

The Windmill's Breeze

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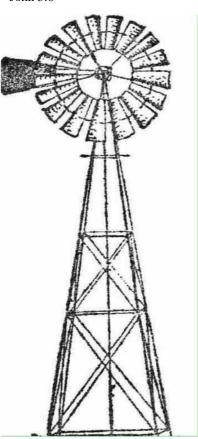
Mark Garcia **Community Lay Director**



Hello Windmill Folks! How time flies huh? We are now into our second month of 2018 and it appears that all gears and wheels are turning full speed ahead. Springtime is in the air already and will arrive before you know it. This usually means that many, if not all of us, will soon become very busy people. Our lives can become so busy that we can be tempted to place our attitudes of servitude on the shelf. My word to combat that is "Persevere." Persevering through times of overwhelming tasks and projects with the attitude of servitude lays great reward ahead for all of us to grasp. I'm no stranger to a busy life as my occupation depends on extreme hot outdoor temperatures and sticky humid climates to make people feel horribly uncomfortable. Yes, I'm an air conditioning mechanic. Through the years of doing such, many times I found myself working long hour days and through many weekends. But I'm not the busiest person out there because there are many of you serving within our Emmaus community that are much busier than I and serve at a level that I can't hold a candle to.

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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.

February 15 – FUMC **Karnes City**

March 15 – Beeville New Life Church



Norm Sulaica

Community **Spiritual** Director

Grace and peace be unto you from our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

"In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes." 2 Kings 17:6

Pastors hear it all the time, and maybe you have as well, "The Bible is old. It is not relevant to our day". Maybe the words are different but the message remains the same. Scripture is seen as archaic, outdated, and an ancient document from a different time and a different culture. Therefore, it is irrelevant.

Many hearts are sadly closed to the Lord. Many in our world have hardened hearts like pharaoh had. God is in their midst, in front of them. And still, they cannot see the Lord, or unfortunately ignore Him. So, their voices speak up and say, "The Bible is old. It is not relevant to our day". The truth is that they are in spiritual exile. Just as the Israelites found themselves physically exiled in a foreign land, Nineveh, the true reality was that they also were in a spiritual exile from the Lord. Their hearts do not know God.

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Fourth Day Talk
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Prayer List

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Wayne Harbaugh & Family

Pilgrim applications for Walk #66

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But I will serve alongside of you as often as I can and believe me, the reward is Awesome! Two weekend Walks are fast approaching, so please give some thought to serving where and how you can. "Christ is counting on You." I'm planning to be there because "Christ is counting on me too." Have you served on a weekend Walk? If so, God bless you and please continue. In Hebrews 6:10 we read, "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." And if you haven't served on a Walk, please pray about it, more than a few times if need be. Rewards from working the Walk(s) pile up and last for your lifetime. In 1 Peter 4:10 we hear that "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's Grace in its various forms." Let's all "run straight toward the goal to win the prize that God's heavenly call offers in Christ Jesus." (Ph 3:14) "And let's make it the best year ever!"

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Their daily existence did include their Creator.

Yes, our culture is different. We use smart phones; they had no means to talk with relatives 100 miles away. We read and write from electronic tablets; they had feathers and parchment. Our news comes from internet and TV; they told stories by word of mouth. AC's cool our homes; they had a shade tree. Our worlds are different. Or is it? The common thread connecting us to the people of scripture is God and spiritual exile. Our people are no different than the people of scripture. Like the Israelites, many of our neighbors have fallen from God. They too are in spiritual exile. They too are in spiritual darkness. They too have hardened hearts like pharaoh.

The cross of Jesus serves as God's gracious response to our fallen world. The Lord does not reject us, even though we have walked away from him. Our Merciful God acts. He goes to the cross as Christ to pay the blood price for our sins. Our Lord raises Himself from the grave defeating our adversary, death, so that we can be blessed with the inheritance of eternal life. God cares. God acts simply because His love for us is so strong and deep. Our God desires an eternal relationship with you.

As we read these words, many of us believe in God and His actions through Jesus. We walk by faith. Our faith journey focuses on theme of "exiled". As the Emmaus family, we are empowered by the Creator to seek out the exiled in our community and to invite them to discover the relevant God of scripture.

Decolores, 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 Faith Lutheran Church, 1500 E. FM 351, Beeville, TX 78102 February the 17th. We will start the meeting at 8:30am. We will be prepared to listen to four talks filled by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

I am praying that we can focus on finding the pilgrims that God has chosen to go on the upcoming Walk. Walk #66 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

Jessica Thomas

Lay Director

Walk #67

October 4-7, 2018



Time is flying by! Thank you to everyone that has turned in team applications. I am still in need of several more. I know we are all busy and time just gets away from us, but if you have that little nudge on your heart to serve, please be sure and get your team application in to me as soon as possible. Team selection will be next month.

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!

De Colores,
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