

THE WALK'S TALK

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Newsletter thought:

A Position We Can't Fill

Let us not judge one another anymore....Romans 14:13

Each one of us belongs to the same Lord. When we stop dictating, it is easier for others to mature as they follow the Lord's directing.

Freeing others means we never assume a position were not qualified to fill. This, in one sentence is enough to stop any person from judging another. We're not qualified. We lack full knowledge. How often we have jumped to wrong conclusions, made judgmental statements, only to find out later how off base we were... then wished we could cut our tongue. What keeps us from being qualified to judge?

- *We do not know all the facts.
- *We are unable to read motives.
- *We find it impossible to be totally objective.
- *We lack "the big picture".
- *We live with blind spots.
- *We are prejudiced and have blurred perspective.
- *Most of all, we ourselves are imperfect and inconsistent.

The Grace Awakening,
Charles Swindoll

Re_nion Gro_p

Have you ever wondered when you read an article if yo_ missed the main point? I have and maybe sometimes yo_ have. One of the most important points of the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis is to stay in constant contact with other Christians. This is done through the weekly Re_union Gro_p. The purpose of the Re_nion Gro_p is to help _s persevere in grace.

How do we persevere in grace? The talk on Perseverance reminds us of the importance of constant contact with Christ and other Christians. Through our weekly Re_nion with other Christians, we share our joys, sorrows, hopes and concerns. Your Re_nion Gro_p, should meet weekly at a location where yo_ feel comfortable sharing with each other. Yo_ can meet in your church, an office, member's homes, or even restaurants. Plan on following the order of Re_nion found printed on the re_nion card you received from your pilgrim walk. You can also find it printed in the back of the worship book you received.

Each person should share the way he or she sought to walk with Christ through the disciplines of piety (heart), study (mind) and action. Reflect on the ways yo_ experienced Christ's presence in your life during the week and on the plans you have for living out your discipleship in the week to come.

Members listen to one another, encourage one another, and support each other's commitment to living a life of grace with Christ.

If you are seeking to start a gro_p or need help in locating a gro_p to join please contact myself, your sponsor or any of the Valley Emmaus Board members.

U are a very important part of the Reunion Group. U are needed by the other members of the group to help them live a grace filled life in Christ. Remember Christ is counting on YOU...!

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You may subscribe to receive the newsletter by e-mail visit

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or you can receive a hard copy at no cost by sending your name and address to:

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Nashville, TN 37203-0004

Men's Walk #1362

The Servants of Walk 1362 had the first team meeting on Dec. 6th; the balance of the meetings are as follows Jan 6th, Jan 27th, Feb 10th, and Feb 24th. We as a team of Servants ask for your Prayers and support as we prepare for the walk, which will be held March 22-25, 2007.

We ask that you Prayer-fully consider sponsoring a pilgrim. Applications are available on line or ask any board member.

Thank you.

HIS SERVANT

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Lay Director

Team members:

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David Crook
John drennen
Bryan Epps
Keith Faires
Vonn Grawunder
Randall Hilburn
Matt Kelly
Lowell Luce
George Mason
Don McGhee
Richard Percy
Ralph Salinas
John Schroeder
Hector Torres
Eric Ziehe
Kyle Stephens
David Argabright



FOOD AGAPE

One of the wonderful gifts we give and receive during the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends is Agape. **Food Agape** is one area we need a lot help from the Valley Emmaus Community. If you love to bake, cook or prepare wonderful food dishes, please help the walks with your **Food Agape** gifts. Prepare enough **Food Agape** to feed at least 70 people. **Food Agape** can include healthy snacks such as vegetable trays, fruit trays, granola bars, and cheese trays. Other **Food Agape** can include home-baked goodies, such as cookies, cakes, pies and brownies (with pecans my favorite...!) **Home made Food Agape is a wonderful gift.** I know Keeblers and Nabisco have good snacks, however it's not the same as coming from your kitchen at home...!

We need enough **Food Agape** to serve the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends for 3 days. I would like to see a volunteer to coordinate the snack Food Agape from each geographic area of the valley.

Upper Valley - including Mission, McAllen, Edinburg,
Mid-Valley – Weslaco, Harlingen, Raymondville, San Benito
Lower Valley - including Brownsville, Los Fresnos, Port Isabel, Laguna Vista and South Padre Island.

We'll schedule the Food Agape as follows:

Friday's – Upper Valley Saturday's - Mid-Valley Sunday's – Lower Valley

If you're interested in helping coordinate, please contact me. My email address is wilson@rgv.rr.com.

