

# THE WALK'S TALK

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**Newsletter  
thought:**

*Can't seem to get where you want to fast enough?*

**Leave it to God**

*Worried about your kids?*

**Leave it to God**

*Living in a place you'd rather not be?*

**Leave it to God**

*Looks like you won't graduate with honors?*

**Leave it to God**

*Found a bump and you see the doctor tomorrow?*

**Leave it to God**

*A mid-career change seems scary?*

**Leave it to God**

*You did the job but some one else got the credit?*

**Leave it to God**

*From: Day by Day with Charles Swindoll*

## Your Light

“The Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron that when he lights the seven lamps in the lamp stand, he is to set them so that they will throw their light forward.” Numbers 8:1 (The Living Bible)

As I read those four words, “throw their light forward,” I’m struck by how a light forward has helped me in my faith journey. As we travel in our vehicles at night, our headlights shine forward to brighten the road ahead. Airplanes, ships and trains all have lights shining forward to help guide the pilots, captains and engineers safely to their destinations.

Throughout my life so many people have shined their light forward to help guide me in my faith journey. My parents, grandparents, my wife, my children, my brothers in my reunion group, church family members, siblings, teachers, pastors and mentors.

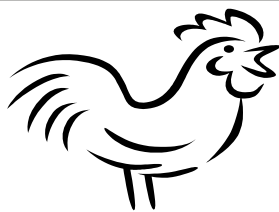
How about your light? Are you throwing it forward? Are you helping your family, friends, co-workers, reunion group, church family, Valley Emmaus Community, the stranger on the street? God calls all of us to “Throw our light forward.” Let go of past mistakes, hurts and heartaches. Call a friend, tell your family you love them, write a letter, cook a meal, help with the next Emmaus Walk, comfort those who have lost loved ones, offer encouragement to those rebounding from setbacks or starting off in a new venture.

Throw your light forward...! De Colores,

Wilson Heacock—Lay Director

## CHRYSALIS *By Geri Sue Butler*

Chrysalis came at a very important time in my life, it came after my freshman year and I was struggling with the one thing all teenage girls struggle with; self identity. I was supposed to be in Dallas doing a pageant, but instead I stayed behind and experienced the most wonderful Christian retreat ever. Chrysalis helped me figure out where I was with Christ, and where I wanted to be with Him. It showed me that even though I had messed up before, done some things I wasn't proud of, and didn't always lead the most Christianly life I could, Jesus still loved me, he wanted me to be his own. You can't describe the way knowing, “He still cares” feels, all I can truly describe is the Love I felt during candle light and the welcoming I felt at closing, those are two times in my life where I can honestly say EVERYTHING was as it should be in my heart.



*De Colores*

## GATHERING DATES '06

All monthly gatherings  
start at 6 p.m.

### February 18, 2006

First United Methodist  
Church 228 S Main St.,  
Donna

Ph: (956) 464-3421

### May 20, 2006

Christ's Harbour Church  
1441 Santa Isabel Blvd.,  
Laguna Vista

Ph: (956) 943-5595

### June 17, 2006

First Baptist Church  
501 E. Van Buren,  
Harlingen

Ph: (956) 423-0470

### August 19, 2006

Trinity United Methodist  
Church  
1801 Trenton Rd.,  
McAllen

Ph: (956) 631-2926

### November 18, 2006

Los Fresnos United Meth-  
odist Church  
402 S. Arroyo Blvd.,  
Los Fresnos

Ph: (956) 233-5760

## MEN'S WALK #1284

The time for Emmaus Men's Walk# 1284 is fast approaching and I want to thank everyone who has been in prayer for us. God's hand has been truly visible during the team formation process. Following is the list of men that God has chosen to serve on this team:

Dave Boughter	Layne Budd	Leo Carrasco
Dale Coalson	Paul Hemphill	Don Mcghee
Joe Mohny	Hector Torres	Doug Timmer
Lou Trevino	Ramon Vela	Ken Wilson
Dennis Mitchell	Jeff Eaton	Ernest Jones
Wade Hood	Don Ceglar	Kyle Stephens
Ray Simmonson	Donny Thompson	Phil Niemansverdriet

We currently have one pilgrim officially signed up - James (Pat) Gram, although I have been hearing from many of you that we have quite a few that have committed, I encourage all sponsors to get in their paperwork as soon as they can. This walk is pivotal for insuring that we have a men's walk in the fall. God willing we will have a waiting list! I want to ask for everyone's continued perseverance in prayer to move the hearts of the pilgrims that God has planned for this walk as well as blessing the team members with hearts of service. The Lord is faithful!

A servant of Christ,  
Hamilton Musser-Lay Director

## BOY'S CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #245

Boy's Chrysalis Flight #245 was held at Camp Thicket December 26 - 29, 2005. Due to a threat from Hurricane Emily in July, the Flight was postponed to these dates. Fifteen young men from all across the Rio Grande Valley participated in the experience.

