New Horizon
Emmaus Community

**2018 New Horizon Walk Dates**

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**MARCH Community Meeting**
Thursday, MARCH 15th
Board Meeting - 5:30pm at ARC

**NEW THIS YEAR:**
FELLOWSHIP FEAST @ 6:30PM
EVERYONE BRING YOUR FAVORITE MEAT DISH, SIDE DISH, SNACK, OR DESSERT
COMMUNITY - 7:15PM
GUESTS ARE WELCOME, AND A NURSERY IS PROVIDED.
Community will meet at FUMC/Amherst

**ABBERNATHY & LUBBOCK TO HOST**
(If your city is listed above to host, this means these Emmaus members will help serve and clean-up at this month’s Community meeting.)

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**New Horizon Emmaus Community Board of Directors**

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Community Lay Director – Brian Gerstenberger
Community Spiritual Director – Jackie Qualls
Past Community Lay Director – Teresa Waters
Past Community Spiritual Director – Jackie Qualls
Treasurer - Teresa Waters

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**A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

Hello Community,

Wow! February's Men’s Walk started the year off with a BANG! You asked the One, True, and Living God to set captives free, to save and restore, to break every chain, and to restore joy. Well, He answered! He answered these prayers in ways we could never have imagined. We are so blessed to be witnesses and recipients of what our Father is doing in the ARC.

The great thing about the February Men’s Walk is that it is only two months until the April Women's Walk. I know of many men that are now sending their wife, sister, mother, etc., to the April Walk. If God puts someone on your heart to sponsor don’t hesitate to send the registration in. It is so much fun to get the privilege of giving this gift to someone you care about.

I want to encourage you to be at the March Community worship March 15th. Nathan Young will give our 4th Day talk and we will get the honor of praying over DiAnn Stone, Bruce Slaughter, and the rest of the team for the April Women's Walk.

Love ya more than you know!

~De Colores, Jackie Qualls~
Greetings Community,

‘Wilderness,’ now that’s a word. This word has so many different meanings to each of us. The first thing that comes to my mind is going out in the woods, mountains and even finding a stream and doing a little fly fishing. I asked someone the other day how they would describe the wilderness and their response was being somewhere that they had no control; maybe somewhere that their life was in danger. That really made me think: if I had asked ten people I might have gotten ten different descriptions.

This whole wilderness thing got me thinking about the Israelites and their time in the wilderness. I would say that their definition is a whole lot different than mine. Their trek through the wilderness lasted longer than any vacation I’ve ever enjoyed in the wilderness. I had fun- they had headaches; I saw beauty – they saw death; I got rest – they had years of wandering.

I guess my point here is why are we in the wilderness? Are we there because we choose to be there? Is the wilderness a good thing or a bad thing? The vacation wilderness is self-chosen but what about the wilderness of no control…of danger that we sometimes find ourselves in? Are we there out of rebellion because we choose not to hear what Father God has for us? What is best for us? Whose voice are we listening to?

There are only two voices that enter our beings – the voice that speaks lies and the voice that speaks truth. If we listen to lies we are being deceived and that road leads to the wilderness that separates us from Father God. It creates a barrier between us and Father God. The more we listen to the lies the farther we go into the wilderness. On the other hand, when we listen to the truth, the more we study the truth, the more we surround ourselves with the truth, that is when we see the wilderness as a place where Father God resides and a place that we can find peace and rest.

I don’t know why, what or where your wilderness is but I have a Savior that chases after us into that unknown place. A savior that will direct us, listen to us, move mountains to move us to a place that only He can. Only He knows us, knows our answer because He is the answer and wants us to ask Him to be our everything in the wilderness. In Deuteronomy 8: 1-3, we learn that God allows us to wander through hard times to teach us how to rely on Him while we are traveling through our wilderness. Do we reach out and take His hand or do we really want a lonely, self-guided forty-year trip?

