

Rainbow Bend

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The Good News and the Bad News

Well, let's do the bad news first: As with most things economical the price of a Walk to Emmaus is going up by \$10.00 to a fee of \$180.00 for Pilgrims and Team members.

The good news? Where could you get possibly find another place with three nights lodging and eight meals for \$180.00? Not to mention all the snacks, small gifts and fellowship with wonderful people that are included for free.

Truthfully, your Coastal Bend Emmaus Community Board does regret that the price has had to climb at all but we have done the very best we could to hold the price increase to as little as possible. It is another reason why our scholarship fund is so important. As I have suggested before; if your Reunion Group could go together to provide a scholarship, or you as individuals could do so there is no other agape gift I can think of that gives more. I am so pleased to say that a couple of Reunion groups (including my own) have made that gift of blessing to our community. It is still the season of giving.

Walk 1596 will be starting on Thursday, Feb. 10. Hopefully you will get this newsletter in time to be there for Candlelight at 8:00 pm.

The community of support that surrounds each Walk with agape gifts and presence at Candlelight is our call from God to bring His blessings.

Judi Storms
Community LD



The *Bluntzer Spirit Center* is coming closer to reality.

Please login to their website located at:

www.bluntzerspiritcenter.org

for more details on how this facility is taking shape, current information and upcoming plans.

“In everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” Phillipians 4:6-7

One of my spiritual influences (besides my wife) has been Dr. Charles Stanley of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. and leader of In Touch Ministries. One Sunday morning as I prepared for church, I heard him preach a sermon on Prayer is Life's Greatest Time Saver. In the sermon, Dr. Stanley outlined ways in which prayer will be a time saver to us.

1) Provides timely direction; 2) Prevents wrong decisions; 3) Eliminates worry and anxiety; 4) produces peacefulness; 5) Invites God into our activities; 6) Produces confidence; 7) Eliminates fretting; 8) Sharpens discernment; 9) Gives us energy; 10) Prevents distractions; 11) Reminds us to act now; 12) Protects us from discouragement; 13) Opens doors of opportunity; and 14) Helps us discern between busyness and fruitfulness.

Wow, in a world where we feel like Stretch Armstrong, at times being pulled in multiple directions at the same time, this was a revelation. Like everyone, I go through bouts where prayers are sometimes the last thing on my mind. From the time I open my eyes in the morning to the time my head hits the pillow at night, I am thinking and doing a hundred different things. When I have not prayed in the past, it because I did not have, excuse me, did not make the time to pray. I was too busy with work, family life, church activities, and the rest of life's events. This sermon grabbed my attention, prayer a time saver?

As I reflected on his message, I began to think back to my own JTD experiences. As a pilgrim, team member, board member or president, there are wonderful people who inspired my prayer life. They were all dealing with life's struggles and challenges, but made time for prayerful reflection to serve our Lord and build His Kingdom on earth.

The incredible people of the Emmaus and Journey communities continue to inspire me to lead a Christ filled life and live by His example. We start this month with our first Walk and Journey weekends and great opportunities to pray for and with each other. Pray Vigil books and online prayer sign up are available to make God part of our prayer lives and provide that divine peace only He can give.

The more I am a part of the Emmaus and Journey, the more I learn and savor the grace that touched the lives of the men and women of this community. No matter which part of our Christian life we are involved in – piety, study or action, the precursor to each of these is prayer. No matter how many challenges and struggles we face, true intimate prayer - a relationship with God – you will receive the Peace that is beyond all understanding through Jesus Christ.

Whether I pray in the quietness of my bedroom or church, or somewhere during the madhouse of everyday life, God has created time and the opportunity to speak with Him. My reunion brothers of the Patriarchs are a constant reminder of the many places and ways in which we can commune with our Lord. That is why I encourage every one of you to find or start your own reunion group as an opportunity to join in praying together and sharing God's love and blessings.

When we make time to pray to God, our prayers are heard and our lives are better. If we utilize the generous time God has given us to pray, there is no end to what we can accomplish in His name.

De Colores,
Steve Tagliabue
JTD Board of Directors President



Corpus Christi Women's JTD # 93

March 3 -- 6, 2011
Angie Quiros



"Turn, Lord, Save My Life; In Your Mercy Rescue Me." Psalm 6:5

God has truly blessed me with some of the most incredible spiritual direction and team members. We have been preparing for the weekend and have bonded as a team. We have been praying for the Pilgrims of this weekend and preparing ourselves to come and be servants of God. Thank you so much for your support and prayers; the weekend would not be complete without it. Our prayer is that we will lead the Pilgrims into a more personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope to see all of you at Candlelight and Closing.

De Colores,
Angelica (Angie) Quiroz LD

St. Elsewhere

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- Sasha Michaud
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Talks

- Priorities Sonia Dowty
- Grace Re. Billy Storms
- Priesthood of All Believers Melissa Cruz
- Faith Chaplain Cherie Hopkins
- Life in Piety Cindy Ramirez
- Growth Through Study Gail Colwell
- Sacraments Father Eddie Garcia
- Christian Action Cathy Benavides
- Obstacles to Grace Sister Angela Murdaugh
- Discipleship Monica Canales
- Love and Unity Rick Quiroz
- Changing Our World Linda Hickok
- Body of Christ Crystal Valdez
- Perseverance & Fourth Day Angie Quiroz

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 3, 2011
 Sponsor's Hour 6:30PM
 Saturday, March 5, 2011
 Candlelight Service 8:00PM
 Sunday, March 6, 2011
 Closing 2:00PM

Future Events



Men's WTE 1614
March 17-20, 2011

Houston WJTD # 94
April 28-May 1, 2011
Jennifer Hancock LD



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