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Pennie Parker Community Lay Director

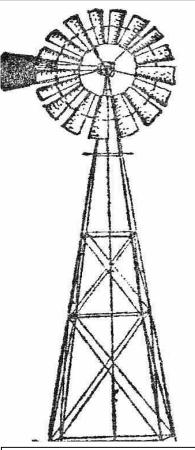


This week I have had the privilege of having my two youngest grandsons stay with me. Watching them and seeing how they grow and change so fast reminds me of how we grow and change as Christians. As children, their minds are absorbing everything they see and here. They mimic the behavior they see in adults and other children.

As new Christians we start absorbing everything about God through study, worship, music and learning from others. We learn to model our behavior by watching other Christians. As I watch the young minds and hearts of my grandsons growing, I pray that I will be a good Christian role model for them to learn from. With the world filled with so much hate and turmoil today, our children need all of us to be aware of our actions, and ask ourselves if we are being influenced by the world or by our own love of Christ and his love for us.

De Colores! Pennie

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



GATHERING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship 6:30 P.M.

Worship 7:30 P.M.

Beeville FUMC POTLUCK-August 21

Our Savior Lutheran-Three Rivers-September 18



Don Taylor Community **Spiritual** Director

There are many passages in scripture which use the word, Joy, and I have my favorites to remind me of this part of the "Fruit of Righteousness", also known as the Fruit of the Spirit. From the Old Testament I remember of the transition following the death of someone close to us and in Psalm 30, David wrote, "Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning". Many times in my 44 years of ministry I have offered those words of comfort to a grieving family who cannot look beyond today. Sadness is the opposite of joy and shows a fearful side of our life that is incomplete.

Then in the New Testament a favorite would have to be part of Luke's birth narrative, (Luke 2:10), ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the

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in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

The many passages in the New Testament which have the word, joy, ask that our "joy" may be complete or "we be filled with joy". The third letter of John reminds us, "Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. I was overjoyed when some of the friends arrived and testified to your faithfulness to the truth, namely how you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth". Joy is expressed over what we are doing with our life, our witness, and our faith.

On a Walk to Emmaus there are many times of perfect joy—in the singing; in moments of self expression in skits, cheers, posters, in the uninhibited laughter, in insight, in liberation from a sin in the time of dying moments, in knowing God's presence; in being accepted by God and those at our table; and, especially, in giving our self wholly to God. It is interesting that it comes both in moments of seriousness and in moments of great frivolity. What we always ask of the pilgrims when they want to know what is coming next is "don't anticipate". Here is one more place where the joy of anticipation leaves us open to "a touch from God". Matthew moves into the last chapter of his gospel with words of a resurrection experience. The disciples were saddened because they thought it was all over, finished. Jesus had been crucified and buried. Imagine their joy when some came to the tomb to find it open. ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee: there they will see me."

The resurrection story is the beginning of our retelling the joy we feel in the arms of Jesus!

De Colores,

Don Taylor

Prayer List		
Glenda Baker	Miguel Barrera & family	Jane Cecil
Danielle DeLeon	Roslyn Holland	Lauren Huntsman
Sean Huntsman	Ann Jackson	Dorothy Johnson
Shelley Jones	Kimberly Lott	Tony Lucero
Olin Pierpont	Sheryl Raschke	Dubelsa Vasquez

Paul Mylnar Beeville, Texas July 4th Day Speaker



If you will give a

Fourth Day Talk
at a gathering,

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Attention Windmill Fourth Day Group

The August Gathering has been moved **from** Beeville First Presbyterian Church **to** Beeville First United Methodist Church. Since Beeville FUMC is also hosting in October, the August Gathering will be a POTLUCK dinner. Please bring a dish to share and join us for worship on August 21, 2014.

Jon Richardson Lay Director April 9-12 2015



As we get closer to the next men's walk, which will be April 9-12, 2105, team applications are starting to come in slowly. We still need more, both inside and outside. Please don't wait till the last moment to send in your application. The deadline for team applications will be Sept. 12, 2014, but hope to get them long before then.

Soon we will start working on the Agape for the Walk, so now is your time to start thinking. Do you have a special way or a certain item that you would you would like to share with the Walk?

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Terry Billman Lay Director Walk #1766 October 2-5 2014



It's been amazing to watch as God brings things together for Walk #1766. We had our second team meeting at Faith Lutheran Church in Beeville on Saturday, July 12th. The men and women from Faith Lutheran provided a delicious breakfast and lunch. The team was blessed with four powerful talks given by Renee Guajardo, Sherry Bowman, Ruby Loya, and Don Taylor. I was blown away with the team members giving their first talk! You would have thought they were old pros at this. Our next team meeting is August 23rd at Faith Lutheran Church, Beeville.

The walk dates are October 2-5, 2014. As of this writing we have 2 confirmed pilgrims. I received 3 applications at our team meeting on July 12th and another 3 at the gathering on July 17th. Keep in mind; we need a minimum of twenty (20) confirmed pilgrims by the first of August for the walk to "make." We need a minimum of 12 more before August 1st. Let's not quit at 20—let's go for a full Walk with a waiting list! I know the Lord has 36 women selected to experience God's grace and love. I ask you to be in prayer about sponsoring a pilgrim. The fee for the walk is \$210. Please call (361-537-7871) or email me for a pilgrim application. You can also print one off the Windmill Emmaus website, http://wind.ensemblegroup.net/applications/

There are scholarships (full/partial) available. If a scholarship is needed, please forward the pilgrim application to me. I will submit scholarship requests to the Board for approval. The Board meets once a month, immediately before each gathering.

Continue lifting the team and the thirty-six pilgrims God will bring in prayer.

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