

THE WALK'S TALK

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Prayer Releases God Power

How many times have you heard someone say "All I can do is pray"

Praying unlocks the doors of Heaven and releases the power of God. James 4:2 says "You do not have because you do not ask" The Bible says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil 4:6) This is true not only for our needs but the needs of others. So often our prayers focus only on ourselves. But God wants to use us, through our prayers, to touch the lives of other people as well. For whom should you be praying this day?

By: Hope for Each Day, Words of Wisdom and Faith—Billy Graham

Fourth Days and Sponsorship

What an incredible blessing it was to attend the candlelight and closing ceremony for Men's Walk # 1284 at Camp Thicket. Welcome to all 33 of the newest members of the Valley Emmaus Community.

As a sponsor, you have a great responsibility to walk along side your pilgrim before, during and after the walk. The after responsibilities include praying for your pilgrim, answering questions concerning Emmaus and helping them find their area of service in their local church. Also encourage them, as well as yourself to read the "Day Four" book which was included in their closing packet.

Encourage them to log onto www.valleyemmaus.com to review current information about events and activities coming up during the next few months. If your new pilgrim is interested in receiving the newsletter they can email Oralia Sanchez, our Valley Emmaus Newsletter Editor to be placed on the mailing list.

Sponsors, help your pilgrim find a reunion group during the next couple of weeks. If you can't find one, start one. Remember the purpose of reunion group is to stay in constant contact with each other, hold each other accountable and lift each other up through prayer and participation in the group.

In closing, I would like to say "Thank You" to God for bringing together the team who served humbly and joyfully, the pilgrims for being open to the Holy Spirit and the Valley Emmaus Community for your prayers, presence, gifts and service to Men's Walk # 1284. May God continue to pour out his abundance of Grace and Love upon all of you during your Fourth Days...!

In Christ,
Wilson Heacock

Chrysalis HOOT

Hoot, Hoot-make sure that all the youth 6th-12th grade in your church and life do not miss this AWESOME opportunity to worship at the CHRYSALIS HOOT on Sunday evening, April 30th at First United Methodist Church in Harlingen! Mark Swayze and his band will be here from San Antonio for a concert and to lead us in worship, so help us spread the word to all of our youth ministries! Watch the website for more details!

The dates for Chrysalis this summer are:

Boys-Kelly Holder Lay Director July 20th-23rd
Girls-Cindy Robinson Lay Director July 27th -30th

Please lift the Lay Directors up in Prayer as they prepare the teams and please start praying for youth you know that will have completed 9th-12th grade that you can sponsor on the Flight of Their Life!!!

If you have any questions regarding Chrysalis, please call Lisa McCallum 343-4490



**WELCOME
FLIGHT # 245**

- Mario Banda
- Kevin Betancourt
- Chard Edwards
- Ernesto Estrada Jr.
- Daniel Forman
- Lucas Gamez
- Steven Gonzales
- Nathaniel Hernandez
- Russel Hernandez
- Brandon Krupala
- Andrew Mann
- Alfonso Mazzini
- Jose Perez
- Tyler Renner
- Adrian Salceda



WOMEN'S WALK #1295

The team meetings for the women's walk have been going well. We are looking forward to serving the Pilgrims of Walk #1295. At this time we have 32 pilgrims signed up for the walk so it looks like it will be a full walk. Our team has pre-viewed many excellent talks and is praying for the pilgrims as well as the team. I ask for your continued prayers for the team and pilgrims.

In His Service,
Sue Merett

This is the list of pilgrims as of March 18th:

Barbara Atkinson	Barbara Everson	Barbara Kelly
Bicri Hernandez	Charlene Campos	Christin L'Esperance
Diana Castillo	Donna Marie Cox	Edith Fowler
Eleanor Baylor	Eloisa Ackerman	Genie Rogers
Jacque Grove	Jamie Enriquez	Janie Rolf
Jessica Averyt	Joann Deputy	Julie Haley
Lee Everson	Leela Pallapati	Marie Preston
Martha Noell	Mary Garden	Melaney Dudley
Nancy Walker	Roberta Garrison	Rosalba Epps
Rose Anne Nuckols	Sue Colley	Theda Vannoy
Thelma Landeros	Wendy Simpson	

KAIRO'S #1, SEGOVIA UNIT IN EDINBURG

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Time has come to open a new chapter of Kairos at the Segovia Unit in Edinburg, Texas. You are invited to participate in this glorious event for the Lord. We will need more than the normal number of volunteers since this will be #1, and we only have two 'brothers-in-white' to help on the inside. I ask that you pray about joining the team – give me a phone call or e-mail to let me know if you are willing to serve. We will be using classroom space for the weekend and it is all air-conditioned, so you won't be smothering in the heat as some of us have experienced at other units.

