

THE WALK'S TALK

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Newsletter thought:

The Father is more than able to bridge the hurt of the past and provide for your future.

It is a loving Father who is willing to engage us, letting us discover for ourselves what blessing awaits us in His perfect plan.

Look, life is an adventure! God has a special road for you—there's something God wants you to be. Journey on!"



PRAYER

"I tell you to pray for all people, asking God for what they need and being thankful to him. I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up their hands in a holy manner, without anger and arguments." I Timothy 2:1, 8

We have much to **pray** about for the Valley Emmaus Community. Ask God who he is calling to attend **Men's Walk # 1319 scheduled for September 14th – 17th** and **Women's Walk # 1332 scheduled for October 19th – 22nd at Camp Thicket**. Be in **prayer** for the men and women God wants you to ask to be a pilgrim and listen for his answer. Ask God to provide Ken Wilson and Myliss Stephens with all of the needs for themselves and the team members as they are in preparation to humbly serve the pilgrims.

Be in **prayer** for how you are called to serve the teams and pilgrims on these walks. Be in **prayer** and ask God how he needs you to serve in your local church. Be in **prayer** for your pastors and remind them how much you care and love them. Be in **prayer** for your Valley Emmaus board members as we seek God's guidance to serve him. Be in **prayer** for your family, friends, co-workers and strangers. Be in **prayer** ...

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and earth derives its name, I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" Amen

By: Wilson Heacock, Community Lay Director

To all Community members:

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all the community members who donated "green agape" for the publication of our newsletter. Your gift is truly appreciated.

Let us also thank the WWW Reunion Group who helps fold the newsletters and get them ready for mailing; and I would also like to thank Melany and her husband who helped this past month preparing the newsletter for mailing.

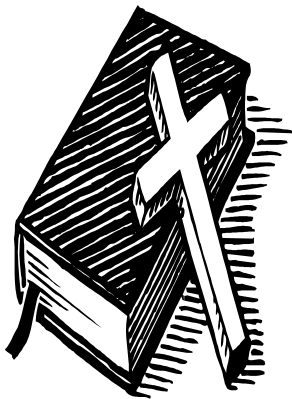
As we continue with the newsletter your donations and your service to get the newsletter published and mailed is always welcome.



MEN'S WALK #1319

Preparations for Men's Walk #1319 are in full swing, with one team meeting left. We have been blessed with an experienced, strong team that is willing to serve. As of this writing, we have four confirmed pilgrims. The minimum number needed to hold the event is twenty and the deadline for registration is August 31st. God is in control, but needs our hands and feet to carry out His work. If the Lord has put it upon your heart to sponsor someone, the time is short..... Blessings, Ken

By: Ken Wilson, Lay Director



GIRLS' CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #275

Girls' Chrysalis Flight #275 was held at Camp Thicket on July 27-30, 2006, and there are now 16 new butterflies in our Community! The Holy Spirit was evident throughout the weekend as the butterflies and team experienced many blessings. Many thanks go to all the Community members who provided pillow agape, food agape (I have never seen so many cookies!), dishwashing, those who attended Candlelight and Closing, and to the clean-up crew afterwards. The butterflies (and team!) truly felt God's love through your loving efforts and sacrifice. The many hours of preparation by the team helped the weekend to go by smoothly and proved once again that through lots of prayer, love and team work, miracles DO happen!

It was an awesome and humbling experience to serve as Lay Director of this Chrysalis Flight. God's presence was evident throughout the preparation time and three day weekend as the team and Community worked together and individually to help in many ways, which made my job SO much easier. I praise God for such a fantastic Chrysalis weekend, and thank everyone for their love, prayers and support which helped to make it successful. Fly with Christ!

By: Cindy Robinson, Lay Director

WOMEN'S WALK #1332

"The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice." John 10:2-4 God has called by name the following to Walk #1332:

Servants

Laura Adam	Ayda Del Angel	J'Nevelyn Lloyd	Oralia Sanchez
Carolyn Adams	Aimee Garza	Marla Luce	Janet Schooley
Linda Barfield	Roberta Goodman	Lisa McCallum	Myliiss Stephens
Jill Budd	Sandra Grawunder	Sue Merrett	Alma Vela
Bonnie Cherrington	Sue Huntsman	Mary Ann Mohney	Dina Wilson
Charles Cherrington	Emet Huntsman	Benay Morris	Elaine Wisely
Janne Clinton	Tomasita Lipe	LaVonne Murray	
Barbara Creighton	Henry Lipe	Irene Raulston	

