



ABC 4th Day Group Newsletter

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Hi folks,

I have heard it said, “Life is what happens to you while you’re busy planning more important things” (Author unknown), and in all honesty, there is a great deal of truth in that statement. On Walk #1326, I received an agape gift to hang on my refrigerator that stated, “If the DEVIL can’t make you BAD, he’ll make you BUSY.” Again, there’s another thought that hits close to home.

As I sat down to write this article, it dawned on me that I don’t think that I have ever given a 4th Day talk, but if I had... I believe that I’d have shared about the two questions that we’re asked as the weekend comes to a close... 1) What did this weekend mean to me? And, 2) What am I going to do about it?

As I came off my “walk,” my world had truly changed. During that weekend, something happened. Even though I had been raised in the church, it wasn’t until my Emmaus experience that I began to fully understand God’s great love for me and found the desire to live out that love in my day-to-day experiences. My excitement and desire to change my world was undeniable and hard to contain. That weekend was a pivotal point in determining the person I have become and what I seek to do with my life.

Now, I know that the Emmaus experience is only one of many connections that I have had with God over the years, but I wonder how different things would be if I hadn’t been blessed by that encounter? (That may be a pretty good question for all of us to ask ourselves...) When you think about it, the blessings and benefits that we received through our Emmaus experience were made possible by those faithful few who could find nothing quite as important as inviting, encouraging, and sponsoring us on our walk.

If you haven’t heard... there is a women’s walk coming up on the weekend of October 4-7, and there are still spaces available. I challenge you to “make the time” to bless someone else by offering them the chance to be a part of this weekend. What could be more important?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Stan, Spiritual Director
ABC Emmaus 4th day Group

**Consecration of Team for Walk #1395
at October 2nd Gathering
at Smithville
All team members should try to attend.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In the book of I Kings, we are told about the prophet Elijah's amazing feats as he obeyed the Word of the Lord. Elijah prayed for the restoration to life of a widow's son. The Lord answered Elijah's prayer, and the boy was brought back to life. Elijah predicted the beginning and the end of a three-year drought. He challenged the priests of Baal and Asherah to a contest to prove the identity of the true God. The priests' gods were silent and absent. Elijah's God flashed fire from heaven. The power of the Lord came upon Elijah. He ran six miles to the city of Jezreel ahead of Ahab's chariot. In another feat Elijah traveled forty days and forty nights (over 200 miles) at the direction of an angel of God to reach Horeb, the mountain of God. On Mount Horeb, Elijah witnessed powerful forces of nature—wind, earthquake and fire. In this situation, God did not reveal Himself in those big events. Instead, God revealed Himself in a gentle whisper. Think of it. The Creator of the universe reveals Himself in a gentle whisper.

Today, God can speak through the spectacular and the miraculous. But, also, He can speak to each of us in those quiet moments when we humble our hearts. He can reveal Himself in a gentle whisper through the Holy Spirit in our mind's voice. Are you listening for God? Step closer to God and He will step closer to you.

De Colores,
John Zech, Lay Leader
ABC Emmaus 4th day Group

Pray for the Pilgrims of Walk 1395

Brenda Camp (Bastrop) -

Sponsored by Mary Fender, 264 Akaloa Dr., Bastrop, TX 78602

Barbara Behal (Kingsbury) -

Sponsored by Lynn Hoermann, 9500 W. Parmar Ln. #1424, Austin, TX 78717

Suzanne Reese (Bastrop) -

Sponsored by Debbie Higgins, 402 Crafts Prairie Rd., Bastrop, TX 78602

Sarah Carpenter (Rock Island) -

Sponsored by Evelyn Opperude, 1291 CR 2103, Weimar, TX 78962

Mary Kay Martin (Riverbend Church) -

Sponsored by Becky Hensley, 127 Kimberly Cove, Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Pat Hoffman (Bastrop Christian Outreach) -

