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## EAST TEXAS EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

What did the Walk mean to you?  
What are you doing about it?



### The Spirit Of The Walk To Emmaus

The spirit in which the Walk to Emmaus is conducted is none other than the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 5: 22-26, Paul lists characteristics of the Holy Spirit manifested in people's attitudes and behavior, which he calls "fruit of the Spirit." This is the fruit we want the pilgrims to feast on throughout the weekend.

Excerpts from *The Upper Room- Handbook On Emmaus, Second Edition, Chapter 8- "The Spirit Of The Walk To Emmaus"*



#### WEB LINKS:

**The Upper Room** is a Christian organization which governs the Walk To Emmaus ministry. The website for **The Upper Room** is [www.UpperRoom.com](http://www.UpperRoom.com).

**Bible Gateway** is a free service for reading and researching Scripture online. The website is [www.BibleGateway.com](http://www.BibleGateway.com).

To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

**SPONSORSHIP TRAINING, 4:00 pm**

**GATHERING, 5:00 pm**

**Saturday,**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Location To Be Announced**



### LAY DIRECTOR—Walk #90

Dear Emmaus Community;

WOW!!! After a full year since the last women's walk...The Best Walk Ever did happen! Our walks were postponed after Hurricane Ike took its toll on many in the East Texas area. This was definitely a God moment! What a blessing it was to serve with the greatest team and to serve the greatest pilgrims. The timing was perfect and God made an awesome walk happen! Sponsorship training is **definitely** working with the results in the pilgrims that are being sponsored. "THANK YOU" to the community for implementing this training. I felt blessed beyond words to be a part of such a glorious weekend with all of these ladies (and George). "THANK YOU" to the pilgrims, team and community for allowing me the privilege to be the lay director for East Texas Emmaus Walk #90!

Have'n been to training yet? The next one occurs one hour before the next gathering!

DeColores,  
Charlotte Huffstetler, Walk #50



**A Kairos Volunteer Does Not Happen By Accident!**

If you are interested in working the Kairos weekend, or if you are interested in writing and witnessing to God's children in prison, contact Janet Emberlin at 936-875-6053 or [danjan42198@cs.com](mailto:danjan42198@cs.com).

### 2009 Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #91 .....September 10 – 13  
Women's Walk #92 .....September 17 – 20



#### EMMAUS MUSICIANS

If you or your group is interested in helping provide music at Gatherings, Agape meals, or other E. TX Emmaus Community events, please contact Sher Hanke at [music\\_lady52@yahoo.com](mailto:music_lady52@yahoo.com).



### Life Lessons:

Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your family will. Stay in touch.

Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

## PILGRIMS: MEN'S WALK # 89 —FEBRUARY 5-8, 2009

(Sponsor In Italics)

Richard Carter (*Dick Voigtel*) ..... FUMC / Nacogdoches  
 David Russell (*Bob Harbuck*) ..... Trinity Baptist Church / Lufkin  
 John Goins (*Mickey Fothergill*) ..... FUMC / Livingston  
 Jeff Blankenship (*Jon Rood*) ..... FUMC / Livingston  
 David Frasier (*Sally Frasier*) ..... FUMC / Livingston  
 Lewis Vail (*Patsy Goins*) ..... FUMC / Onalaska  
 Jerry Falk (*Patsy Goins*) ..... FUMC / Onalaska  
 Sterling Booker III (*Sheila Rowley*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Lufkin  
 Mike Bronaugh (*Bob Anderson*) ..... First Christian / Lufkin  
 Ken Lucas (*Don LaCour*) ..... FUMC / Onalaska  
 Raymond Sims (*Rodney Howell*) ..... FUMC / Lufkin  
 James Acosta (*Kenneth Reynolds*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Lufkin  
 David Alexander (*Bob Anderson*) ..... First Christian / Lufkin  
 Stephen Jones (*Dawn Sewell*) ..... Harmony Hill Baptist / Lufkin

Justin Riddles (*Michele Reynolds*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Lufkin  
 Scott Jacobs (*Clay Alveson*) ..... First Christian / Nacogdoches  
 John Fothergill (*Cathy & Mickey Fothergill*) ..... FUMC / Livingston  
 Ben Blake (*Sid Abernathy*) ..... FUMC / Nacogdoches  
 Raymond Rolison (*Monika Vincent*) ..... FUMC / Lufkin  
 Cody Suggs (*Michele Reynolds*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Lufkin  
 Mark Willis (*Floyd Wall*) ..... Faith Family Church / Diboll  
 Taylor Acosta (*Michele Reynolds*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Lufkin  
 James Eich (*Mary Ann Harbuck*) ..... Home Fellowship / Corsicana  
 Jesse Lazenby (*Russ Nalley*) ..... Woodville UMC / Woodville  
 Larry Thomas Horton (*John White*) ..... Tarrant Bible Methodist / Leeds  
 Randy Burns (*Chris Caraway*) ..... FUMC / Lufkin

## PILGRIMS: WOMEN'S WALK # 90 —FEBRUARY 12-15, 2009

(Sponsor In Italics)

