



# The Windmill's Breeze



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**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

“Happy New Year!”

Hello Emmaus community brothers and sisters, my name is Mark Garcia and I'm the new 4th Day Windmill Community Lay Director for 2018. I'm very happy and excited to serve as your Community Lay Director. The new year is ahead of us as we leave the old year behind us. 2017 was a great year for our Emmaus Community. We had 2 of the best Walks ever!

I was a pilgrim on Emmaus Walk #1351 back in February 2007 and I remember it as if it were yesterday. During that walk my eyes were truly opened, and my heart was filled with fire and love that only God and his soldiers could bring forth. So much so that I didn't want the weekend to end. The feeling I had was exactly that which we were all told on that Thursday night at the Walk and I quote, “By Sunday, you may not want to go Home.” Do you remember that statement? What an impression! Soon afterward, beginning my 4th Day I could clearly see and feel the gifts of love given by so many to make the Walk happen that it felt miraculous. Some of the people present were persons I knew, but most of them I didn't.

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**Norm Sulaica**

**Community Spiritual Director**



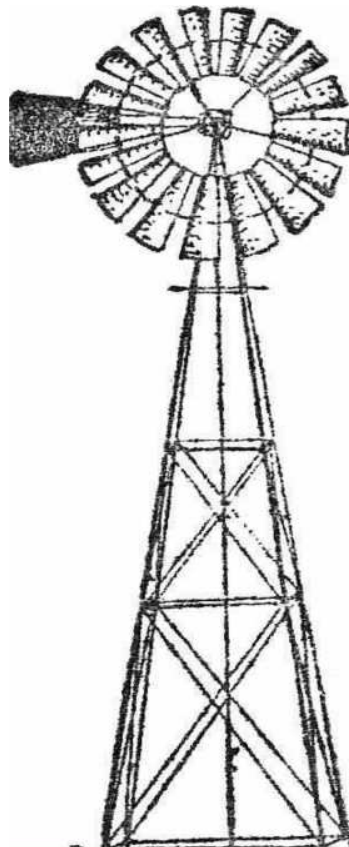
Dear Brothers and Sisters who believe in the birth of our Savior,

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for your rod and your staff, they comfort me. – Psalm 23:4*

Our New Year begins. We see the year 2018 as one filled with great joy and hope. We may have plans for this year -- Goals for work, ways to build our relationships with family and friends, and activities to enhance part of life. We may sit down and write our yearly practice of resolves -- resolutions. I resolve to take Laura on a date once a week. I resolve to say good positive things about people. I resolve lose 10,000 pounds this year (Honestly, we lose our drive for this one around January 15<sup>th</sup>).

Each resolve requires of us several qualities: determination and commitment. We need to set our heart, mind, and soul on each resolve. Our commitment illustrates our tenacity to make our resolutions real. I have learned that our resolve, resolutions become alive and real when I add several important steps. Step one is a game plan. Sports, especially football, taught me we need a plan. What defensive measures do we use to stop the opposing team's

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## GATHERING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting	6:00 P.M.
Fellowship	6:30 P.M.
Worship	7:30 P.M.

**January 18 – FUMC Beeville**

**February 15 – FUMC Karnes City**

If you will give a  
Fourth Day Talk

at a gathering,

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**No December  
Gathering so no  
Fourth Day Speaker**

**Hope everyone had a  
blessed and Merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!**

## Prayer List

Riley	Ann Duggins
Melinda Puentes	John Veselka
Francisca Saenz Cantu	Pat Del Rosario
Beatrice Gonzales	
Rachel Guajardo	
Gregorio Guajardo	
Rene Velasquez	

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Regardless, there they all were anyway, giving themselves to God for the purpose of all the new pilgrims. Amen! Amen! With all the love I could see and feel, I wanted to be a part of it. So from that point, I was ready to serve our Lord when and where he needed me and Emmaus team has been one avenue I've taken. So when our good Lord said, "Mark, it's time for you to expand your Emmaus journey and step up to serve as Community Lay Director." Naturally, I responded with "Here I am Lord." Wow! God is an awesome God! Now looking forward, "with God in front," I'm confident I can fulfill the position and do the job He wants me to do. So here I am taking my turn in service and I'm confident many more will follow when I'm done. And while I'm on the subject of service, I would like to say "Thank you" to everyone in this community. Thank you for the love. Thank you, all workers in all capacities, previous Community Lay Directors, 4th day speakers, previous and current board members, team selection committee members, team Lay Directors, team workers inside and outside, Agape providers, meal providers and all silent servers.

