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## Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Your new Board of Directors and I have been in prayer for our 4<sup>th</sup>Day Group as we negotiate through this almost-overwhelming time of transition for us. I say almost because, without fail, our Lord has found a way for us when to our eyes there seemed to be no way. Needless to say, our ideas of what God's way is continues to be challenged. We ask that you remain in prayer for our 4<sup>th</sup>Day Group. **We know God is faithful and He will provide!**

A friend sent me an e-mail a month or so ago that was linked to an article. She sent it to me in hopes that it would provide me courage and strength for the journey that Lord has set out before us all. I'd like to share a bit of it with you.

### 5 Minutes with K.P. - Clinging to Shadows

"The earth seemed to tremble at the mighty shout of the Israelites as the priests carried the ark of the covenant into their war camp. Now the battle could begin. Their guarantee for victory had just arrived! The people cheered and celebrated. It would be just like in the days of Moses and Joshua: The ark would go before them, and no enemy, however strong had even the slightest chance of defeating the armies of Israel.

With great confidence the Israelites marched out to meet the Philistines, who were shaking in their boots, expecting to be wiped out by the God of Israel. But to everyone's amazement and horror, God was not with His people. The two priests Hophni and Phineas, along with 30,000 soldiers, were slaughtered on the battlefield. And the enemy captured the ark of God.

After this tragic defeat, the entire nation must have asked, 'When did our God leave us? And why didn't we - His people - notice it sooner?'

"This account from 1 Samuel 4, as well as many others, is given to us for our instruction. It is designed to clearly teach us that past experiences with God, including miracles and answers to prayers, are never proof that God is with us and sustains us today. Each and every day, our walk with the Lord and our commitment to Him must be fresh and new.

"Over and over we read throughout the Bible and Church history how God commits Himself to an individual or a group of people. But then, along the way, His [felt] presence is no longer with them. They may still be running all their "good," religious programs, along with preaching,...and doing every kind of thing imaginable. But basically all they are doing is clinging to shadows, while [it feels like] He is no longer there.

"What is the cause of this shift in our spiritual life? It's the same as it was for those Israelites in the Old Testament: self-centeredness. The God who delivered them from slavery and whom they were commanded to love supremely over all else had now become in their minds a genie to fulfill their wish for a comfortable and successful life. We fall into the same trap when we forget that we were made for Him alone. **Belonging to Him means that we must lay aside all our own plans, wishes and ambitions and out of love and with joy seek to fulfill His will instead. This keeps us coming to Him every day, asking afresh what we can do to please Him, and showing Him that He is our greatest treasure and all we desire in our lives."**

Let us all, especially during this re-building phase of our 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group, make a conscious decision to daily humble ourselves in God's presence, seek His will, not ours, and repent of all those things that separate us from Him (materialism, seeking comfort or ease, seeking others' approval, spiritual pride, lack of concern for the poor, seeking honor from others, pretense.) **The Holy Spirit will be our guide and our help to honestly seek God and His blessings for us.** If we practice this, restoration WILL take place. The question is, will you act now, or put it off until later? Are you clinging to shadows?

De Colores,  
Stephanie Creech, Lay Director  
Coastal Bend Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group

## Energizing, equipping, and engaging God's leaders in the church.



**Saturday, September 10, 2011**

**6:00pm-9:00pm**

**First United Methodist Church**

**900 S. Shoreline**

**Join us for Worship, Music, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talks, Great Entertainment, Fellowship and GREAT food!**

**Bring your lanyard, nametag and a covered dish!**

**A-L: fruit, dessert or bread**

**M-S: Main Dish, Meat Entree**

**T-Z: Side Dish, Veggies or Salad**

**Bring your spouse or significant other even if  
They have not been on a walk!**



**For more information, please contact**

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### Women's Walk #1634 October 6-9, 2011

Deadline to have Pilgrim Application and Walk fee to SWTC: [Sept. 22, 2011](#).

If your Pilgrim's registration is not in the hands of the SWTC Registrar by this date, she will have to wait until 2012!

