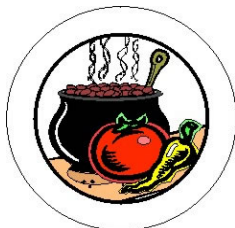


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## JANUARY GATHERING GOODIES



Fall is here (although no one has informed the weather that it's supposed to be cooler)! From now until the end of the year, time will speed by. So, let's plan something to look forward to in January!

I propose a **chili cook-off** at our January Gathering in Smithville. Those of you who think your recipe can top my famous "Mystery Meat Chili" – bring it on!

The entries will be numbered and all attending can cast their vote for the best chili. Stuffing the ballot box will be frowned upon.

For those of you who prefer to bring something else, there's DESSERT, cornbread, DESSERT, salads, DESSERT, cheese, DESSERT, onions, DESSERT, crackers. **Oh, did I mention dessert?** If you want to be practical, you could always bring Tums, Pepto-Bismo, etc.

## Update about Men's Walk

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We have been able to reschedule **Men's Walk to Emmaus #1624 for May 17-20, 2012 at Cathedral Oaks** without an increase in price. Moreover, we had already received the food stipend to buy food for the Walk. The Southwest Conference had us use that money to buy food for those in the shelters. What would have fed the pilgrims instead fed those who lost so much.

For those of you who were sponsoring pilgrims, please check with them to see whether the May 17 date will work for them. For those of you who had prayed about, but not invited a pilgrim, you've been given another chance.

A dear friend reminded me of the story of the Good Samaritan. Let us always be the one who, while we dearly love the Walks to Emmaus, would elect to stop and help our neighbors.

*Decolores,*

## Staying Connected

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by welcoming them home, staying in communication with them in the following week(s), and helping them find a REUNION GROUP so they can keep the fire alive. When it comes time for Gatherings, make sure they know when they are and encourage them to attend.

## Gatherings

Another larger gathering takes place usually monthly where people from your 4th Day Community come, meet, share news about Walks and information about what's going on in the community, praise together, see one another and share in the Lord's Supper together. It's a good time to be refreshed age 4 you will find a list of when the various gatherings in our area are planned. Attend when you can ... and plug in!

## Volunteering

Whether it is pitching in as a helper on an outside team, helping with setup for candle-light, bringing agape, or working on a team, it is such a blessing to be able to serve in so many ways. Who could believe the power of us "gathered"? But we have all seen what happens when Christians come together do their part to bring forward the message of Christ. Were not our hearts warmed when we were on the road to Emmaus? Did we not see the Risen Christ!? There are lots of ways to volunteer. Please do what you can to help!

## Serving on a team

Did you know that on every Walk to Emmaus we have a goal of 30% of that team being new people to the team experience? The Walk to Emmaus is built on the concept of progressive leadership. People build in their team experience over time, doing more and more, and each Walk needs team members of all levels.

## Do you want to serve on a team?

It is a commitment. There are required team meetings. You are asked to stretch beyond your self and grow. You are there to love and serve pilgrims in a way that will test you. But you will be blessed. If you are interested in serving on a team -- regardless of when -- FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION NOW and get it to the community so you can be considered for Team Selection. Team selection for Women's Walk #1618 will be soon ... so if you are interested, don't delay.

## Gathering Dates & Places