Sponsored by Naomi DeuFriend, 1403 East Whitehead, Smithville, TX 78957

Susan Chell (Cedar Creek) -

Sponsored by Peggy Eastabrook, 126 Brown Lane, Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Pat Sharp (Cedar Creek) -

Sponsored by April Hudson, P.O. Box 537, Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Norma Boutelle (Cedar Creek) -

Sponsored by Shirley Smith, 256 Thousand Oaks Dr., Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Pat New (Cedar Creek) -

Sponsored by Geri Gambino, 160 Berdoll Loop, Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Veronica Emens (Cedar Creek) -

Sponsored by Doedee Vann, 159 Kahana Lane, Bastrop, TX 78602

Nancy Lawson (Elgin)

Sponsored by Caleb Smith, 116 Youngs Prairie Rd, Elgin, TX 78621

NOTE

These are the confirmed pilgrims for Women's Walk 1395 as of August 29th.

Please be in prayer for these pilgrims as well as those we do not know yet.

The registration cut-off date for this walk is September 19, 2007 at 12:00 noon. Please get your pilgrim's application in as soon as possible.

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Smithville, Vacant

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Haynie Chapel, Vacant
Smithville, Kaye Orsak, 237-4113

Scholarship Committee

Members include Spiritual Director, Lay Leader and Treasurer

Reunion Groups

BASTROP

His Sons: men, Jalisco's, Sat. 7:30am
Soul Sisters for Christ: women, Bastrop FUMC, Mon. 5pm

CEDAR CREEK

Faithful Followers: women, Gloria Essler's home, Tues. 6:30pm, Alice Ives contact, 303-5336
Fishers of Men: men, meets in their neighborhood Sun. 6pm, Zack Taylor, contact
Friends: women, Cedar Creek UMC, Tue. 6pm.
Men's Mission: men, Cedar Creek UMC, Wednesday, 6:00 pm. Contact Joe Gambino for info.
Sisters With a Higher View: women, Jeanne Randall's home on High View Ranch Dr., Tue. 7pm
Willow Branches: women, Cedar Creek UMC, Mon.. 9am, Peggy Collier contact.

ELGIN

Everlasting Grace: women, Alternates between Elgin and Bastrop, Sun 4pm, Tanya Able, 254-455-0139
Hearts For Christ: women, Elgin FUMC Library, Mon.

11am, Doris Rodriguez, 281-2222 or DorisFaye@aol.com
Men: Meet For Dinner, various restaurants, Mon. 6:30pm, Bill Stowe, 281-5735
Men: Robert's Recording Studio, Main Street, Tue. 7:30am, Bill Stowe, 281-5735
Morning Doves: women, Elgin FUMC Webb Parlor, Sat. 7:30am, Linda Moss, 281-9584

SMITHVILLE

Angels of Prayer: women, Smithville FUMC Fellowship Hall, Wed. 10am. Mary Ellen Lloyd, 237-3701
Olive Street Angels: women, Smithville FUMC Education Bldg., Tue. 7pm, Kaye Orsak, 237-4113
Mavericks: men, Fri. 1pm, Charles Keathley, 237-3701
Women: Smithville FUMC Fellowship Hall, Wed. 6pm, Connie McMillin contact

If you are in a reunion group not listed here or if changes need to be made please e-mail Alice Ives at garyaliceives@juno.com or call 303-5336 with information regarding your group.

Upcoming Emmaus Gatherings

September Gathering

Haynie Chapel

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

6:30 pm

4th Day Speaker arranged by Elgin

October Gathering

Smithville

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

6:30 pm

4th Day Speaker arranged by Haynie Chapel

Make a Note!

Gatherings: First Tuesday of each month

Rotation: Bastrop, Cedar Creek, Elgin, Haynie Chapel, Smithville

Board Meetings: Third Thursday of each month

Next Board Meeting

September 18, 2007

Bastrop FUMC

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