



# Llano Estacado Emmaus Community Newsletter

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## Community Meeting Thursday, Nov. 4 7:00 p.m.

The next Llano Estacado Emmaus Community meeting will be at Monterey Church of Christ. **Bring your favorite snack to share.** Guests are welcome, and a nursery is provided for children kindergarten and younger. Upcoming Community meetings are:

Nov. 4	Monterey Church of Christ	58th & Memphis
Dec. 2	Aldersgate UMC	10306 Indiana

## SEND-OFF INFO-MERCIAL

At send-off the Lay Director asks for the community to refrain from Hootin' and Hollering. To clarify the boards position on this matter the "model" makes specific mention of this practice as being unacceptable. The reasoning behind this is that we try to treat **ALL** pilgrims the same through-out the weekend. It is not without notice that some pilgrims and/or team members receive more Hoots and Hollers than others. In addition some pilgrims who have felt "forced" to come on a weekend have expressed at that point they really wonder what they have gotten their selves into.

Sincerely

Llano Estacado Emmaus Board

## Points to Ponder

Greetings to all in the Estacado Emmaus Community. Thanks to all that were in attendance at the last Community Gathering. A special thanks to Lakeridge United Methodist for being our host church. As many of you know we have been extremely busy these past few months. Walks, Chrysalsis and Kairos week-ends. I would especially like to thank all that participated in all the events surrounding these activities. Most of you know that it takes hundreds of willing servants to do the work that is necessary for these week-ends. There are a couple of points that I would like all to ponder. Many of you are beginning to grasp the concept of Emmaus in "hidden servants".

Jesus says quoting from Luke 17:10 in the same way, when you obey me you should say, "We are not worthy of praise. We are servants who have simply done our duty." To me this scripture reflects what hidden servant-hood is all about. Our outside team on Men's Walk #55 gave of themselves without regard to individual kudo's or praise. They were there simply to enable the inside team to tend to the needs of the pilgrims. Their duties included but were not limited to areas such as prayer warriors for the speakers, pillow, table and conference room agape, food agape, setting up luminaries, and in general taking care of those things that would allow the inside team to be servants to the pilgrims. Comments from Garret Nelson Walk #55 Lay Director were very positive in addressing the Emmaus board on the post-walk report.

Having said all this I would remind the community, we still need **YOUR** help during the weekend. I may as well be blunt.

Without intending to cause ill feelings, at the last candlelight it was **EXTREMELY** difficult to get volunteers to assist in cleaning up the conference room and coming back to the church after candlelight. Folks there were probably 300-400 people at candlelight. We have other areas of concern ! I suppose the general conception is if I volunteer I'll be stuck in that job forever. It absolutely should not be that way. We need a replacement for our newsletter editor. Lizabeth Burns has done an outstanding job for us. She has done this job for five years . We still need someone or a reunion group to step forward to take care of receiving other communities letters and also sending our community letters to other communities. The Cross and Chalice reunion group has been doing this service for our community for ten years. I suppose I am enforcing the concept (I'll be stuck in that job forever) but again it shouldn't be that way.

At the close of communion service (every communion service) we and I quote our Prayer After Receiving "You have given yourself to us , Lord

**Now we give ourselves for others**

Your love has made us a new people

**As a people of love we will serve you with joy**

Your glory has filled our hearts;

**Help us to glorfy you in all things**

**Amen**

**De Colores**

**Bob g**

# Chrysalis Connection

One of my favorite Hymns is "Here I am Lord". It challenges me to listen for God's call to serve Him. I fear that I will be too busy and involved in my life to hear His call to action. The Chrysalis Board is praying diligently in preparation for our Flights next year. We are praying that God will put upon our hearts the names of people He wants to serve Him. Our prayers also ask that those receiving the call hear God asking "who will serve me" and answer "here I am Lord send me I will go." Dear Community keep us in your prayers as we need His guidance. If you are called please answer honestly and let your yes's be yes's and your no's, no's. We cannot always say yes when called to serve Emmaus or Chrysalis. However know that you are not called because a warm body is needed to fill a slot. You are called because God put your name on someone's heart. Thanks for all you do to make the Chrysalis Community a vital part of God's ministry to His people.

Grace and Peace

Danny Milner

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## 2004 Walk Dates

Nov. 4-7      Women's #85      Lisa Karnes

## Kairos Dates

#17      Jeff Roach

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

Dec. 30-Jan 2      Guy's #13  
Jan. 6-9      Gal's #20  
Aug. 11-14      Guy's #14  
Aug. 18-21      Gal's #21

### High School Flights

June 2-5      Boy's #18  
July 21-24      Girl's #19

## WALK #55 WAS AWESOME

Dear Community,  
What a wonderful opportunity it was to be a part of Walk #55. There were so many ways that God confirmed his love for the team and pilgrims during those 3 days. Most of you probably know that this was the first walk to utilize the conference room/ outside team approach recommended by the Emmaus model. God blessed us richly with this new approach to serving on a team. The outside team was such a blessing to this walk. These "anonymous servants" were just incredible examples of unconditional love to all of us. Of course, they were just a few of the servants that made this possible. Your efforts to show the love of Jesus were indeed realized. His love was flowing up and down the halls of Mercy Center throughout the entire weekend. It is always amazing to me to see how many of you serve so selflessly. Thank you so much for your service, both seen and unseen. How great it is to see the Body of Christ come together in unity and harmony to show HIS love! Join me in praising God for all HE did and will continue to do!

