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EAST TEXAS EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Life By Example:

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

We all teach by example, standing before a host of observing students who will silently leave our presence to go forth and teach others. We owe it to the world, therefore, to make certain that what we teach empowers others to live fully.

May your life always be a lesson in living the best life possible.

And may you always be aware that you are loved beyond measure and a cherished blessing to me.

MEMO FROM GOD:

Date: TODAY

From: GOD

Subject: YOURSELF

Reference: LIFE

This is God. Today I will be handling All of your problems for you. I do not need your help. So, have a nice day. I love you.

P.S. And, remember...

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do Not attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. All situations will be resolved, but in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now.

[YOUR ARTICLE HERE]

This could be your news article in the Community newsletter. Please submit your articles to Bonnie Shows by the 25th of each month for the newsletter to:

shows@consolidated.net.



*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.



**Sponsor a
Caterpillar and
watch them
take flight to do
our Father's
Service!**

Chrysalis Flights

Girls' Flight #19, HilltopAugust 6-9
Boys' Flight #20, HilltopAugust 13-16

Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #91, PWCC September 10 – 13
Women's Walk #92, PWCC September 17 – 20
Men's Walk #93, PWCC February 18 – 21
Women's Walk #94, PWCC February 25 – 28

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING, 4:00 pm

GATHERING, 5:00 pm

Saturday,

June 27th



**Livingston FUMC (hosting & cooking)
No covered dish necessary**

Life Lessons:

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

DADDY'S EMPTY CHAIR

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows.

An empty chair sat beside his bed. The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me", he said.

"No, who are you?" said the father.

The minister told him his name and then remarked, "I saw the empty chair and I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the minister shut the door. "I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head."

"I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day four years ago; my best friend said to me, 'Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest: Sit down in a chair. Place an empty chair in front of you, and, in faith, see Jesus on the chair."

It's not spooky because he promised, 'I will be with you always'. "Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now."

"So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon.

Did he die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

John 3:16

A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner, the people were in and out of the cold. The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers. He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you? You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner there and down the alley and it's awful cold in there for tonight. Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay."

The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they come out the door you just say 'John 3:16' and they will let you in."

So he did. He walked up the steps and knocked on the door, and a lady answered. He looked up and said, "John 3:16."

The lady said, "Come on in, Son." She took him in and she sat him down in a split bottom rocker in front of a great big old fireplace, and she went off. The boy sat there for a while and thought to himself: John 3:16...I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm.

Later she came back and asked him "Are you hungry?"

He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days, and I guess I could stand a little bit of food."

The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more. Then he thought to himself: John 3:16...Boy, I sure don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full.

She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water, and he sat there and soaked for a while. As he soaked, he thought to himself: John 3:16...I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean. You know, I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out.

The lady came in and got him. She took him to a room, tucked him into a big old feather bed, pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him goodnight and turned out the lights. As he lay in the darkness and looked out the window at the snow coming down on that cold night, he thought to himself: John 3:16...I don't understand it but it sure makes a tired boy rested.

The next morning the lady came back up and took him down again to that same big table full of food. After he ate, she took him back to that same big old split bottom rocker in front of the fireplace and picked up a big old Bible. She sat down in front of him and looked into his young face. "Do you understand John 3:16?" she asked gently.

He replied, "No, Ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it." She opened the Bible to John 3:16 and began to explain to him about Jesus. Right there, in front of that big old fireplace, he gave his heart and life to Jesus. He sat there and thought: John 3:16 -- don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe.

You know, I have to confess I don't understand it either, how God was willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand the agony of the Father and every angel in heaven as they watched Jesus suffer and die. I don't understand the intense love for ME that kept Jesus on the cross till the end. I don't understand it, but it sure does make life worth living.

John 3:16- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



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.



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WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

A message every adult should read because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

Change Of Address ?

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~ COMMUNITY INFO ~

You will find an abundance of information on the **EAST TEXAS EMMAUS COMMUNITY** website at www.Emmaus.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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*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"*



The Upper Room is a Christian organization which governs the Walk To Emmaus ministry. The website for **The Upper Room** is www.UpperRoom.com.

Bible Gateway is a free service for reading and researching Scripture online. The website is www.BibleGateway.com.

WALK A LITTLE PLAINER, DADDY

"Walk a little plainer, Daddy,"
 Said a little boy so frail.
 "I'm following in your footsteps
 and I don't want to fail."

Sometimes your steps are very plain---
 Sometimes they're hard to see;
 So walk a little plainer, Daddy,
 For you are leading me.

I know that once you walked this way
 Many years ago.
 And what you did along the way
 I'd really like to know.

For sometimes when I am tempted,
 I don't know what to do.
 So walk a little plainer, Daddy,
 For I must follow you.

Someday when I'm grown up
 You're like I want to be.
 Then I will have a little boy
 Who will want to follow me.

And I would want to lead him right
 And help him to be true,
 So walk a little plainer, Daddy,
 For we must follow you.

Happy Father's Day!

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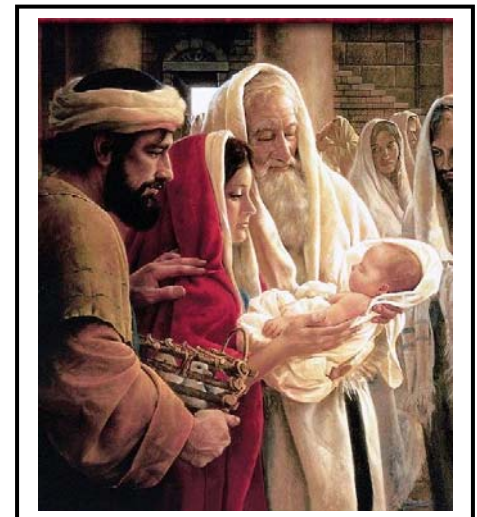


The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

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.



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