



# Llano Estacado Emmaus Community Newsletter

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## Community Meeting Thursday, September 4 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:

Sept 4.	Aldersgate UMC	10306 Indiana Ave
Oct. 2	Indiana Ave. Baptist Church	9507 Indiana Ave
Nov. 6	St. Lukes UMC	3717 44th
Dec. 4		
Jan.. 1		
Feb 5.	Lakeridge UMC	4701 82nd
March 4	Monterey Church of Christ	58th & Memphis
April 11	Aldersgate UMC	10306 Indiana Ave
May 6	Indiana Ave. Baptist Church	9507 Indiana Ave

### THANK YOU

God DID immeasurably more than we asked or imagined! Just ask a pilgrim or team member from Walk #50. God brought us several pilgrims by His divine intervention, He healed and transformed broken and crusty hearts, He inhabited our worship...He showed up **BIG TIME!** Of course, that should come as no surprise to those of us who have seen Him do it time and again. Brothers and sisters, for your prayers, for your food agape, for your prayers, for your pillow agape, for your prayers, for your participation in those special surprises, for your prayers...the men of Men's Walk #50 are eternally thankful. May God return your gifts to you "in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over". And, from our theme verse for Men's Walk #50 (Eph. 3:17-21), "May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God." You already are filled with fullness of life and power from God...thanks for pouring it out on us.

De Colores! Keith Laughery LD Men's Walk #50

### Silly Notions and Such – From the Lay Director

Have you noticed that when people are listening to a gifted speaker they seem to be in a trance, fully focused and hanging on every word. That is exactly how every member of our community looks while listening to the testimonies shared by our pilgrims during closing. As your community lay director, part of my job responsibility is to be at closing – it is truly a privilege. I don't intend to make anyone feel self-conscious, but you can tell a lot from peoples posture. I have been sitting on the side during the last two closings, which gives me a good opportunity to watch the pilgrims and our community. I can tell you, we have very few slouches in our community. In fact, during the testimony time most of you are sitting-up straight and with a slight forward lean – hanging on every word. Perhaps, feeling every word would be a better description. Each member of our community has had a part, working in cooperation with Holy Spirit, in bringing our pilgrims through their Emmaus experience. Each of us wants to know how it went, but it goes deeper than that. Perhaps the greatest joy that we can receive is to see how God uses us to touch the lives of others. In Romans 10:17, Paul says, "faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." Our pilgrim's testimony is the word of Christ coming through them to us. As they testify to what the "Walk" meant to them and what they are going to do as a result, our faith is strengthened. In their testimony, we hear how God affected them and how they are going to put feet to the Gospel. Most are not eloquent speakers (its hard to be eloquent while sniffing, sobbing and the like), that does not matter, because they share what is on their heart. We as a community of faith are hungry for God's Word spoken through hearts that have witnessed pain and hurt and have been touched by God. Many of us share tears of joy with the pilgrims as they share how God showed His love to them, how God may have healed them in some way or how God spoke to them through a talk, meditation or prayer. As we join with the pilgrim in feeling a little of what they feel, the door is opened for a spirit to Spirit encounter. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, the Rhema Word is quickened in our hearts and God speaks to us directly. If you haven't guessed by now, my favorite part of the "Walk" is – all of it, but I'm particularly fond of closing. I mentioned earlier that every member of the community has a part in each "Walk", albeit some more than others. If you are looking for an opportunity to expand your level of servanthood, your Board of Directors will have a table set up in the fellowship area after the next community gathering. Come by and lets talk.

## EPIPHANY

Let Freedom Ring! E5 at BCDC was amazing. A river of salvation swept through the facility on Saturday night, and almost all of the 30 boys accepted Christ. The E5 Team truly became the body of Christ and broke the chains of slavery that had imprisoned the boys for so long. When we came into the facility, we saw 30 prisoners, and when we left, we looked back at 30 free men. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!" Thanks to all the community that offered prayers and support and a special thanks to all of the team members who became the body of Christ for Epiphany #5. Continue to pray that God would work in the lives of the boys before they move on to other facilities across the state.  
Joyfully His, Jim Archer

Don't forget to send your revised address and phone numbers to Donna Campbell so she can update your file in the database so the Lay Directors can find you. Donna will also take requests to find out if you are in the database. Remember being in the database does not mean you get the newsletter, but it does help you get chosen to serve on a team. [gcamp@hub.ofthe.net](mailto:gcamp@hub.ofthe.net).

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### 2003 - 2004 Walk Dates

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

#6

### Kairos Dates

Oct. 1-5

#14

Mike Fisher

All Walks and Flights are held at Mercy Center in Slaton, unless other wise indicated.