For the guys on Walk #55,

Garett Nelson

A Governor and a Shooting in Fort Worth  
By Dr. Paul Kengor

This week marks the fifth anniversary of one of the worst weeks in the history of Fort Worth, Texas. What happened that week was a demonstration of evil and good, of a mad killer at work and a kind community in mourning. The week also revealed something about the man who now sits in the White House. On September 15, 1999, a deranged man in a black trench coat entered a church in Ft. Worth, Texas, armed with bullets and a pipe bomb. He approached a group of worshippers in the foyer awaiting choir practice. He asked about a prayer meeting, and then began shooting. He headed to the sanctuary, which he sprayed with gunfire as he shouted obscenities. Seven were dead and many more injured. A teenage boy stopped the slaughter when he yelled out defiantly, You can kill me, but you can't kill my faith! Upon hearing those words, the assassin found a pew, sat down, and shot himself. The first person murdered that day was Sydney Browning, a seminary graduate and local educator who was selected Teacher of the Year at her high school two years in a row. She was hit in the head and chest at point-blank range and died instantly. Her father, Don, has obviously never forgotten that day, nor the compassion from the community he saw in the days that followed. I never saw anything grip the city like that, he says today. The morning after the massacre an impromptu prayer session was held at the pastor's house. The church was now a crime scene, filled with police, coroners, chalked lines, bullet-ridden oak walls, and blood-soaked carpets. A surprise attendee at that prayer session was Texas Governor George W. Bush, who made the 186-mile trip from Austin. He arrived unannounced and left almost as quietly. A church of God had been converted into a Texas killing field, and the governor came to offer his personal prayers. So overwhelming was the outpouring of grief that the shocked community was forced to hold the memorial service at the football stadium at Texas Christian University. Sydney Browning's father was asked to speak at the service. When he arrived backstage before the event, he unexpectedly encountered the Texas governor. The two men shook hands. Are you coming into this a believer? Bush asked. Browning nodded. God bless you, said Bush. I'm praying for you.

The service organizers then asked their unanticipated guest if he would like to sit at the platform with the other VIPs. The governor replied, No, this isn't about me, and sat in the stands among the thousands. Browning spoke last. The choir director had long ago connected with his little girl through music, and he thought it fitting to finish his remarks by extemporaneously singing the first song his daughter had sung in public. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, he began, asking the audience to join him. Browning paused to note that the last verse of the song reads: Let it shine till Jesus comes. He told the crowd that his daughter no longer needs to sing that last line, but the rest of them do. The tribute closed with that. When the service ended, the governor approached Browning once more. That was great, said Bush, clasping Browning's hand. I couldn't have done it. George W. Bush then exited as he came: low-key, with no cameras. He had said nothing profound or poetic. One can understand why his appearance went unreported. His response was memorable only for its lack of showiness. In both visits after the shooting, Bush avoided the press, told no one he was coming, stayed, prayed, paid his respects, talked briefly to the families, and then silently drove away.

My home sits 1,300 miles from Ft. Worth. I learned of this story while researching George W. Bush's faith. Someone recommended I look into this terrible incident. That someone suggested I telephone his friend, Don Browning. One day in April 2004 I did just that, and spent an hour on the telephone with Mr. Browning, who recounted to me (a stranger) the awful details of the Texas church shooting that took the life of his beloved daughter, Sydney. I'm sure my call ruined his day. Still, through that tragedy, Don Browning saw a side of the current president that the rest of us have not, and felt that side needed to be told. It's easy to demonize our politicians, whether they are George W. Bush or John F. Kerry. It's also easy to dehumanize them, to forget they are human beings. And that was George W. Bush, now the world's most powerful man, five years ago—not a politician, but just a person grieving with the rest of Texas.

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**KAIROS KORNER**

What an Aw-sum time we had at Montford this Kairos! I am not sure of the following numbers but I heard that we had 13 Brothers in White who accepted Christ for the first time. Another 13 rededicated their lives to Christ and the rest were already Christian.

After writing this for the news letter for 5 months this is the first time I can not possible tell you what I want you to know. Words alone can not express my personal gratitude to everyone who made this Kairos possible. The whole team was a blessing to work with. Every time the enemy made a move God made a better one. Every cookie was wonderful and we made more than made our budget. God Bless you, each and every one who wrote letters, did agape, baked a cookie, or donated money. You made it possible for Kairos to enter prison and do God's work.

Please support Jeff Roach as his time approaches on Kairos #17. I know God will again work wonders in Montford State Prison.

Thank You,

Bob Greene  
Rector #16

**T-SHIRTS**

There are still many t-shirts to be had. Purchase one now to help show your Emmaus Spirit!! We have sizes s-xxl and sell for \$12. Contact Melinda and Ed VanOstrand 863-4063

**Women's Walk # 85 (11/04/04 – 11/07/04)**

*PILGRIMS*

Not Posted on Web

*TEAM*

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Rob Blum	Larry Walker	Donna Walker

**TOP 10 REASONS (FOR WOMEN) TO WORK AN OUTSIDE**

**TEAM**

- (10) You only have to sacrifice one Saturday for a team meeting.
  - (9) Anonymous servanthood means you don't get blamed when something goes wrong. Hey, you're anonymous!
  - (8) You get the first crack at the agape snacks (strictly as the "cup bearer", of course).
  - (7) You don't have to sit through 15 talks for the second time, and this second time with only three hours of sleep.
  - (6) You don't have to deal with the Mercy Center conference room weather patterns (cold in the front, hot in the back, or vice versa), and the clergy's control of the thermostat.
  - (5) It is a three-day weight-loss-by-intense-exercise program as you run up and down the stairs.
  - (4) Down time during the Walk is spent in girl talk – the most intense girl bonding time you'll ever experience.
  - (3) Pajama pants for clothes!
  - (2) You don't have to foo-foo your hair . . . ponytails!
- And the number one reason why women would love to work an outside team . . .
- (1) No makeup!!!