

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

Ralph McMullen

Community Spiritual Director

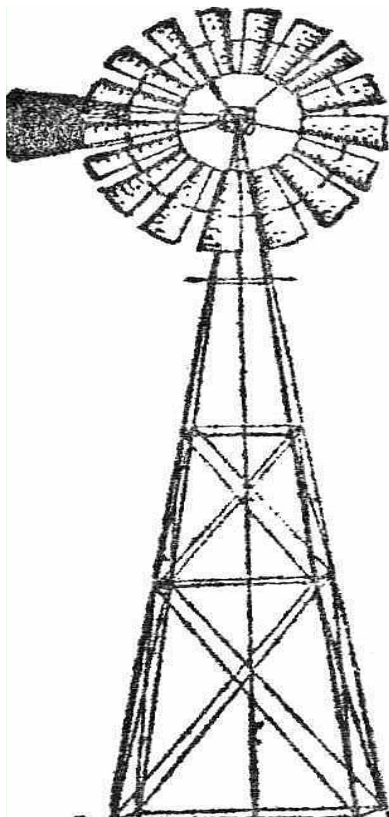


Proverbs 27:17 says "Iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Recently an Emmaus friend shared this scripture with me and after thinking about it I realized that in looking back on my 25 years in Emmaus, Proverbs 27:17 really speaks to me. It reminds me of why we gather. It talks about the importance of staying connected, growing our community, because we truly are stronger when we gather together. As a community we have many opportunities to sharpen iron such as attending gatherings, walks, candelights, closings, sponsoring pilgrims, participating in prayer vigils, and making agape. I invite you this month to see how and where you can sharpen iron.

I also want to remind our amazing Emmaus community that the weekend of February 22nd – 25th, the walk to Siloam for homeless men takes place at Camp Zephyr. Our walk lay director and 60% of the team is coming from our Windmill Community. Thank you so much in advance for your support. Please come out and support us at candlelight on Saturday Feb. 24th at 7:00pm at Camp Zephyr.

Thank you and God Bless.

*Mitch Luna
Community Lay Director*



GATHERING SCHEDULE

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

**Feb 15th – Beeville
Presbyterian Church**

**Mar 21st – George West
George West Methodist
Church**

**Apr 18th – Karnes City
Karnes City Methodist
Church**

Faith and Prayer

And without faith, it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

- Hebrews 11:6

As many of you know I recently had a health scare. It got me thinking a lot about healing and faith. After a lot of anxiety, waiting on test and doctor's reports, I have concluded that God rewards faith. Christianity started with the faith of Abraham. Faith means that we do not see to believe. So, praying is an act of faith. When we pray, we are acknowledging that God exists and listens even though we do not see Him. God rewards our faith by answering our prayers.

I have noticed that when I first came to Christ, He answered my prayers pretty quickly. It was as if I was in "obedience school" and He wanted to reward my good behavior of including Him. As I grew in my faith, I next noticed that God answered some prayers quickly but other prayers, He did not answer at all. He was then training me to learn how to pray and ask for certain things differently. When I studied the Word to see God's heart on the matter or asked God to clarify my

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motives of why I was asking, He would answer those prayers as well as what I asked.

Now, after having walked with the Lord for many years, my prayer life has changed again. I have more of a conversational prayer life than an "ask and believe and receive" prayer life. Now, I talk with the Lord about my requests. I ask Him to reveal His heart to me about the matter and I wait to see if there is any change in my heart as I also search the Scriptures to hear His heart. The requests themselves have now become smaller in comparison to the relationship of talking and listening and learning from Him. There is no request or unanswered prayer that becomes more important than my ongoing relationship with Him. So my faith is rewarded in a completely different way than answered prayer; my faith is rewarded by enjoying His presence in the process.

God is good. Learn to seek Him in faith. It starts with prayer requests and continues until you are praying without ceasing. You will not be disappointed. How could we ever be more satisfied than with the very presence of God Himself?

De Colores, Ralph McMullen

**Frank
Schulenburg**

**Lay Director
Walk # 76**

Apr 25-28, 2024



Greetings Emmaus Community,

We had a good 2nd Team Meeting on January 20th at the Global Methodist Church in George West with the Inside Team. I want to thank the church for hosting the team meeting and the ladies that provided breakfast and lunch. We heard three good talks, but unfortunately the fourth speaker, Scott Patton, got sick and had to leave. We prayed around Scott and sent him home. We prayed that he would be able to preach to his two congregations on Sunday.

The team bonded really good at the meeting, thanks to the leadership, team training, and the team bonding exercise by the ALD's. The Lord has assembled a great servant team for Walk #76. I am humbled to be one of the least servants on the team.

As of this writing we have nine paid pilgrims with promises of many more, they are just promises until they are paid in full. We need 27 more for a full walk. Now it's your turn to be "the hands and feet of Jesus" and begin praying for and seeking a pilgrim for Walk #76. Remember the experience you had the weekend of your walk! That should encourage you to want someone close to you to share the same experience.

I am asking the Emmaus Community to continue praying for the team members, and those who are preparing talks with God's guidance. Pray for the pilgrims who are anticipating coming and for those who may not even know yet that they are coming. Pray for the families of the team members and families of the pilgrims.

"You are the light of the world.... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14, 16.

It is not easy to be a dedicated Christian. Our society is not a friend to God not to God's people. Whether we like it or not, there is a conflict between us and the world. Why? Because we are different from the world, and we have different attitudes.

De Colores!

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I would like to personally thank all our clergy team for your dedication to The Windmill Emmaus Community. I know each of you have busy schedules and we are truly blessed that you have dedicated your time and talents to us in the leadership role in which you serve. You have blessed many pilgrims and community members including myself through the years. Thank you!! On another note, I just went through the upper room annual training and wanted to pass along some helpful information I hope each of you will take the time to go through. The upper room offers online training for not only community but also for clergy. I wanted to list the information so that you can look it over when you have a chance. Should you have any questions along the way please don't hesitate to reach out to me, I will do my best to get you the answers. Here are the websites that will take you directly to Emmaus Ministries University

<https://emmausministriesuniversity.upperroom.org> or [https://emmausministries .teachable.com/](https://emmausministries.teachable.com/)

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Lay Director
Walk # 77
Oct 3-6, 2024



De Colores Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

I hope your New Year has been blessed so far. We will be going to Team Selection for the Women's Walk #77 at the end of March. With that being said, if God has been tugging at your heart to put in your application to work this walk please follow through. You can mail it to me or drop it off in either Beeville or George West. Just call me and we can meet up. Or you can give it to me at the monthly Gathering.

The cut off date to receive applications is our Gathering on March 21st. That is only a couple of months away. I just want to add sometimes people get the wrong idea about applying for a walk. Please know that just turning in an application does not automatically mean you are on that team. We have a process in team selection that allows us to make sure we have 1/3 new people, 1/3 some experience and 1/3 very experienced team members. Sometimes if there aren't an abundance of applications then most will be chosen but that is not always the case. So please be understanding throughout the process.

As of this writing I have 10 applications, most of which are requesting outside team. God NEEDS YOU! The pilgrims NEED YOU! Please get those apps in. Also, if you already have a pilgrim whom you are thinking about asking, go ahead and start that conversation with them now. Sometimes people need lots of time to process the request to attend. Please be in prayer for the team members and pilgrims God has already chosen for Walk #77. The BEST WALK EVER!

I appreciate your prayers as well.

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General Operating Fund \$ 45,124.55
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Total Funds Available \$ 41,879.05
Gathering attendance 62

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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