



# The Windmill's Breeze



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Windmill Fourth Day Group

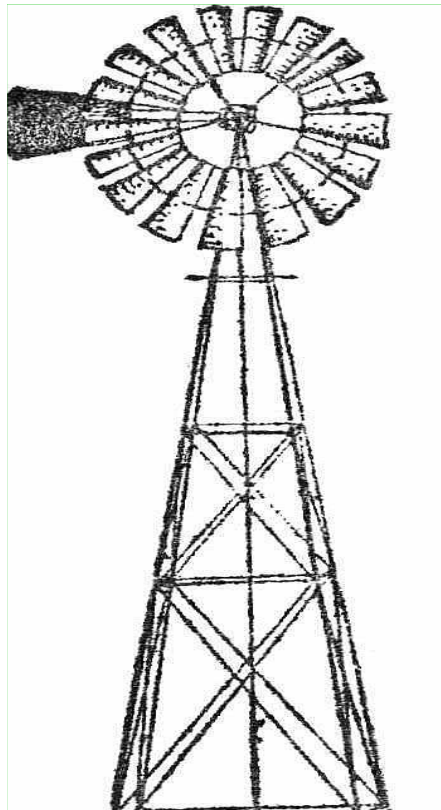
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**Community  
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The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8



### **GATHERING SCHEDULE**

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

**Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – Taft  
Methodist Church**

**Sep 21<sup>st</sup> – George West  
Methodist Church**

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – Beeville  
First United Methodist  
Church**

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – Tilden  
Tilden Baptist Church  
(Lion's Club Arena)**

**December – No Gathering**

You were meant to be connected and if you are not connected you are far weaker and more vulnerable. Your Christian journey was never meant to be walked in isolation. Jesus did not journey alone, and neither should you.

In his book, *The Pursuit of Victory*, Clarence L. Haynes Jr. refers to seven questions to ask yourself about your friendships.

1. Do you have a friend or friends in your life whom you can talk openly and honestly about how you feel and how you are doing?
2. Can you tell them the truth about any struggles, fears, temptations you deal with, without fear of being judged?
3. Do you have people you can call at a moment's notice who will pray for you and with you, if you need it?
4. Do you have people you can talk and fellowship with, and not just talk about the Bible or "spiritual" stuff?
5. Do you have people in your life who will tell you the truth, even when you don't want to hear it?
6. Does everyone in your circle always agree on everything and see life in the same way? (This may not be so healthy.)
7. Are there people in your life where you just let your guard down, laugh, joke with, hang out, and just be human?

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Greetings Emmaus Brothers and Sisters:

Emmaus is all about God, God's love, sharing God's love, friends, friends who become family, prayer, prayer warriors, and service in so many ways! Friends God brings together are the best type of friends! Friends God brings together have a very strong bond.

In the beginning one of the things God said is that it is not good for man to be alone. God was establishing a principle recognizing how important relationships are. This was not just true for Adam; this is still true for you and me. We were created for relationship, fellowship and friendship.

In Ecclesiastes 4:12, Solomon states, "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken". Even though this verse is used at weddings to speak about the marriage of a husband and wife and the Holy spirit who has bound them together in oneness. Any two- person relationship should include the Holy Spirit, making it a Christ -centered relationship. You were never meant to be alone.

*Susan Warner continued...*

Honestly, I can answer yes to all but #6. In my Emmaus Reunion Group, I have this circle of friends! I have friends I can laugh with, cry with, pray with, eat with, watch a movie with, talk on the phone with, share my goals with, worship with, and the list goes on and on. My circle of friends challenges me, comforts me, encourages me, and holds me accountable in my journey with the Lord.

This list of seven questions describes my Emmaus Reunion Group, the Glory Bees. This group of nine friends are some of my best friends. For example, when my best friend, Marla Scott, passed on Feb. 25, 2021 at 9:45 p.m. I did not share the information with anyone except her son, and my two sisters because it was so late. I shared the next morning and within an hour seven of my Emmaus Reunion Group Sisters and my two biological sisters came over and were sitting in my Living Room consoling me and each other on our loss! The two who were not there were either out of town or could not get off of work. I can tell you that I felt their love for me and their love for Marla. Together we made it though. They helped me deal with things and people I had to deal with, they helped me pack all of Marla's things for her family to pick up, and get through many obstacles. They prayed for me and with me.

