We covet your prayers, first and foremost. Also, we still need cookies, cookies, cookies! Also sponsorship for the inmates (@\$125) is needed. Any amount you feel led to give would be a blessing and much appreciated. Please contact me for information or to offer to meet a need. A big thank to the members of Indiana Ave. Baptist Church for allowing us to meet in your beautiful building and a thank you to the staff there who wonderfully helped us set-up for the meeting. Also, we extend to thank you to Robert Coleman for supplying our noon meal. The food was great, and the gracious service provide by your employees was warming to the heart.

Love in Christ,

Mike Fisher, Rector

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At Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington DC recently the Sergeant Major of the Army, Jack Tilley, was with a group of people visiting the wounded soldiers. He saw a Special Forces soldier who had lost his right hand and suffered severe wounds of his face and side of his body. The SMA wanted to honor him and show him respect without offending, but what can you say or do in such a situation that will encourage and uplift? How do you shake the right hand of a soldier who has none? He decided to act as though the hand was not missing and gripped the soldier's wrist while speaking words of comfort and encouragement to him.

But there was another man in that group of visitors who had even brought his wife with him to visit the wounded who knew exactly what to do. This man reverently took the soldier's stump of a hand in both of his hands, bowed at the bedside and prayed for him. When he finished the prayer he stood up, bent over the soldier and kissed him on the head and told him that he loved him.

What a powerful expression of love for one of our wounded heroes! What kind of a man would kneel in such humility and submission? It was the wounded man's Commander-in-Chief, George W. Bush; a true leader.

This story was told by the SMA at a Soldiers Breakfast held at Redstone Arsenal, AL, and recorded by Chaplain James Henderson, stationed there.