The team will be staying at Camp Loma Vida near the prison on Highway 281. The camp is run by the Baptist Church. It's all air-conditioned, but like most camps, we will have separate dorms for men and women. Just like camp when we were kids!!! Please bring your own bedding and towels. If you own an RV, hookups are available.

The team meeting dates are as follows:

- May 13 @ 9:00AM @ Grace Episcopal Church, 701 S Missouri, Weslaco
- May 27 " " " "
- June 10 " " " "
- June 24 " " " "
- July 08 " " " "
- July 19 @ 7:00 Camp Loma Vida, Edinburg

Volunteer Training which is required for new volunteers will be set up after the first meeting. Will you join us in this amazing experience? I know that in the future, it will have been an honor to have served together on the very first Kairos at the Segovia Unit.

Your Brother in Christ,
Jody St John, Leader for Kairos #1 Segovia Unit
Phone: 956-968-4118 E-mail: Jstjohn@aol.com

MEN'S WALK #1284

Thank you all for your prayers! Emmaus Men's Walk# 1284 was a tremendous blessing for all the pilgrims as well as the team. Because of God's faithfulness and the community's love of Christ, 33 men were blessed beyond imagination. But our responsibility is not over, please continue be in prayer for the men of walk #1284 as they begin their 4th day walks to support their ongoing relationships with Christ.

*"I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."
Psalms 16:8*



What is the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil?

The Emmaus community provides prayer support for the entire Walk, the pilgrims, and the team by organizing and filling a 72-Hour Prayer Vigil. Remember how your Walk was supported by prayer? The prayer vigils posted during a Walk give the pilgrims a tangible sign of the loving support of many on their behalf, especially when they see the names of persons who have pledged to interrupt their schedules to get up at various hours of the night to pray for them. We are called to servanthood in the role of praying for our Brothers and Sisters on a Walk. Being a part of the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil is a behind the scene support role but never the less a very important role. A Walk cannot begin until all time slots are filled.

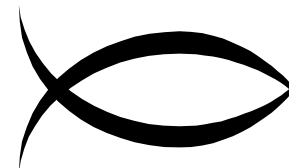
As the Valley Fourth Day Group in the Emmaus Community we are required to pray for other Walks through out the year. Many of these Fourth Day Groups you are not familiar with but as part of the Emmaus of Southwest Texas Conference our role is to fill the time slots allotted to us. Your Board is currently working on only filling the prayer vigils for our Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights at Camp Thicket. Until that is done we are to support all time slots given to us for other areas in the Conference. So next time you are handed a prayer vigil to sign please consider a time slot before passing it on. When signing a prayer vigil sheet, please take note that you are able to pray for more than one Emmaus Walk on a particular date at the same time. I thank you for considering this role behind the scene next time you are handed a prayer vigil sheet. Please feel free to contact me about the prayer vigils at bbcot@aol.com or 956-572-0099. I also thank all God's faithful servants that have diligently taken this role of servanthood.

DeColores,

Bonnie Cherrington

WELCOME PILGRIMS MEN'S WALK #1284

Ted Ackerman
Bob Blackstone
Craig Blakeslee
Matt Brennan
Reyes Castillo
Alex Castillo
George Cochran
Jim Coffman Jr.
Jim Cook
Doug Cox
Frank Dudley
Brian Epps
Arthur Everson
Dwayne Fowler
Dick Garden
Charles Hillstrom
Bill Johnson
Matt Kelly
Doug McArthur
Ian Monroe
David Nuckols
Ton Parrett
James Percy
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Gerry Smith
David Stubbs
Frank Vela
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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.

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 20-23, 2006

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

Please R.S.V.P. with FUMC in Weslaco for childcare for candlelight & closing. (956) 968-7561.

Women's Walk #1295

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

May 20, 2006

Christ Harbour Church
Ph: (956) 943-5595

Gathering start at 6 p.m.

1441 Santa Isabel Blvd., Laguna Vista

What to bring for both events: your name tag, cross and purple worship book.

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