I love the ladies and gentlemen of this awesome Emmaus Community. If there are times that you or your family is walking through the wilderness, remember that you are not alone. Father God so desperately wants you to call out His name; I promise He alone can move mountains. You also have an amazing community of believers that want to help in any way, just ask!

~De Colores, Brian Gerstenberger~
Finding Clear Guidance

Psalms 25:12

How can you be sure you’re making the right decision? Sometimes it may seem as if God plays hide and seek when we’re trying to know His will, but that’s not the way He operates. He wants to give us clear direction. The real question is, what do you need to do to hear His voice?

Clear the pathway. We have two main obstacles that hinder our discernment: sin in our life and our own strong desires about the situation. To receive the Lord’s guidance, we must repent of all known sin and make our desires secondary to His.

Exercise patience. Sometimes it takes a great deal of strength to stand still when everything within you is shouting, “Hurry! Time is running out!” But if you rush ahead of God, you may miss His will.

Persist in prayer. The Bible clearly instructs us to keep coming to the Lord with our concerns. As we continue to pray, He will gradually weed out anything confusing until we come to His conclusion about the matter.

So often when we’re faced with a critical choice, all we want from the Lord is a quick answer. But He delights to meet with us in-order-to deepen our relationship with Him. Don’t let the urgency of your need keep you from enjoying the intimacy of His presence as you seek His will.

~Article by: Dr. Charles Stanley~
(crosswalk.com Feb. 5, 2018)
General Principles for a Walk Weekend

Our Lord commands us to “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15)
The walk to Emmaus depends on the life experiences of others, both lay and clergy, to assist in bringing about a spiritual renewal. Only then may persons return from the event prepared to witness to others and bring these others to an understanding of the saving grace in Jesus Christ.

The 72-hour event relies wholly on those who respond to the call of Christ in their life to be this witness during the weekend. This team is the primary instrument in and through which the Holy Spirit works to affect the lives of those who attend. Thus, our faith and what occurs in these 72 hours’ rest not on us but on the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us. (1 Cor. 2:4-5.)

Much of what happens on the weekend fosters the removal of obstacles or barriers that keep the pilgrims from a close relationship with God. The team members are those whom God uses on the Emmaus weekend to prepare the way,” so the pilgrims might be renewed to serve God. (“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God” [Isa. 40:3].)

The design of Emmaus tries to provide an atmosphere in which persons may feel free to experience once again, or perhaps for the first time, their relationship with the risen Christ. It affords an opportunity to demonstrate the unconditional love of God who accepts the participants for who and whose they are. The weekend design offers a step-by-step approach to biblical truths through talks given by lay and clergy, which moves the pilgrims to decide consciously to open themselves more fully to God.

Remember that Emmaus is not for everyone. While many will respond in a positive way to the 72-hour experience, some will not. Respect for individual choice is fundamental to success of Emmaus. This respect for choice will allow the team to offer pilgrims the vision of what the Christian life can and should be.

The weekend embraces the following attitudes, actions, and qualities:

- faithful adherence to The Upper Room Model
- continual openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit
- genuine attention given to pilgrims’
- humble offering of the 15 talks by lay and clergy speakers
- ongoing prayer

Prayer is the principal means to a successful Emmaus weekend. The Emmaus community, friends, family, the Lay Director, the Spiritual Director, and each team member pray earnestly before and during the weekend for God to use this event to bring others to a closer relationship with God. Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matt. 18:20). After walking to Emmaus, the two disciples sat at table with Jesus and broke bread, and “their eyes were opened.” The community of believers prays that the pilgrims’ eyes will be opened during the Emmaus event.

Those who participate in the weekend, pilgrims and team members alike, draw their inspiration to pray from the Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 4:8 reminds us, “God... gives his Holy Spirit to you.”

May the same Holy Spirit give us wisdom and encouragement to be lead as we lead others.

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

De Colores! Your, New Horizon Newsletter Editor