



# The Windmill's Breeze



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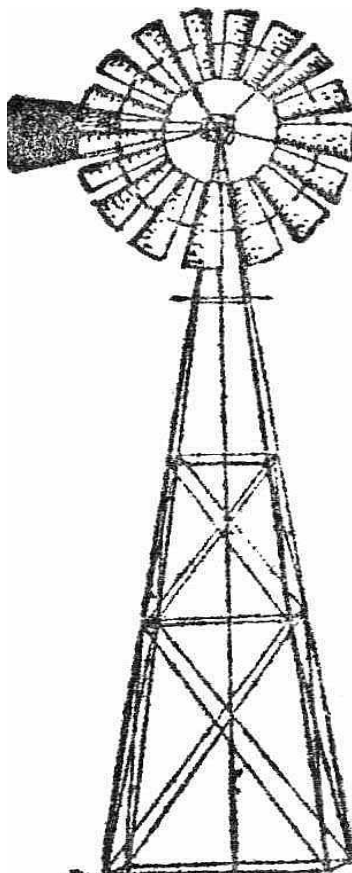
**Danny  
Dobson  
Community  
Lay  
Director**

The wind blows where it wishes,  
and you hear its sound, but you do  
not know where it comes from or  
where it goes. So it is with  
everyone who is born of the Spirit.  
John 3:8

**Don Taylor  
Community  
Spiritual  
Director**



Danny sends his apologies for not being able to send an article for January. He has been out of town due to job responsibilities, but praises God that he has a job to go to each day!



## CHRISTMAS STORIES ABOUT IN OUR HOMES AND CHURCHES

There are so many stories we could read at this time of the year that would fill our children and grandchildren with awe and "keep Christ in Christmas". The nativity according to St. Luke is one. The negative side of the season is the "slaughtering of the innocents" of which we are painfully reminded with the shootings in the school in Connecticut, a painful reminder that life is not fair and salvation is beyond our ability and control. On the first Sunday of January we moved into the opportunity to celebrate the "coming of the Wise Men" on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, January 6. Jesus at age 12 might be another story to emphasize. These stories have a place in our life

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### "INMATE RELEASE CLOTHING".

In January of 2012, the Mission Team at FUMC Beeville adopted a plan to provide clothing for men being released from McConnell Unit in Beeville, it is simply called "Inmate Release Clothing". Men are released from TDCJ to go back to their homes or cities of origin through the Release Programs at McConnell. Approximately 20% of these men have no families available or able to bring them clothing to wear on their way home. We have been working to meet this need and would like to invite you to be a part of this ministry through acts of kindness that reflect your love for and of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 25:36, Jesus says, "I was in prison and you came to me." I was shivering and you gave me clothes."

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### GATHERING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.  
Fellowship 7:00 P.M.  
Worship 7:30 P.M.  
**BRUSH COUNTRY COWBOY  
CHURCH  
January 21st  
KARNES CITY UMC  
February 21<sup>st</sup>  
BEEVILLE FAITH  
LUTHERAN  
March 21<sup>st</sup>**

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of understanding and celebrating the child who will offer us the perfect gift of salvation on a cross 30 years after his birth.

The child comes into our lives to show that Jesus was a human like us. And the stories help us to live through the realities of what children go through as they 'grow in wisdom, stature, and the favor of God and man". We are not perfect, but we are God's children. We pester our brothers and sisters, and even our parents, but God is ready to redeem us. We reject friends and ignore strangers in true need.

The child leads to the adult Jesus who is willing to sacrifice for the sins of humanity. He faced trials and temptations, he ministered to God's children and healed the sick, and then, in the week called HOLY, he suffered and died that all would be forgiven.

So we begin to see that keeping Christ is not limited to one season, but each week, each month, and each year that we are here on earth in anticipation of spending ETERNITY with our heavenly Father. The stories become one story, A Gospel of sharing the good news that we are invited to share with others. What we have received we are obliged to share that others may know of the life of Christ, his sacrifice, and our JOY, which fills us with much cause to rejoice.

Don Taylor,

DE COLORES

**Kelly Sowell**  
**Lay Director**  
**October 2013**



Grace and Peace to you all! Preparations for the walk are continuing. We have five team member applications and one pilgrim so far. If you feel God is calling you to work this walk, please be in prayer about serving. I'm excited to see what God has in store for us. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

De Colores!  
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**Marla Scott**

**Beeville, Texas**

**Fourth Day Speaker**

**November Gathering**



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**Gilbert  
Gonzales**  
Lay Director  
Walk #1699

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as Lay Director for Walk # 1699. We had our second team meeting at FUMC, and we had an awesome turnout for our second meeting. We were blessed with 4 powerful talks given by Sandy Benavidez, Mitch Luna, Gary Conklin and Charles Davis. It was an awesome blessing to hear these talks before we celebrate the Birth of Christ Jesus and, I know He was in that meeting with us. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. Our third team meeting is on January 26th at Faith Lutheran Church in Beeville, and we have 4 talks scheduled . I know we will be blessed again by those talks to be given, also. At the last Gathering in Nixon we were blessed by great fellowship and a great meal. It was my first Gathering at Nixon, and I am glad I attended. If any one is willing to sign up for agape and did not get a chance to be at the Gathering please get in

touch with me by phone 361-319-6011 or email [gilbert7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gilbert7@sbcglobal.net). We still have a lot of open slots.

Also, if anyone has a Pilgrim interested in attending Walk # 1699, please let me know if I can help in any way. The fees for this Walk will be \$205.00. If you are sponsoring a Pilgrim and need a scholarship or partial scholarship, please get with me so I can submit the request to board for approval. As of right now we have 5 pilgrims. We need a lot more so please get those applications in for processing. Again, thank you all for answering God's call and please keep all members of Walk #1699 in your prayers as well as the pilgrims and sponsors that God is going to provide. LUKE: 11:9-10, "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." God Bless You All DeColores, Your BIC, Gilbert Gonzales Walk #1699.

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Most of us can never know the difficulty faced by these men, by providing clothing that doesn't make them look like just released prisoners, one obstacle may be overcome. The need right now is shirts sizes XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL. Long or short sleeved, polo or button down, but they must have a collar. No T-shirts. No white shirts. The shirts should not be stained or have holes in them, gently worn or new are appreciated. Sammy and Lydia Farias donated a storage unit for this ministry. The contact at TDCJ lets Andrea know when and what is needed. Dozens of people from SA and CC have already helped, hundreds of shirts and trousers have been provided in these 8 months, but more are needed. Thank You for prayerfully considering being a part of this ministry in whatever manner God leads you. *Donor, Gatherer, Sorter, Encourager.*

***Andrea Gibbud***

***Breeze Prayer List***

Beginning with the February ***Breeze***, names on the prayer list will no longer continue to be listed for succeeding months. If you would like to place the name of a friend or loved one on the ***Breeze Prayer List*** you may do so by placing the name on the prayer list at a monthly Gathering or by contacting Debbie Rackley by email ([dlsrackley@yahoo.com](mailto:dlsrackley@yahoo.com)) or phone (361-290-1861) each month. The deadline for submitting names will be the **Monday following each Gathering.**

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