#### *The Agape Gift of Sponsorship*

There are so many ways to support your special Pilgrim! Here are some things that Walk Lay Directors ask you to bring to Registration-along with your Pilgrim, of course!

- \$5.00 for your Pilgrim's *Day Four* book that will be included in the 4th Day Packet
- 1 set of pillow or table Agape item (if labeled, only with Church or Reunion Group Name)
- 1 Pilgrim's favorite snack
- 1 6- or 12-pack Pilgrim's favorite drink
- Agape Letters\*

Please be sure that your Pilgrim's letters

- Have first and last name
- Are NOT marked with abbreviations. Labels MUST be spelled out:

Spouse  
Child  
Friend  
Pastor  
Sibling, etc.

Bundle the 8-12 letters you think should be the ones delivered at the table. A rubber band is sufficient.

The rest will be bundled and given on the pillow. Coach your letter writers not to include special gifts for the Pilgrim, letters only.

\*When letters arrive at Candlelight, errors occur.

Please help the Walk Servants by bringing letters to Registration! Thanks!

Visit <http://www.coastalbendemmaus.org/SPONSORSHIP.htm> to find Sponsor Tips  
<http://www.umcswtx.org/mw-walk-emmaus.htm> and Click on Presentation Sponsorship Information

### Coastal Bend Emmaus 4th Day Group

Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month and you're invited! The next meeting will be September 20th at 6:00 pm at Island in the Sun UMC and will begin with glorious music and worship! The need to strengthen and renew is evident and your input is valued.

*"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17*



### Clergy Training Event for Coastal Bend Clergy

Mike Cave will be leading a Clergy training event for all Coastal Bend clergy on Saturday October 1, at First UMC in Corpus Christi. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. the event will conclude by 2:00 p.m. Morning coffee and lunch will be furnished.

This training is not yet required by the Upper Room for Walk Spiritual Directors but it will likely be required in the near future. Whether it is required or not, attendance at such a training is a strong indication of a pastor's desire to participate in CBE walks and could effect the deliberations of the selection team.

The training is open to laity as well as clergy, should they want to have a better understanding of the role of the SD's and ASD's on walks.

Registrations should be sent to:

Harold Onwiler  
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Corpus Christi, TX 78414  
[honwiler@swbell.net](mailto:honwiler@swbell.net)

### Do You Know Someone?

The Coastal Bend Emmaus want to bless some new pilgrims with The Best Walk Ever! Walk #1634 is in need of pilgrims. If the Lord has laid it upon your heart to invite a woman you think may like affirmation that God loves her, please contact Kay Aeby, [kaeby1@yahoo.com](mailto:kaeby1@yahoo.com)

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2*

*Corinthians 5:17*



**Attention All Reunion Groups *Let's get back in touch!***

We would like to better serve our pilgrims by providing them with the most updated info for our 4th day reunion groups. If it's been a while since you last updated your information, please contact Elaine Hinchcliff, CBE Reunion Groups Coordinator and let us know how your doing.

[hinchcliffd@yahoo.com](mailto:hinchcliffd@yahoo.com) (361) 449-1434

**Update your Information for the CBE Database**

All database updates and changes can be sent to Carolyn Onweiler, Database Coordinator for the CBE Fourth Day group.  
[conwiler@hotmail.com](mailto:conwiler@hotmail.com)

# Future Events

Walk/Flight Leadership Training - Sat. Aug 6, St. Luke's UMC 8:00am Corpus Christi, Texas

Clergy Training Sat. Oct. 1, 2011 FUMC CC - Shoreline Contact: Harold Onweiler [honwiler@swbell.net](mailto:honwiler@swbell.net)

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Board Training  
 Nov 5, 2011 8:30 am  
 Location TBD

Women's Walk # 1634  
 October 6-9, 2011  
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Upcoming 2012 Walk's  
 Women's June 21-24  
 Men's Sept. 20-23  
 Women's Oct. 11-14

Those interested in attending a Men's walk sooner can contact the Windmill Emmaus 4th day Group in Beeville, TX.  
<http://windmillemmaus.com/>  
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