Dee Bennett-Kea (*Kitty Bounds*) ..... First Christian / Lufkin  
 Denise Faulkner (*Jan Westerman*) ..... Crosstimbers Cowboy / Lufkin  
 Jaime Smith (*Misty Sessions*) ..... Carpenters Way / Lufkin  
 Margarette Farr (*Cathy Fothergill*) ..... FUMC / Livingston  
 Barbara Turner (*David Turner*) ..... Cliff Temple Baptist / Dallas  
 Paula Wheeler (*Kitty Dobbs*) ..... Christ Episcopal / Nacogdoches  
 Cecile Lazenby (*Claudia Hielt*) ..... Woodville UMC / Woodville  
 Anne Christian (*Janice Cummings*) ..... First Assembly / Lufkin  
 Lorelei Cummings (*Janice Cummings*) ..... First Presbyterian / Lufkin  
 Sherry Alexander (*Carol Riggs*) ..... First Christian / Lufkin  
 Dee Ibison (*Anna Harvey*) ..... Point Blank Community / Point Blank  
 Jennifer Booker (*Sheila Rowley*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Lufkin  
 Elizabeth Kinsey (*Debbie Nicholson*) ..... St Luke's UMC / Kilgore  
 Jan Guerrero (*Carlene McMullen*) ..... Southside Baptist / Lufkin  
 Barbara Wall (*Carlene McMullen*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Pollok  
 Candice Jacobson (*Debby Seale*) ..... FUMC / Livingston

Laura Eskridge (*Suanne Wilson*) ..... FUMC / Livingston  
 Lilly Severin (*Patsy Goins*) ..... First Church Nazarene / Onalaska  
 Emmerentie Oliphant (*Sharon Templeman*) ..... Westminster Pres. / Nac  
 Hillary Simms (*Dick Voigtel*) ..... First Baptist / Nacogdoches  
 Vicki Russell (*Bob Harbuck*) ..... Trinity Baptist / Lufkin  
 Trina Hamill (*Debbie Nicholson*) ..... St Luke's UMC / Kilgore  
 Rhonda Brown (*Jan Westerman*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Lufkin  
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 Tommie Neal (*Carlene McMullen*) ..... Clawson Assembly / Lufkin  
 Evelyn Mauck (*David Harvey*) ..... Pt Blank Community / Point Blank



### HUMOR:

Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle. The three male dogs fall all over themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first, but end up arriving in front of her at the same time. The males are speechless before

her beauty, slobbering on themselves and hoping for just a glance from her in return. Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three suitors, she decides to be kind and tells them, "The first one who can use the words 'liver' and 'cheese' together in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me."

The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says, "I love liver and cheese."

"Oh, how childish," said the Poodle. "That shows no imagination or intelligence whatsoever."

She turns to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever and says "How well can you do?"

"Um. I HATE liver and cheese," blurts the Golden Retriever.

"My, my," said the Poodle. "I guess it's hopeless. That's just as dumb as the Lab's sentence."

She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, "How about you, little guy?"

The last of the three, tiny in stature but big in fame and finesse, is the Chihuahua. He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab and says "Liver alone. Cheese mine."

Live your life in such a way that when your feet hit the floor in the morning, Satan shudders and says, "Oh no, she's awake!"

3-year-old: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

## 2009 GATHERINGS:

April 25

June 27

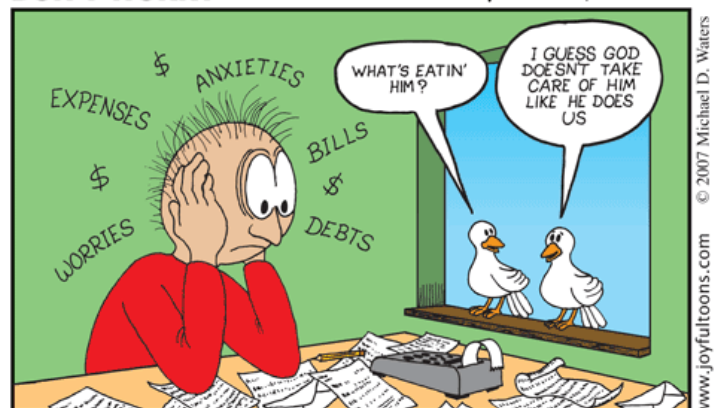
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Locations To Be Announced



### DON'T WORRY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?  
 — MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV

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Dear Lord, Every single evening  
As I'm lying here in bed,  
This tiny little Prayer  
Keeps running through my head:

God bless all my family

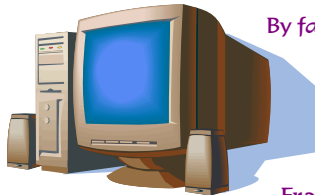
Wherever they may be,  
Keep them warm and safe from harm  
For they're so close to me.

And God, there is one more thing  
I wish that you could do;  
Hope you don't mind me asking,  
Please bless my computer too.

Now I know that it's unusual  
To Bless a motherboard,  
But listen just a second  
While I explain it to you, Lord.