As you prepare your **Food Agape**, pray for the pilgrims and team that God's Grace may be revealed to them throughout the entire weekend. The dates for the next 2 walks are:

Men's Walk # 1362 – March 22 – March 25, 2007 (Joe Mohney – Lay Director)
Women's Walk # 1365 – April 19 – April 22, 2007 (Oralia Sanchez – Lay Director)

Thank you for your support with your gift of **Food Agape**.

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Chrysalis News

The dates for Chrysalis this summer are:

Boys-Ed Keebaugh Lay Director	July 19 th -22 nd
Girls-Martha McLemore Lay Director	July 26 th -29 th

Please lift the Lay Directors up in Prayer as they prepare the teams and please start praying for youth you know that have 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

EMMAUS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Saturday, February 3, 2007 9 am – 3 pm at Charter Hall
Wesley United Methodist Church, Harlingen, Texas 78550

Purpose: Training Lay Directors, Assistant Lay Directors, Board Representatives, and Clergy leadership teams for the 2007 Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis Flights. This is also open to anyone interested in learning more about Emmaus. The ELTS (Emmaus Leadership Training) is required for all incoming Lay Directors. Board Representatives and clergy who have not had ELTS training in the past 3 years.

This is a great time for the Lay Directors, Assistant Lay Directors, Board Representatives, Spiritual Directors and Clergy to develop effective communication and leadership skills for the Walk. We also need to have the Outside Support Coordinators attend.

This training will be conducted by the Southwest Texas Conference Emmaus Lay Director and Spiritual Director. There will be people from other areas of southwest Texas attending.

R.S.V.P. with Connie at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1406 East Austin Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550. Phone number is 956-423-6156. You may also contact Wilson Heacock @ 956-244-4171 or email wilson@rgv.rr.com

Please bring your name tag, cross and purple worship book. Lay Director's and Spiritual Directors bring your Director's Manuals. Lunch will be provided.

KAIROS UPDATE

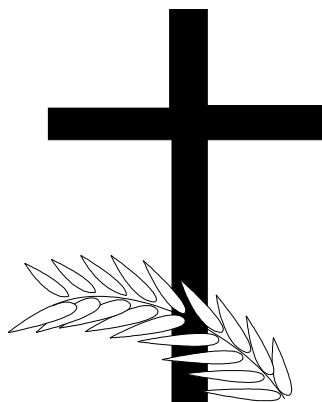
Team members and their spouses from Kairos / Segovia #1 were able enter the unit on December 16 for a Christmas gathering with our brothers-in-white who participated in the July weekend, both as candidates and stewards. Homemade tamales were taken in for our brothers to enjoy as a time of fellowship and praise was shared by all.

Weekly 'prayer & share' is held on Thursday evenings. This is the equivalent to an Emmaus reunion meeting, being held within the prison and attended by both inmates and men from the Emmaus community who have served on a Kairos weekend.

Preparations are underway for Kairos / Segovia #2 which will take place March 15-18, 2007. The rector will be John Holden, who has scheduled the first team formation meeting at Grace Episcopal Church in Weslaco on January 13 beginning at 10:00 AM. All meetings will be held at the same location, same time on the following dates: Jan.20, Feb. 10 & 17, March 3 & 10. John may be reached by phone at 459-4950 or e-mail at john@ciqh.com, if you would like an application to serve on the team.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support of Kairos through gifts of prayer, cookies, placemats, letters, money and team-membership. If you are interested in baking cookies and need guidelines that meet TDCJ requirements you may download them through the following link:

<http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=23761&PID=151434>



Women's Walk #1365

Through the team preparation my hope is that we can open our hearts wide to God's abundant love and lavish God's love upon the pilgrims.

As the lay director for the upcoming women's walk, I am truly feeling the high of His spirit and the power of His presence every day and know that God will have us ready for this walk.

The team members are as follows:

Pastor Tim Brewer
Hope Heacock
Elaine Wisely
Karen Smith
Margaret Ellison
Carol Macheska
Jennifer Hood
Ande Leatherman
Joanne Guevara
Donna Clark
Karen Stubbs
Jennifer Pollick
Martha Wing
Eva Wilson
Bertha Esparza
Sandra Grawunder



Please be in prayer for the pilgrims that are being called to attend the walk, and the continuation of the team formation - the music team.

The Lord will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91:11-12

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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.

Prayer Vigil Coordinator: Responsible for obtaining prayer partners for all time slots allocated for the community.

Technology position: This person would be trained on all the computer, video, and sound equipment.

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.

Gatherings:	Time: 6:00 p.m.
January 20, 20067 Wesley United Methodist Church, Harlingen	(956) 423-6156
February 17, 2007 Christ's Harbour Church, Laguna Vista	(956) 943-5595

Please R.S.V.P. for childcare.

Emmaus Leadership Training - February 3, 2007 at Wesley UMC in Harlingen

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