

Community: February 21, 2008  
Bethal Baptist Church  
1700 N. IH 27, Plainview

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# LIVING WATER

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## WORDS FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Wow, what an exciting start to 2008! Thank you to the team of Walk #57 for all your faith and hard work, but mostly, I thank God for the work He did in these men's lives. Some of those men who were on Walk #57 were searching for answers to some of life's most challenging questions. I pray that their search has led to the discovery of the incredible and unconditional love of God. You are an amazing community and I thank you for even the smallest act of agape that you shared with these men.

A special thank you to Mikhael Durham for an awesome fourth day talk at our January community meeting.

Our community meeting this month will be at Bethal Baptist Church in Plainview. Please pray for Greg Carroll as he will give our fourth day talk and Zachariah's Song as they will provide our music. I hope you will put **February 21, 2008** on your calendar and come hear how God has been working in Greg's life.

As we go through this month of February and the word love, hearts, and other reminders are seen every where we go, stop and thank God for his example that shows us what love really means.

I ask that you would keep Living Water in your prayers as your board seeks God's perfect plan for our community. Neysa Carmichael has begun preparing for Walk #58; remember to pray for her and her team. See you on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

**De Colores!**

**STEVE OLSON**

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## Community Gathering -- February 21--

Bethal Baptist Church  
1700 N. IH 27, Plainview  
Board 5:30 PM  
Sponsor's Training 6:00 PM  
Meal 6:30 PM  
Worship 7:30 PM

Guests are welcome and a nursery is provided.

Bring your favorite dishes. Wear your name tag. Bring your worship book. Come to share in the fun and fellowship!

**LIVING WATER BOARD : 5:30 PM.**  
**SPONSOR'S TRAINING** will be held at 6:00 PM with Elaine Barrett as leader.

The Board invites and urges all new community members and others who have never sponsored a pilgrim, and anyone who has not been through a recent training class to participate. The class will last for 30 minutes.

Being a sponsor is one of the most important roles of the Walk To Emmaus. Several areas must be covered in order for the pilgrim to have an exciting and successful walk.

Worship begins at 7:30 with praise songs, and closes with communion.

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

- Feb. 21** Bethal Baptist Church  
1700 N. IH 27, Plainview
- March 27** Trinity Fellowship Church  
I 27 & SW 3rd, Plainview
- April 17** First Methodist Church  
202 W. Stevenson Ave.  
Hale Center

Call Sue Johnson at 889-3331 to list your church on the schedule.



## WELCOME PILGRIMS OF WALK #57

Bill Bolinger	Brandon Wall	Camilo Silva
Chad Crooks	Chad Green	Chris Martin
Cory Johnson	Danak Spradlin	Dane Sanders
Daniel Crooks	David Myers	Don Brooks
Doug Yates	Eric Smith	Hunter Bullock
Hap Houchin	James Frazier	Jason Pyle
Jeff Miller	Jimmy Cervantez	Jonathan Jimerson
Kip Pritchard	Mack Lees	Mark Herring
Michael Chapman	Mikhael Durham	Morris Applewhite
Paul Smith	Ray Jimenez, Jr.	Roy Borchardt
Steve Jones	Tate Glasscock	Wayne Powell
William Ayres	Frank Galvan	

Greetings to the Living Water Emmaus Community!

First, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the one who deserves the credit for all things in and around Walk #57. God is good! Those of you on the team and involved with other outside duties in the two weeks before the Walk understand exactly where I'm coming from! We had 7 pilgrims when we should have had many more. We had changes within the team in the final days before the Walk. The Walk finally filled in the last few days, and what a joyous and exciting time we had! I know everyone says 'it was the best Walk ever', and so was Walk #57!

The Pilgrims were blessed by the agape from the community, the attendance at Send-off and Candlelight, and by the wonderful talks given by the Lay and Clergy on the team. It was truly a God-thing weekend. Our community rallied when it was time, and for that, here's a big THANK YOU!!!

It's amazing to me how God can take a group of people and mold them into a Walk team. Then, add more people and send them off for a weekend. And in the end, it's a beautiful time together with a bunch of 'new best friends'. OK, I admit... I'm ready to go again! I can't say enough for all that was done to make this Walk a success. My wife Stacie deserves a huge crown someday... yeah, I know... she already deserved it just for putting up with me... but without her, I couldn't have done it. Our music team led by Greg Carroll was unbelievable. We think they could actually get paid to play someday! Our Clergy team starting with Kyle Brock was like a list of A Team pitchers in the big league. The other team members were just as chosen as these.

God did it right, and I'm blessed to have been there. Thanks to all from the bottom of my heart.

De Colores,  
Tim Hardage

### >>Announcements<<

L.W.E. is in need of a lap top computer for updating old & new data sheet information only. Donations will be graciously accepted by mail or at L.W.E. community gathering's. Mail to: Living Water Emmaus-P.O. Box 1895-Plv. TX 79073----Thanks

Please get your pilgrims applications turned in soon along with \$135.00 fee.

### NAME TAG ORDERS

Persons wishing to order new name tags should send a \$5.00 check to Living Water Emmaus Community, P. O. Box 1895, Plainview, Texas 79073-1895.

If you have lost your lanyard, and also need another cross, , the charge for the cross is an additional \$3.00. There is no charge for the "crocheted" lanyard.

Please send the following information with your order: Name, church, hometown, and mailing address. Tags will be ordered ASAP and returned to you via mail.

### UPCOMING WALKS

### >>WALK COST \$135<<

# 57 Men's Walk January 17-20, 2007 Plains Baptist Assembly Tim Hardage, Lay Director Kyle Brock, Spiritual Director	#59 Men's Walk July 24-27, 2008 Wayland Baptist University
# 58 Women's Walk June 5-8, 2008 Wayland Baptist University Neysa Carmichael, Lay Director Roger Foote, Spiritual Director	#60 Women's Walk October 9-12, 2008 Plains Baptist Assembly

Men's Registrar      Darral Bryant      806-928-1344      or 806-771-5271  
Women's Registrar      Nancy Martin      806-729-3817

### Cracked Pot

A Water Bearer had two large pots; each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of these pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of a long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot only arrived half-full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer only delivering one and a half pots full of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. The poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half of my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said. The Water Bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the house, I want you to notice all of the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half of its load, and so again the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my table. Without you being just the way you are, I would not have this beauty to grace my house.

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots in some respect. But if we allow ourselves to take advantage of our flaws, nothing goes to waste. Don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and you too can be the cause of beauty. Know that in our weaknesses we find our strengths.

### ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Deadline for articles for the newsletter is the 25th of each month. Articles may be mailed to 2807 W. 10th St., Plainview, 79072 or phone 291-0611 or e-mailed to [kayla.edwards@yahoo.com](mailto:kayla.edwards@yahoo.com)