### 2003 Cleopus

Oct. 2

*Joint Community between NewHorizons and Llano Estacado Emmaus hosting the Scandinavian Communities*

### High School Flights 2003

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.

### Prayer Plan for the Week

Monday: for marriage to be strong

Tuesday: for a Truthful witness

Wednesday: for well being, both spiritual and physical

Thursday: for thankful hearts

Friday: for finances to be Godly

Saturday: for Sabbath preparation

# Men's Walk # 51 Sept. 18 - 21, 2003

## Pilgrim List

Not posted on web.

## Team List

Blount, Monty	Burrus, Tommy	Carter, Tom
Clark, Tom	Conklin, David	Copeland, Ray
Crouch, Orbin	Davis, Charles	Golden, Phillip
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### How do you mend a broken heart? ~A MountainWings Original~

We get a lot of prayer requests asking to simply pray for their broken heart. So what do you do when you've got a broken heart? Here are four steps that will help you up that mountain.

1. Occupy 2. Gratify 3. Sanctify 4. Glorify.

**Occupy:** Occupy your time, don't sit around moping. Do something. Idleness is the soil of self-pity and depression. Get busy. The best thing that you can do is to do something that helps others. It's a universal principle that when you start focusing on helping others, your own problems are diminished.

Don't just stand there, DO SOMETHING!

**Gratify:** Write a list of the things you like, then pick three of those things and put those things in your life - now.

Make sure you can afford them and that they aren't harmful.

When our hearts are broken, we often deprive ourselves of the things we enjoy. Make an effort to put enjoyment in your life.

**Sanctify:** Do good. Don't return evil for evil, hurt for hurt, pain for pain. Don't wish something horrible would happen to the other person. Hope for their good fortune in your spirit, and it just may release your good fortune in your world.

The easiest way to forget someone, is to truly wish them well.

**Glorify:** Life is not over. You can live without them. Not only can you live without them, you can live even happier without them.

It is a matter of perspective. Even with the negative in your world at the moment, there is something to be thankful for.

There is plenty to be thankful for actually. Give God the glory for what you have. You can't be sad and thankful at the same time.

Tell heartbreak to move over.

There is a sermon on [www.TheOnlineWord.com](http://www.TheOnlineWord.com) called, "Breaking the 3-Way Tie, How to Break Soul, Sex and Spirit Ties."

If you or someone you know is suffering from a broken heart, they might do well to listen to it.

A famous comedian said, "A man isn't a man until he's had his heart broken." It's not really broken, it's just tenderized.

### The Blessing Of Thorns

Sandra felt as low as the heels of her shoes as she pushed against a November gust and the florist shop door. Her life had been easy, like a spring breeze. Then in the fourth month of her second pregnancy, a minor automobile accident stole her ease. During this Thanksgiving week she would have delivered a son. She grieved over her loss. As if that weren't enough, her husband's company threatened a transfer. Then her sister, whose annual holiday visit she coveted, called saying she could not come. What's worse, Sandra's friend infuriated her by suggesting her grief was a God-given path to maturity that would allow her to empathize with others who suffer. "She has no idea what I'm feeling," thought Sandra with a shudder.