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offensive plays. Step two practice your game plan. Practice forces us to face the reality of failure. We fail to execute the plan, so we get up and do it all over again. Every time we fail, we practice more. Failing services to encourage to elevate our efforts. Quitting is not an option. Third step is to have a coach and team to encourage you and keep you focused. We all need this step, because it is easy to give up. It is easy to walk away. The voices of friends and family reminding us, encouraging us, and mercilessly badgering us, so that our purpose remains on meeting our resolutions. They aid us in being resolved once more to meet our goals.

The Psalmist offers to us the importance of God being in our lives. Our God is the heavenly coach we need to cheer us on in this journey of faith. When the valleys of life become dark and filled with shadows, God is with us –Immanuel! The Lord never steps out of life. The Lord remains faithful to us through Jesus Christ. This faithful God takes the necessary and extreme steps needed to gift us with his holy love and his merciful grace. God never gives up on us! God never calls it quits with us! His determination and commitment are paramount, so that our relationship with Him continues to grow.

God truly is amazing. So amazing should we not make a resolve to be determined and committed to our relationship with God as our Lord is with us. Should we also seek God's support to meet year resolves. Maybe our resolutions fail because we fail to include Go in them. I believe with God in the center our lives 2018 will be a remarkable year!

Happy New Year! De Colores.  
God Bless You,  
Pastor Norm

**Bruce Harbaugh**  
**Lay Director**  
**Walk # 66**  
**April 12-15, 2018**



Good day and God Bless.

We are looking forward to our next team meeting which will be held at the United Methodist Church in Karnes City, January the 20th. We will start the meeting at 8:30am. We will be prepared to listen to three talks filled by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Now that the Christmas Holidays are behind us and we start a New Year, I am hoping that we can focus on the upcoming Walk #66, which will be held on April 12-15, 2018. We will be in need of at least 20 pilgrims before the last week of March. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I am confident that we will have a full walk.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity.

May God Bless,

Bruce Harbaugh

Lay Director Walk #66

361-765-2944

**Jessica Thomas**  
**Lay Director**  
**Walk #67**  
**October 4-7, 2018**



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas!! I can't believe it's already January!! October will be here before we know it...and we will be attending the best walk ever!!

I know we have a lot of work to do and I am so excited to get started!! Please prayerfully consider serving Walk #67. If you feel led to serve on the team, please get your application to me as soon as possible. Team selection is approaching quickly!

Please continue to pray, pray, pray...pray for the team and pray for the pilgrims! I know we don't know who they are yet, but God does!

May 2018 bring many blessings upon each one of us, and may we continue to share the greatest gift ever—Jesus Christ—with everyone He places in our paths.

De Colores,

Jessica Thomas

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And a special thank you to all who frequent the monthly gatherings and Walk weekend services continuing to be the very valuable faces in the crowds. All these times of fellowship is Love, Love, Love. Your presence means as much to me today as it did when I entered into my 4th Day back in 2007. So together in all capacities, let us never forget that all new pilgrims need us and our true love. So as the new year begins, let's all get together and make sure it is a "best year ever!"

With love to all,  
De Colores

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**Windmill Emmaus Financial Report**

<b>General Operating Fund</b>	\$13,429.79
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	\$5565.00
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	\$18,994.79

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# *Windmill 4th Day Emmaus 2018 Calendar*



<i>First United Methodist Church - Beeville</i>	<i>January 18, 2018</i>
<i>First United Methodist Church - Karnes City</i>	<i>February 15, 2018</i>
<i>Beeville New Life Church</i>	<i>March 15, 2018</i>
<i>Men's Walk to Emmaus #66</i>	<i>April 12-15, 2018</i>
<i>Beeville Faith Lutheran Church</i>	<i>April 19, 2018</i>
<i>Our Savior Lutheran Church - Three Rivers</i>	<i>May 17, 2018</i>
<i>First United Methodist Church - Three Rivers</i>	<i>June 21, 2018</i>
<i>Fashioning First United Methodist Church</i>	<i>July 19, 2018</i>
<i>First Presbyterian Church Beeville</i>	<i>August 16, 2018</i>
<i>First United Methodist Church - George West</i>	<i>September 20, 2018</i>
<i>Women's Walk to Emmaus #67</i>	<i>October 4-7, 2018</i>
<i>Beeville First Baptist Church</i>	<i>October 18, 2018</i>
<i>First United Methodist Church - Mathis</i>	<i>November 15, 2018</i>