



Llano Estacado Emmaus Community Newsletter

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Community Meeting Thursday, January 1 7:00 p.m.

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

Upcoming Community meetings are:

Jan. 1	Oakwood Methodist	2215 58th
Feb 5.	Lakeridge UMC	4701 82nd
March 4	Monterey Church of Christ	58th & Memphis
April 1	Aldersgate UMC	10306 Indiana Ave
May 6	Indiana Ave. Baptist Church	9507 Indiana Ave
June 3		
July 1		
Aug. 5		

Thank You - Women's Walk #79

I am so appreciative for the opportunity to be Lay Director for Women's Walk #79. I cannot tell you how blessed I have been by this.

The entire walk would like to thank the community for their prayers and support during this walk. Candlelight was wonderful. There were so many angelic faces there. The team and pilgrims saw a glimpse of heaven on Saturday night.

The food agape on the walk was fabulous!!! I have never been on a walk that had so many homemade goodies and not just all sweet. Everything was wonderful!!

The love that you poured out to this group of ladies (and men) is something that can only come from our Lord.

Thank you again for everything!! May our precious Lord and Savior heap blessings on you!!

De Colores,

Pearl Renfro, Lay Director

Leroy Behnke, Spiritual Director

and the entire Women's Walk #79.

Who's Your Daddy?

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning, they were eating breakfast at little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table. "Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice.

"Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," he replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple. The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great... Just what I need ... another preacher story!"

The man started, "See that mountain over there? (pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, Who's your daddy?' Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, 'Who's your daddy?' He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt him so bad. When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, 'Who's your daddy?' But one day, the new preacher said the

benediction so fast he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the Back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, Son, who's your daddy? The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy.' This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him & using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy..." Wait a minute!" he said. 'I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God.' With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it. With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, 'Who's your Daddy?' he'd just tell them, 'I'm a Child of God.'"

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?" The professor responded that it really was a great story! As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over & asked her, "Do you know who that man was who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee!"

Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they're one of God's children! "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever." ~Isaiah

Kairos Korner

Kairos #15 held it's first team meeting in Dec. 13 at Ralls First Baptist Church with Dwayne Moses as Rector and lunch being served by a gracious reunion group called the Ralls Angles. Attendance was a bit short and the team NEEDS a few more members -- both inside and outside teams. So, if it is on your heart to be a part of this team, now would be a good time to apply. Some requirements are necessary to be on this team. The following are some of the requirements:

1. Fill out an approved team application. Everyone planning to work must fill out a new application.
 2. Attend a 2-hour Saturday morning TDJC training course.
 3. Attend a minimum of 2 Kairos meetings.
 4. Make or be responsible for 50 dozen cookies.
 5. Each prospective member must be worshipping and grouping regularly.
- If you feel like it is time for you to be stretched and taken out of your comfort zone in order to help others, come see what is in store at Kairos #15. It is truly a great blessing to help on Kairos and once you have done one, you will understand the importance of what it does in the spiritual life of the "Brothers-in-white". There are over 15,000 Kairos volunteers in the USA that go into 269 institutions, 40 off these are in Texas. 90% of inmates attending a Kairos will NOT return to prison. 70% of those never having attended a Kairos WILL return to prison. Not only will you be serving the Lord, but you will be a blessing to those men-in-white and their families. The next team meeting will be Saturday January 10, 2004. We will meet at noon at Indiana Baptist Church, located at 9507 Indiana St. Come be a part of a team that will make a difference in a great number of lives. You will be truly blessed while blessing others. Hope to see you there!!

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2003 - 2004 Walk Dates

Jan. 22-24	Men's #52	David Ehlers
Feb. 12-15	Women's #80	Pheobe Dometrius
Mar. 18-21	Women's #81	Danella Bateman
April 22-25	Men's #53	David Perrin
June 17-20	Women's #82	Sherlyn Becton
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Sept. 16-19	Men's #55	
Oct. 14-17	Women's # 84	Melody Dawes
Nov. 4-7	Women's #85	Lisa Karnes

Kairos Dates

Mar. 24-28	#15	Dwayne Moses
Sept. 22-26	#16	

All Walks and Flights are held at Mercy Center in Slaton, unless other wise indicated. Kairos is at the Monford Unit.

Chrysalis 2004

College Journeys:

Jan. 8-11	#19 Gals	Christi Bickerstaff
April 15-18	#18 Guys	Danny Milner
Sept.	Guys	Al Williams

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.

Praise The Lord Our God!!

What a wonderful gift to have the Guy's Flight back on the schedule. God has provided a lay director. It is up to us to provide the pilgrims. Ask everyone you know. chrysalis needs our help NOW NOW NOW!!!



Chrysalis Connection



We have great news! The college guy's Chrysalis is back! Danny Milner will be the Lay Director with Ted Wilson serving as the Spiritual Director. The flight will be April 15-18, 2004 and hopefully the guys who had already signed up for the cancelled January flight will be able to go in April. We need to get as many as possible signed up because evidently God thought this date would be best, the way it came about, and I can't wait to see what He has planned.

We are also having our September 2004 guy's flight with Al Williams as the Lay Director, so please keep these guy's flights in your prayers.