One of the fruits of the Spirit is patience and I have to admit that is not a fruit I bear abundantly. However, I think the servant team and the candidates that had planned on going in July will agree with me, waiting and anticipating this Flight was well worth it. We were truly blessed throughout the Flight. I am grateful for all the prayers that surrounded Flight #245, the abundance of people who helped out, the wonderful gifts of agape, and those who attended the week's activities. There are 15 young men who have just joined the Valley Emmaus and Chrysalis Community who experienced another fruit of the Spirit; goodness. Goodness from the folks in our community and from God. I pray the 15 Butterflies bear much fruit themselves in their Next Steps.

Fly with Christ!  
Kyle Stephens-Lay Director

**WOMEN'S WALK #1295**

The team of Women's Walk #1295 asks that you pray for us as we begin our team meetings in preparation for the walk April 20 to 23. Each team member is dedicating a large amount of their time, energy, and talents to make this walk a success for God and the Pilgrims. Prayer is the foundation of every walk and yours is very much appreciated.

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Angela Scott     | Jan Faught      | Mickie Graham      |
| Kay Linn Nichols | Courtney Davila | Sandra Grawunder   |
| Margaret Ellison | Diane Merrett   | Martha McClemore   |
| Carolyn Adams    | LizAnn Fowler   | Donna Clark        |
| Susan Hill       | Karen Smith     | Jeannie Moglia     |
| Liz Kruse        | Dorothy Conley  | Nancy Rickerhauser |
| Hope Heacock     | Janet Fluth     | Roberta Goodman    |
| John Smith       | Elizabeth Smith | Kim Cape           |

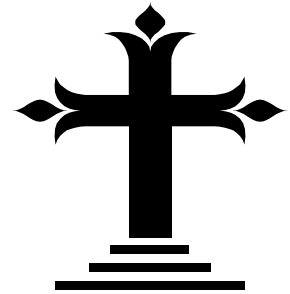
DeColores,  
Sue Merrett, Lay Director

**Kairos is coming to the Valley!**

Kairos Prison Ministry is a lay led Christian ministry which conducts a highly structured program designed for use in male and female corrections institutions. The Kairos program starts with a weekend event (similar to Emmaus), which allows participants to witness Christ's love through the servitude of Christian volunteers. During this event participants are given the opportunity to experience a renewal of accepting God's call to life of Christian witness and service to one another during their stay in the institution, and beyond.

The Segovia Unit in Edinburg is so eager for Kairos to happen that they have designated a temporary space to hold it until we're able to raise the funds to build a permanent facility. We will have a definite date for Kairos Segovia #1 before the next newsletter, but we expect it to happen in early June. In the mean time, we would like to hear from all of you who have previously expressed an interest in prison ministry, as we are already in the process of team formation. Jody St.John will be rector/lay director (968-4118) and Don Czeschin (425-4136) and Stephen Prater (689-5678) will be advisors, so please contact one of them if you feel called to serve in any way. There are numerous ways to serve other than team service, such as prayer, baking cookies, writing letters, making placemats, 'green' agape, attendance at closing ceremony. There is a lot of work involved in starting up a new unit, so please prayerfully consider being a part of this awesome ministry of taking the light of Jesus into a dark and needy population. We are so grateful to God for answering our prayer to open a way for Kairos in our community and thank you in advance for answering Jesus' call to "visit those in prison".

*Matthew 25:36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*



**SCHEDULE  
WALK'S &  
CHRYSALIS  
'06**

**March 9-12, 2006**

Men's Walk #1284

**April 20-23, 2006**

Women's Walk #1295

**July 20-23, 2006**

Boy's Chrysalis

**July 27-30, 2006**

Girls Chrysalis

**September 14-17, 2006**

Men's Walk #1319

**October 19-22, 2006**

Women's Walk #1332

*Candlelight: Saturday's  
at 8:00 p.m.*

*Closing: Sunday's at  
3:00 p.m.*

*What to bring: your  
name tag, cross and  
purple worship book..*

**Please R.S.V.P. with  
FUMC in Weslaco for  
childcare for candle-  
light & closing.**

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If the Lord is calling you to serve please consider the following:



**Quarter Master:** Responsible for maintenance and acquisition of community property for all walks and for coordinating setup and take down of walks. Contact Wilson Heacock, Lay Director at (956) 244-4171.

**Webmaster:** Creates, organizes, and updates information on the website. Contact Wilson Heacock, Lay Director at (956) 244-4171.

# Announcements

**Emmaus Board Meetings** are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 1102 W. 8th St., Weslaco, Texas 78596 at 6:30 p.m.

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## Announcing the Lay Directors for upcoming Walks/Flights/Kairos:

Men's Spring Walk:	Hamilton Musser	Women's Spring Walk:	Sue Merett
Men's Fall Walk:	Ken Wilson	Women's Fall Walk:	Myliss Stephens
Boys Chrysalis:	Kelly Holder	Girls Chrysalis:	Cindy Robinson
Kairos: Jody St. John			

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