You see, that little metal box  
Holds more than odds and ends;  
Inside those small compartments  
Rest so many of my friends.

I know so much about them  
By the kindness that they give,  
And this little scrap of metal  
Takes me in to where they live.



By faith is how I know them  
Much the same as you.  
We share in what life brings us  
And from that our friendships  
grew.

Please take an extra minute  
From your duties up above,

To bless those in my address book  
That's filled with so much love.

Wherever else this prayer may reach  
To each and every friend,  
Bless each e-mail inbox  
And each person who hits "send".

When you update your Heavenly list  
On your own Great CD-ROM,  
Bless everyone who says this prayer  
Sent up to GOD.com. Amen



A LIST TO LIVE BY

- The most destructive habit ..... Worry
- The greatest joy ..... Giving
- The greatest loss ..... Loss of self-respect
- The most satisfying work ..... Helping others
- The ugliest personality trait ..... Selfishness
- The most endangered species ..... Dedicated leaders
- Our greatest natural resource ..... Our youth
- The greatest "shot in the arm" ..... Encouragement
- The greatest problem to overcome ..... Fear
- The most effective sleeping pill ..... Peace of mind
- The most crippling failure disease ..... Excuses
- The most powerful force in life ..... Love
- The most dangerous pariah ..... A gossip
- The world's most incredible computer ..... The brain
- The worst thing to be without ..... Hope
- The deadliest weapon ..... The Tongue
- The two most power-filled words ..... "I Can"
- The greatest asset ..... Faith
- The most worthless emotion ..... Self-pity
- The most beautiful attire ..... SMILE!
- The most prized possession ..... Integrity
- The most powerful channel of communication ..... Prayer
- The most contagious spirit ..... Enthusiasm



When I Say, "I am a Christian"

When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not shouting, 'I'm clean living'.  
I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'  
When I say, "I am a Christian", I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.  
When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.  
When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.  
When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are far too visible but, God believes I am worth it.  
When I say, "I am a Christian", I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.  
When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not holier than thou.  
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

DOGS

Why did God make dogs? I don't think it was accidental, so why do you suppose "hounds" are around? Recently, I watched an elderly woman trying to recover from a stroke. Her brain was damaged, and her arm was weak, so her therapist brought, of all things, a dog to help out. Instead of completing monotonous drills, the elderly patient threw a bright red Frisbee across the room, and the dog bounced over, picked it up, and brought it back, his eyes begging, "Throw it again, please!" And she did, over and over and over, forgetting that she was actually working quite hard. What possessed God to make dogs anyway?

Certainly there are exceptions, and certainly people can breed dogs to bring out the worst in them, but in general, there is nothing more selfless, loving or patient than a dog. Mistreat it and it comes back to you anyway. Ignore it and it never gives up hope that you will be its friend again. Make it wait days to go play, and it will still be ready. It offers you friendship and companionship and in return asks only for food, water and an occasional scratch behind the ears.

Why would God bother to make such a creature? I suppose that if dogs were like people they would eventually give up on us, but they never do. A dog's love is almost impossible to destroy, because it's not a love you earn, it's simply a love you are given. In other words, dogs love unconditionally. Unconditional love, unending patience and faithfulness to the very end. Do you suppose, just perhaps, that God made dogs to show us a little something about Himself? Do you think maybe "man's best friend" is really pointing us to the one who is truly our very best friend? You could learn a lot from a dog. Dog spelled backward is GOD.

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~ COMMUNITY INFO ~

You will find an abundance of information on the **EAST TEXAS EMMAUS COMMUNITY** website at [www.etemmaus.com](http://www.etemmaus.com), including an overview of the Emmaus program, a description of Chrysalis, and explanation of Kairos. A calendar is listed with the scheduled Walks and Flights for this year along with the locations and directions for each. For your convenience, Emmaus and Chrysalis applications, as well as servant applications, are available for download. **CHECK IT OUT!!**

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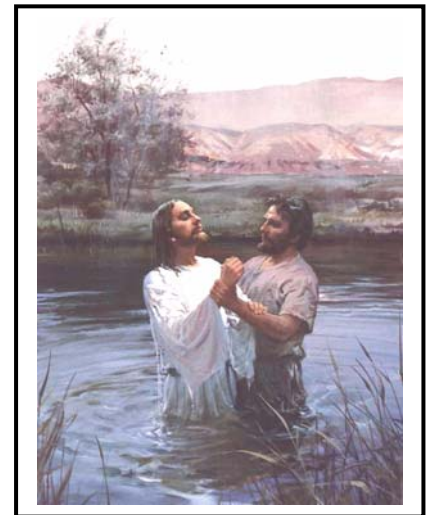


The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

**NEW DIRECTION**

The purpose of Emmaus is to encourage and empower involvement in the local church. Every closing ends with our new Fourth Day telling us "what they are going to do about it." Please report to the Community what's going on in your church that is making a difference. Chances are...it will spark new ideas and ignite spiritual fires in churches all throughout the Community. I would like this to be a regular column in the newsletter.

Please submit your ideas to Bonnie Shows at [shows@consolidated.net](mailto:shows@consolidated.net).



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