Pilgrims

Diana Bird	Rebecca Franke	Elena Perez
Rosie Cantu	Yvonne Gonzales	Sylvia Perez
Vicky Castillo	Marisol Hallett	Tiffany Perez
Sue Colley	Derralee Johnson	Maryann Rodehaver
Shawn Davis	Rebecca Montgomery	Marisol Salazar
Edith Fowler	Normalee Ovalle	Georganna Vandergriff

He has gone out ahead of us to prepare the way and we are following because we know His voice. God is calling each of you in the Valley Emmaus Community to support Walk #1332 through your prayers, presence, gifts and service. I pray you follow his voice. De Colores, Myliiss

By: Myliiss Stephens, Lay Director

BOYS CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #272

It has been such a blessing to serve in the Emmaus/Chrysalis community. I have seen the body of Christ work in so many ways. The past and future Lay Directors have been amazing in their willingness to help. The Board and the Board Representatives have given so much of their time and efforts to make these walks the best possible. The music team was amazing and did so much to bring these boys together.

God calls us to be seed spreaders. That is the way I see the Emmaus community. While we have all seen the fruit that God gathers from the walks and flights, it is the seed that we spread that makes us servants. I pray that each of the hearts that encountered Christ these last two weekends on the girls and boys' flights will be like good soil and that the word of God will grow deep roots in each of the hearts. I am also in prayer that these young people will produce much fruit through out there lives. Please join me in prayer for each of these young men and women.

Praise God for what He did this weekend. It was incredible to watch Him work in both the hearts of the butterflies and team. God is so good and truly works through Emmaus to draw people closer to Him. DeColores,

By: Kelly Holder, Lay Director

KAIRO'S #1

Segovia Unit in Edinburg

De Colores to all of the Valley Emmaus Community!

Kairos #1 at the Segovia Unit in Edinburg brought many special blessings to all of those involved. Our 'Brothers in White' were so grateful for the countless expressions of Agape love that they received throughout the weekend. These often forgotten and shunned members of society, felt true Christian love and gained a deeper understanding God's willingness to forgive anything, and the awesome power of His Grace. It takes a lot of time and preparation for these weekends to take place and it has been more than 3 years of planning and meeting with the warden, chaplain and various other officials at the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, to get to #1 at Segovia. We are grateful to all of the Prison personel who welcomed the team of volunteers and were so helpful throughout the weekend. We are now looking forward to returning for #2 in the Spring. When the volunteers returned on Aug.12, for the follow-up meeting with the men who had attended their Kairos weekend on July 20, there were 40 new brothers-in-Christ eagerly waiting for the volunteers to show up! God is Good!!! In the very near future, weekly 'Prayer and Share group will begin meeting. This is a time of prayer, fellowship and Christian growth attended by both volunteers from the outside and inmates. As the years go on and more and more Kairos weekends take place, this community of Christians will grow. Of course some of these men will be released and prayerfully go on to lead productive lives in the free world, but those who remain will always be able to depend on the consistency of Kairos in being there for them on a weekly basis to support them on their journey through life with Jesus by their side. I think special 'thanks' are in order for those who never gave up on their vision of bringing Kairos to the Valley, in spite of numerous hurdles and obstacles : Jody St.John, Don Czeschin, Paul Hemphill and Stephen Prater.

One special person who was instrumental in gaining favor with the prison system, and is surely dancing in heaven, to see 'his boys' reap the blessings of the ministry – Cecil Jordan Jones.

By: Melinda Prater



Let us
Welcome

Chrysalis Flight 272

Kenneth Morrow
Tyler Tipton
Logan Jinks
Andrew Krupala
Adrian Ovalle
Freddy Cazares
Eugene Castellanos
Andrew Padilla
Alfredo Ramos
Polo Ramos
Bryce Hutchinson
Markus Hernandez

Chrysalis Flight 275

Jessica Alas
Gabby Bates
Caity Bauman
Victoria Castillo
Sandy Castillo
Rachel Csabi
Tania Fuentes
Megan Hernandez
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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:

Music: Responsible for coordinating music for all community events. Contact Wilson Heacock, Lay Director at (956) 244-4171.

Prayer Vigil Coordinator: Responsible for obtaining prayer partners for all time slots allocated for the community. Contact Wilson Heacock, Lay Director at (956) 244-4171.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

September 14-17, 2006

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

Men's Walk #1319

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

October 19-22, 2006

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

Men's Walk #1332

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

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

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