The team for the January 8-11 girl's flight has had all their meetings and is eagerly awaiting the weekend. They already have 19 girls signed up with more applications coming in every day, so hurry and get those applications in and let's fill up this flight. And remember that we have an anonymous donor who has agreed to pay for anyone that needs help paying her registration fee for the January flight. Please continue to pray for the January team and the caterpillars.

I hope and pray that all the communities, especially this community, will come and support these flights and find out what all God has done in these young peoples lives through the Chrysalis movement. Candlelight for the January flight will be on Saturday, January 10th at 8 p.m. at the Catholic Church across the street from Mercy Center and Closing will be at 4 p.m. on January 11th at the Catholic Church as well. These flights are also in need of pillow and food agape and angels to help behind the scenes, just like on a regular walk, so come on out and help!

Recently, it was brought to my attention that community support for these flights was low because many people in the community don't know much about Chrysalis. I hope to be able to clarify some of the details at community meetings and in this newsletter. Chrysalis is set up like the Emmaus Walks with a lot of the same talks, some of them are titled a little different, but they give the same information, with the testimonies just as strong and powerful as on the adult walks.

Two of the talks that are so powerful and fun on the Chrysalis are the Marriage Talk and the Single Life Talk. These talks show young people real life examples of marriage and singleness, the struggles, the joys, and all the ways that God wants to be part of our lives, from birth through adulthood.

Both of these talks have a question and answer period following the talk, where all the adults, except the speakers and the clergy, leave the room so that the young people feel more comfortable asking what are oftentimes very tough questions related to these subjects.

Be assured that the youth on these Chrysalis's get to experience the same healing, forgiveness and overwhelming love of Christ on their flights as the adults do on their walks. So please, come out and support these young people and these teams who have prepared for the flights just like they would for a walk. I promise, you will be blessed by what you see and hear!

I can't say enough about the Chrysalis experience, just as I can't put into words what my walk did for me. So I hope you will come see for yourselves. Thank you all and best wishes for a very merry CHRIST-mas!

Eric Bickerstaff

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From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- * The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- * Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- * Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- * The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- * The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- * The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- * Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- * The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- * The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
- * The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- * The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

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I recieved this e-mail from a Capt. in Iraq

We knew there was a dinner planned with Ambassador Bremer and LTG Sanchez. There were 600 seats available and all the units in the division were tasked with filling a few tables. Naturally, the 501st MI battalion got our table. Soldiers were grumbling about having to sit through another dog-and-pony show, so we had to pick soldiers to attend. I chose not to go. But, about 1500 the G2, LTC Devan, came up to me and with a smile, asked me to come to dinner with him, to meet him in his office at 1600 and bring a camera. I didn't really care about getting a picture with Sanchez or Bremer, but when the division's senior intelligence officer asks you to go, you go.

We were seated in the chow hall, fully decorated for Thanksgiving when aaaaalllllll kinds of secret service guys showed up. That was my first clue, because Bremer's been here before and his personal security detachment is not that big. Then BG Dempsey got up to speak, and he welcomed ambassador Bremer and LTG Sanchez. Bremer thanked us all and pulled out a piece of paper as if to give a speech. He mentioned that the President had given him this thanksgiving speech to give to the troops. He then paused and said that the senior man present should be the one to give it. He then looked at Sanchez, who just smiled. Bremer then said that we should probably get someone more senior to read the speech. Then, from behind the camouflage netting, the President of the United States came around. The mess hall actually erupted with hollering. Troops bounded to their feet with shocked smiles and just began cheering with all their hearts. The building actually shook. It was just unreal. I was absolutely stunned. Not only for the obvious, but also because I was only two tables away from the podium. There he stood, less than thirty feet away from me! The cheering went on and on and on. Soldiers were hollering, cheering, and a lot of them were crying. There was not a dry eye at my table.

When he stepped up to the cheering, I could clearly see tears running down his cheeks.

It was the most surreal moment I've had in years. Not since my wedding and Aaron being born. Here was this man, our President, came all the way around the world, spending 17 hours on an airplane and landing in the most dangerous airport in the world, where a plane was shot out of the sky not six days before. Just to spend two hours with his troops. Only to get on a plane and spend another 17 hours flying back. It was a great moment, and I will never forget it.

He delivered his speech, which we all loved, when he looked right at me and held his eyes on me. Then he stepped down and was just mobbed by the soldiers. He slowly worked his way all the way around the chow hall and shook every last hand extended. Every soldier who wanted a photo with the President got one. I made my way through the line, got dinner, then wolfed it down as he was still working the room. You could tell he was really enjoying himself. It wasn't just a photo opportunity. This man was actually enjoying himself! He worked his way over the course of about 90 minutes towards my side of the room.

Meanwhile, I took the opportunity to shake a few hands. I got a picture with Ambassador Bremer, Talabani (acting Iraqi president) and Achmed Chalabi (another member of the ruling council) and Condaleeza Rice, who was there with him. I felt like I was drunk.

He was getting closer to my table so I went back over to my seat. As he passed and posed for photos, he looked me in the eye and said, "How you doin', captain." I smiled and said "God bless you, sir." To which he responded "I'm proud of what you do, captain." Then moved on.

Make what you want of his visit. To a few solders it was a moment of faith from their leader.