"Thanksgiving? Thankful for what?" she wondered aloud. For a careless driver whose truck was hardly scratched when he rear-ended her? For an airbag that saved her life but took that of her child? "Good afternoon, can I help you?" The shop clerk's approach startled her. "I...I need an arrangement," stammered Sandra. "For Thanksgiving? Do you want beautiful but ordinary, or would you like to challenge the day with a customer favorite I call the Thanksgiving Special?" asked the shop clerk. "I'm convinced that flowers tell stories," she continued. "Are you looking for something that conveys 'gratitude' this Thanksgiving?" "Not exactly!" Sandra blurted out. "In the last five months, everything that could go wrong has gone wrong." Sandra regretted her outburst, and was surprised when the shop clerk said, "I have the perfect arrangement for you." Then the door's small bell rang, and the shop clerk said, "Hi Barbara...let me get your order." She politely excused herself and walked toward a small workroom, then quickly reappeared, carrying an arrangement of greenery, bows, and long-stemmed thorny roses. Except the ends of the rose stems were neatly snipped...there were no flowers. "Want this in a box?" asked the clerk. Sandra watched for the customer's response. Was this a joke? Who would want rose stems with no flowers?! She waited for laughter, but neither woman laughed. "Yes, please," Barbara replied with an appreciative smile. "You'd think after three years of getting the special, I wouldn't be so moved by its significance, but I can feel it right here, all over again," she said as she gently tapped her chest. "Uhh," stammered Sandra, "that lady just left with, uhh... she just left with no flowers!" "Right...I cut off the flowers. That's the Special... I call it the Thanksgiving Thorns Bouquet." "Oh, come on, you can't tell me someone is willing to pay for that?" exclaimed Sandra. "Barbara came into the shop three years ago feeling very much like you feel today," explained the clerk. "She thought she had very little to be thankful for. She had lost her father to cancer, the family business was failing, her son was into drugs, and she was facing major surgery." "That same year I had lost my husband," continued the clerk, "and for the first time in my life, I had to spend the holidays alone. I had no children, no husband, no family nearby, and too great a debt to allow any travel." "So what did you do?" asked Sandra. "I learned to be thankful for thorns," answered the clerk quietly. "I've always thanked God for good things in life and never thought to ask Him why those good things happened to me, but when bad stuff hit, did I ever ask! It took time for me to learn that dark times are important. I always enjoyed the 'flowers' of life, but it took thorns to show me the beauty of God's comfort. You know, the Bible says that God comforts us when we're afflicted, and from His consolation we learn to comfort others. "Sandra sucked in her breath as she thought about the very thing her friend had tried to tell her. "I guess the truth is I don't want comfort. I've lost a baby and I'm angry with God." Just then someone else walked in the shop. "Hey, Phil!" shouted the clerk to the balding, rotund man. "My wife sent me in to get our usual Thanksgiving arrangement ....twelve thorny, long-stemmed stems!" laughed Phil as the clerk handed him a tissue-wrapped arrangement from the refrigerator. "Those are for your wife?" asked Sandra incredulously. "Do you mind me asking why she wants something that looks like that?" "No...I'm glad you asked," Phil replied. "Four years ago my wife and I nearly divorced. After forty years, we were in a real mess, but with the Lord's grace and guidance, we sloged through problem after problem. He rescued our marriage. Jenny here (the clerk) told me she kept a vase of rose stems to remind her of what she learned from "thorny" times, and that was good enough for me. I took home some of those stems. My wife and I decided to label each one for a specific "problem" and give thanks to Him for what that problem taught us." As Phil paid the clerk, he said to Sandra, "I highly recommend the Special!" "I don't know if I can be thankful for the thorns in my life." Sandra said to the clerk. "It's all too... fresh." "Well," the clerk replied carefully, "my experience has shown me that thorns make roses more precious. We treasure God's providential care more during trouble than at any other time. Remember, it was a crown of thorns that Jesus wore so we might know His love. Don't resent the thorns." Tears rolled down Sandra's cheeks. For the first time since the accident, she loosened her grip on resentment. "I'll take those twelve long-stemmed thorns, please," she managed to choke out. "I hoped you would," said the clerk gently. "I'll have them ready in a minute." "Thank you. What do I owe you?" asked Sandra. "Nothing," said the clerk. "Nothing but a promise to allow God to heal your heart. The first year's arrangement is always on me. "The clerk smiled and handed a card to Sandra. "I'll attach this card to your arrangement, but maybe you'd like to read it first." It read: "Dear God, I have never thanked you for my thorns. I have thanked you a thousand times for my roses, but never once for my thorns. Teach me the glory of the cross I bear; teach me the value of my thorns. Show me that I have climbed closer to you along the path of pain. Show me that, through my tears, the colors of your rainbow look much more brilliant."

~Author Unknown~

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## KAIROS

### Kairos 14...

will take place October 2-5, 2003. Team meetings going well, and the team is truly becoming a "family." We can hardly wait for "God's Special Time" at the unit to see all the wonderful things that He has planned for "our brothers-in-white" and us.

If you wish to attend closing on Sunday, October 5, 2003, I need to hear from you **ASAP**. We would love to have you attend, but a list must be turn-in to the unit soon for approval. So if you would like to attend please contact me soon!!

We appreciated you many prayers and gifts of agape which you have showered on us. We thank you for continuing to do so. Please consider agape gifts in the form of sponsorship (\$125 needed for each inmate attending) and cookies. Your loving gift in these areas would be much appreciated.

I thank God for you all. May God continue to bless and keep you in every way. Feel free to contact me at (806) 879-2113 or (806) 292-5511 (next team meeting is September 13, 2003 at Indiana Ave. Baptist Church)

With Christ's love,

Mike Fisher

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### SMILES FROM THE BIBLE

- Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?*  
A. Ruthless.
- Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?*  
A. German Shepherds.
- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?*  
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?*  
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?*  
A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.
- Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?*  
A. Samson. He brought the house down.
- Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?*  
A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.
- Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant law-breaker in the Bible?*  
A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.
- Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?*  
A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.
- Q. Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?*  
A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.
- Q. Which Bible character had no parents?*  
A. Joshua, son of Nun.
- Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?*  
A. Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groan...)  
I thought these were cute. A 16 year old member of our community sent them in. Thanks to Chrysalis!!!!