In my heart, I feel like the total Emmaus Community is an extension of my Reunion Group. Of course, I have some Emmaus friends who I am closer to because I have known them longer, I have worked Walks with them, or we have been through other things together. When Marla was in the hospital for 53 days, I had many friends who offered for me to stay in their homes, offered to bring me meals or run errands for me and those are just a few examples. When I decided to move back to my hometown, but remain a member of the windmill Emmaus Community, I again had many Emmaus persons offer to let me stay in their homes when I came down for Emmaus Gatherings, Team Meetings, and to work Walks.

It is funny how God works. When I started writing this article, this is not what I was going to share, but this is what God had me share. I encourage each of you who may not be in a Reunion Group to join one. If you cannot find one, create one. All you need is two or three people and it will grow. Most of my Reunion Group growth stems from adding those persons who one of us sponsored to go on the walk. Three of my current Reunion Group members including me have moved out of town or out of State and we still all join together weekly as a group via Facetime. Where there is a will, there is a way!

Please pray for the two upcoming walks: Women's Walk #75, Lay Director LeeAnn Fox and all the team God has brought together and all the pilgrims He is still calling. Men's Walk #76, Lay Director, Frank Schulenburg and all the team members and pilgrims whom God is still calling for this Walk!

In closing, I ask you to pray in agreement for one of my dearest friends, Dorothy Johnson. She is a member of our Emmaus Reunion Group. She and her son, Randy, recently moved to Maryland to be closer to her daughter's family. Please pray that they adapt to their new homes and that Dorothy can sell her home in Beeville and that her daughter can sell items that need to be sold. Please pray that her daughter Sandie and her husband Billy can make it home safely when they are finished in Beeville and drive back home. Also, please pray for me and our Reunion Group as we transition to Dorothy not living in Beeville and attending Emmaus events with us. Dorothy has told me that she intends to find an Emmaus Community in Maryland and sponsor her daughter on the Walk.

De Colores, my friends!  
Susan "Doc" Warner  
Community Lay Director 2023

**Leanne Fox**

**Lay Director  
Walk # 75**

**Oct 5-8, 2023**



We had a fabulous vacation and I hope all of you have taken time this summer to enjoy your family and take things a little slower. I'm writing this on the 1 year anniversary of the death of one of my dearest friends. She was supposed to attend this walk and as I sit reminiscing about all the should've's and could've's and all those never got the chance or got around to it, I'm reminded about God's plan and timing. Has he put it on your heart to ask someone to attend Walk #75? Don't wait! Trust those nudges and ask!

The inside team for Walk #75 will have their next team meeting on August 19th at the Karnes City Methodist Church. As of the writing of this article, we have 17 pilgrims! I announced at the July gathering that we had 18, but I had miscounted.

De Colores,

Leanne Fox  
Lay Director for Walk #75

**Frank  
Schulenburg**  
**Lay Director  
Walk # 76**

**Apr 25-28, 2024**



Dear Emmaus Community,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacation time with family and friends and staying cool and hydrated during this heat wave. Just a reminder that school will be starting soon. Be praying for our teachers and students. Also, be alert of the school zones.

I am still in need of team application. I know a lot of you have said you wanted to work the walk, but I haven't gotten your application. Team selection will be here before you know it. Be in prayer about working the walk, listen to God so you can do His will. I have eight applications in hand as of this writing. I have passed out around five more, but haven't received any back,

*"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1*

God is a dependable refuge for His people when everything around them seems to be falling apart. But He doesn't protect us in order to pamper us. He shelters us so He can strengthen us to go back to life with it duties and dangers. He cannot work for us unless we trust Him.

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# What To Know About Sponsoring A Pilgrim

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Without sponsors, there will be no pilgrims! So thank you for taking on the responsibility to sponsor a pilgrim for a walk.

A sponsor should commit to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church, and hopefully to become leaders of our Emmaus Community.

