

The Windmill's Breeze

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Mark Garcia

Community Lay Director



Hello Windmill Folks,

Ready? 1, 2, 3, Whizzzz----BOOM!

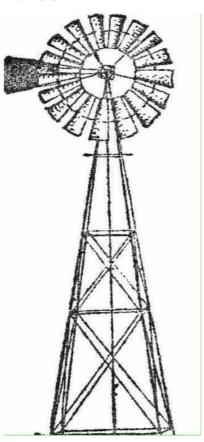
And just like that, once again the 4th of July has come and gone. Wow, time is flying by at such a rapid pace, I can't believe we've now passed through half of 2018 already. "Can someone please slow this down?" Ha-ha, seems the older you get the faster time passes by. I can remember clearly back when I was a child, taking my chances, igniting fireworks that I felt unsure about, and having fun doing it. Now, I'm that grey Grandpa sitting in the lawn chair watching my grandkids doing that very same thing. Life is

So, we all know the reason for the 4th of July celebrations. We're celebrating our freedom, our independence as a country. Think about it, we live in a great country. Would you agree? We have the freedom to choose, choose, choose. Name it and we can choose it, or not. This freedom was won for us by our forefathers who battled fiercely to win it for us. Therefore, we celebrate and will never forget

And there is a "greater, unmistakable and unmatchable" freedom we have right in front of us for the taking. Due to the great act of sacrificial love from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we can be free, and will be saved, if we Love Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. But our Lord does give us the choice to love Him, or not. Love Him truly and life here on earth along with the hardships, is bearable. Choose not to love Him, well, not so much. If you are reading this article, I'm confident you've chosen the freedom Jesus Christ continually offers us as well. Wonderful! Good for you!

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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.



GATHERING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship 6:30 P.M.

Worship 7:30 P.M.

July 19 – FUMC Fashing

August 23 – First Presbyterian Beeville



Norm Sulaica

Community Spiritual Director

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ.

Psalm 23 is a well-known chapter in scripture. It truly touches us deep down in our soul. To me, this special Psalm offers the image of God's Holy Love for us. Look at verse 2, "He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters". The psalmist draws our attention to the image that God is the great provider.

The image of lying down in green pastures highlights God's desire for us to rest and to rebuild the necessaries in our lives. Yes, we truly need physical sleep so our bodies recover from our mental and/or physical labor. A good movie moves us from our world to a different world. It gives us a gift of escape from the realities of life. Tubing and swimming are recreational events which also bring joy and fellowship with friends and family. Of course, recreational events are best done with special people in our lives.

Spiritually, we need and desire spiritual rest. This fulfillment comes each Sunday morning when we place our physical body, our mind, heart, and soul in the presence of God, our merciful gracious God. We gather with Christian family to fellowship, support one another, and to be people of God.

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Fourth Day Talk
at a gathering,
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4th Day Speaker for June

Annie May Geffert
Three Rivers

Prayer List

Pastor Sheldon & Family Kavita Mistry

Frances Morrow John Buckner

Melquiades Velasquez Jr. & Family

Erasmo Aleman Sandra Vera

Olga Willis

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With the speed of time flying by lately and with more good choices to be made, there are a couple more choices right in front of us that need tending to. Walk #67 is right around the corner and the pilgrim count is rather low. I realize we have a little more than two months to go, but let's get the pilgrim roster filled now, ahead of time. And Walk #68 is now only 9 months away. It seems only yesterday Walk #68 had a year's time left. Well, time's flying by. Let's find the pilgrims to make these two walks successful. Yes, we can pray the walks make and have enough pilgrims, but there is more to do than just pray. Now, back to my grandkids and fireworks. I really enjoy watching them have fun igniting fireworks. I could choose to only pray they will be safe while igniting fireworks, but I'd rather pray and physically step forth to ensure they are safe doing so.

You see it? We have a choice to make about the Walks. Either, only pray the Walks will be a success, or, pray and step forth to ensure the walks are a success. Together we can do more. Together with our Lord in front, we can achieve all. "God Bless our Windmill community."

De Colores,

Mark Garcia

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God always intended and expects worship to be a group event, where together we grow in our relationship with our God. Scriptural reading, prayer, group Bible Study, personal Bible Study, meditation, and Christian friends gifts us with moments to rest in the Lord. We center our being in God seeking His refreshing Word and relationship.

The dog days of summer are upon us. It is hot. The red African dust brings haze fills our skies. And many people, where we live, are in need of spiritual refreshing. They need God. They may know they need God, but they need a friend to remind them. Some do not know God but need Him as well. God invites, calls us, and empower us to visit with them, to share the Savior with them, and to tell them God cares for them. Be aware that these friends may need your invitation to bring them to an Emmaus Weekend.

Decolores!

Pastor Norm

Danny Denson Lay Director Walk # 68 2019



We all know the power of prayer. Now is the perfect time to stop what you are doing and pray for our upcoming Walks, the Teams and Pilgrims, our Emmaus Community, and our Country.

The Team for Walk #68 is coming together, but we are still short on Team Applications. I know that God has a few procrastinators out there who need to get their applications sent in. Walk #68 is scheduled to go to Team Selection in September. To date, there have been 17 applications sent in with 4 more that are on the way. So search your heart and follow God's calling to serve.

Also to date, we have not received any Pilgrim applications. There are rumors of some on the way. God has 36 men in mind for this weekend. Our job is to find them. So search your heart, your Church, your Community for Pilgrims. We all know someone who could benefit from the Emmaus Weekend.

Applications can be emailed to me at: danny@densonlls.com

Or Snail Mail to: Danny Denson

PO Box 157

Karnes City, Texas 78118

Applications may also be picked up or dropped off at Bar Bell Specialties (formerly Cloverleaf Printing) 1009 N. Washington in Beeville or 106 S. Browne St. in Karnes City.

De Colores and God Bless.

Jessica Thomas

Lay Director

Walk #67

October 4-7, 2018



We had an amazing first team meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Beeville!! We didn't have anyone volunteer to provide us breakfast or lunch, but a few people pulled together and made it happen! Thank you so much—you know who you are!!! We heard four great talks—thank you speakers for listening to the Holy Spirit!! Please continue to pray for the team for Walk #67 as we continue preparing for THE BEST WALK EVER!!!

I also ask our community to continue praying for the pilgrims of Walk #67. I have six confirmed pilgrims and I know God has already chosen the other 30 women. It is up to us to pray for His calling and step out in discipleship to sponsor someone and be His hands and feet to our sisters in Christ!

De Colores,
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