Being a sponsor has a lot of responsibilities...the first is to spend **LOTS OF TIME IN PRAYER!** God has already revealed the name of the pilgrim HE has chosen for you to sponsor, and pray for that pilgrim before, during and after their Walk.

After you've talked to your prospective pilgrim, give them an application to complete.

**LETTERS:** Begin getting addresses for their agape letters.

Stay in touch with your pilgrim, and make sure they know you're there to support them. Remind them of the things they need to pack.

**AGAPE:** You as a sponsor should take your pilgrims favorite drink and some sort of food agape and/or other agape.

**Day of the Walk:** Pick up your pilgrim with plenty of time to take them to eat and then on to the Walk site and help them get settled in.

After the Lay Director calls the pilgrims together, you will soon go to the Chapel for sponsors hour. It's important that you attend this time of worship. It is there that you will pray with your pilgrims lanyard and hang it on the cross that will be presented to them at the end of their walk.

**CANDLELIGHT:** You are to attend the Candlelight Service on Saturday night. Bring any late letters you may get for your pilgrims. Here once again you may have the opportunity to pray with your pilgrims cross. Candlelight is one of the most moving events of the Walk.

**CLOSING:** You are to come to closing and your pilgrim's spouse is invited to come as well. We know how excited you are to hear ALL about it.

But remember your responsibilities do not end at the closing...it is your responsibility to get your new pilgrim to gatherings and try to help them find a reunion group.

Encourage them to make agape for future walks, or even sign up to work a team or help where ever needed.

Your final responsibility is to **TEACH THEM TO BE A GOOD SPONSOR**, by helping them understand the responsibilities of what a good sponsor does. The best way to do this is by example.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk Guidelines

Please accept the sincere thanks of the Windmill Emmaus community for agreeing to give the 4th Day Talk!

We believe God will bless you as you prepare for your talk and the community will be blessed by the words you are led to share. The guidelines that follow are intended to assist in your preparation.

Your talk should be no longer than 10 minutes in length. It should cover one experience or idea and not a long list of experiences. It is a talk about Your 4th Day (your post-Emmaus journey with the Lord). Your talk should be a personal story, stated honestly, at your normal talking speed, and presented in a “down to earth” manner. • Your talk might tell how the Walk changed the way you serve God in your church or community. • It might tell how the way you see God or have experienced His love and power in your own life has changed after the Walk. • It might tell a specific way in which you have tried to help someone know God’s love. • It might talk about a recent experience and how you have seen and felt God’s presence. • It might tell how you have seen God’s presence in another person and what that means to you. • It might tell how your 4th Day Reunion group helped you keep God at the center of your life.

Remember, you have 10 minutes, choose one or two topics wisely, speak naturally, avoid speaking fast to make your talk fit the limit. And most importantly, go to the Lord in prayer seeking His guidance in choosing your topic.

The 4th Day Talk should not be a sermon, instruction on Christianity or a Bible teaching, and should not try to justify a specific doctrinal position. Try to avoid talking about the specific details of an Emmaus weekend – we often have visitors at Gatherings who have not attended a Walk.

You can use the following self-test to confirm that your talk is on track; you should be able to answer “**Yes**” to all of these questions.

- Does this talk show that Jesus Christ is in my life?
- Will it show how much I want to follow Jesus?
- Does Jesus himself hold the most important place in the talk?
- Will my talk stimulate people to think of things they might plan to do to transform their home, work, church, recreation or environment for Christ?

Before the Gathering, have a friend or group of friends agree to be your prayer partner(s). Meet with them before your talk and have them pray for God’s presence while you are talking.

We believe that God has blessed your life and that He will be present with you as you prepare and present your 4th Day Talk.

**Windmill Emmaus Community**  
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**Windmill Emmaus Financial Report**

**General Operating Fund** \$ 43,809.21  
**Scholarship Fund** \$ 3,681.50  
**Total Funds Available** \$ 40,127.71  
**Gathering attendance** 60

If you are unable to attend monthly gatherings but would like to contribute to the financial needs of your Windmill Emmaus Community, donations can be sent to  
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