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Come to the August Gathering

Saturday, August 13, 2005, 11:30 AM - Moody Memorial 1st UMC
2803 53rd @ Avenue "U", Galveston, TX

Lunch provide, donation \$5.00

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Jam Session for all interested musicians at 10:30

Be That Lamp Lighter

Mathen Samuel—Lay Director, Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community

The parable has always been my favorite method of teaching and learning. The reason is simple. People remember the story, and when they remember the story, they remember the lesson the story provided. For example, the greatest storyteller of all time, Jesus Christ told parable after parable so that we can relate better to the message that He has for us.

One of my favorite parables is that told by Dr. Dale E. Turner titled "The Lamplighter:" Sir Harry Lauder, the Scottish humorist and singer, loved to tell about an old lamplighter in the village where he lived as a boy. Each evening as dusk came, the old man would make his rounds with his ladder and his light. He would put the ladder against the lamp post, climb up and light the lamp, step back down, pick up the ladder, and proceed to the next lamp.

"After awhile," said Sir Harry, "he would be down the street and out of sight. But I could always tell which way he had gone from the lamps he had lighted and the glow he left behind."

Life's highest tribute would be to live in such a way as to deserve the words, "I could always tell which way he went by the light he left behind."

The Lamp Lighter is very much like the 4th day with an attitude of anonymous servanthood. What an awesome ministry that we are called by God to be a part of. Like that lamplighter, let's continue to be faithful to our responsibilities. We are chosen to be on His team and if we are faithful there will be nothing strong enough to derail God's purposes for each of us and our community. Let's leave a good trail, so that we may continue to develop true servant leaders for our communities and churches, expanding our spiritual lives and deepening discipleship.

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. *Hebrews 12:1-3*

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2005 Walks

- Men's # 31, 09/15-09/18, Victory Camp
- Women's #32, 10/06-10/09, Victory Camp
- Women's #33, 11/03-11/06, Victory Camp

WALKS ARE FILLING UP - GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN ASAP

He who can give thanks for little will always find that he has enough. - Anonymous

Welcome our new Pilgrims

Men's Walk 27 May 12 - 15, 2005

Armstrong, Ken	Grace Community
Baker, Bill	Friendswood UMC
Baldwin, Brent	Baytown Cedar Bayou UMC
Brackeen, James	St. Anne Catholic Church
Collins III Sam	Greater St. Matthews Baptist
Eaton, Robert	Moody Memorial FUMC
Foreman, Scott	Pearland FUMC
Frank, Doug	Friendswood Friends
Gentry, Rex	Sagemont Church
Gilbert, James	Pearland FUMC
Gray, K.C.	Christian Fellowship Wor Ctr
Hart, John	Dickinson 1st Baptist
Higgins, Tom	Friendswood Calvary Chapel
Kay, Franklin	West Isle Presbyterian
Kelehan, Shane	Pearland FUMC
Lee, Ben	Alvin Believer's Sanctuary
Mayo, Steve	Gateway Community
Napoli, Jon	Dickinson 1st Baptist
Pagan, Robert	Calvary Chapel
Porter, Billy	SE Church of Christ
Shuffield, William	Galveston 1st Baptist
Stone, Greg	Baytown Cedar Bayou UMC
Wagoner, Dick	Pearland FUMC
Walker, Johnny	Baytown Cedar Bayou UMC
Williams, Rick	Friendswood Friends
Williams, Robert	Pearland FUMC

Women's Walk 28 May 19 - 22, 2005

Alderman, Sherri	Alvin FUMC
Benson, Georgia	Friendswood Community
Brackeen, Kathy	St. Anne Catholic Church
Cibulski, Stefanee	Dickinson 1st Baptist
Cosio, Ellen	Baytown Cedar Bayou UMC
Daniel, Glenda	St. Paul's UMC
Dean, Ashely	Cedar Bayou UMC
Disspayne, Sharon	Highlands UMC
Edris, Jennifer	Pearland FUMC
Epperson, Eva Joe	Baytown Cedar Bayou UMC
Floyd, Verna Mae	Highlands Methodist
Harris, Jan	Baytown Cedar Bayou UMC
Harrison, Tammie	Cokesbury UMC
Jack, Brenda	Highlands UMC
Jones, Martha	St. Laurence Catholic
Jones, Pam	West Isle Presbyterian
Kelehan, Sheryl	Pearland FUMC
Kester, Marie	Pearland FUMC
Mayo, Kati	Abundant Life UMC
Napoli, Becky	Dickinson 1st Baptist
Porter, Alicia	SE Church of Christ
Saterbak, Becky	Clear Lake UMC
Sauer, Teresa	Friendswood Calvary Chapel
Schultz, Michelle	SE Church of Christ
Staude, Royanne	Pearland FUMC
Stavinoha, Lalena	Pearland FUMC
Turner, Diane	St. Joseph Catholic
Young, Victoria	Pasadena FUMC

Changes to Candlelight

On Walk # 30 the changes to candlelight were implemented. From the team's point of view, the changes were marvelous. As the pilgrims and team enter the chapel, the Fourth Day were in the pews instead of lining the aisles. Since everyone was facing forward, the pilgrims saw a huge mass of candles similar to the catacombs. When the pilgrims began to sing, the Fourth Day came forward two at a time. It reminded me of a bridal party at a wedding. In contrast to the past, the pilgrims actually had the opportunity to see every single person, who was there. De Colores.

Beth Strange—Lay Director Walk # 30

Pilgrim's Journey Newsletter Changes

Since taking over putting the PJ together a few months ago I have been trying to update the email accounts in the database and also to find out who would be willing to receive the PJ by email. This will save some of the time and cost of printing, taping, labeling and mailing them each month. During this time, our email distribution list has grown from about 175 people to over 570. In addition, many email accounts were updated with correct information. I'd like to thank all of you who have responded so far and encourage those who have not contacted me to do so.

We did have a minor glitch this last month, where emails were going to people on the list instead of just the intended person, but as soon as it was called to our attention, it was corrected. This should not happen in the future. Please bear with us in this time of transition.

If you would like to get your PJ by email, or if your email address has changed, please reply to leslie55@ev1.net or call Leslie Johnson at 409-739-6105.

A CLEARED CALENDAR Luke 5:16 NIV

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

How long has it been since you let God have you? I mean really have you? How long since you gave him a portion of undiluted, uninterrupted time listening for his voice? Apparently, Jesus did. He made a deliberate effort to spend time with God.

Spend much time reading about the listening life of Jesus and a distinct pattern emerges. He spent regular time with God, praying and listening. Mark says "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (Mark 1:35 NIV).

Let me ask you the obvious. If Jesus, the Son of God, the sinless Savior of humankind, thought it worthwhile to clear his calendar to pray, wouldn't we be wise to do the same.

Max Lucado - Just Like Jesus

2005 Houston Bay Area Emmaus Leadership Team

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2005 Gatherings

**8/13 - 11:30 Moody Memorial 1st
UMC (Galveston) - Jam Session
for Musicians—10:30**

**9/10 12 noon New Beginnings Church
Texas City**

10/15 12 noon—St. Mark's UMC

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****NOTICE****

On Saturday, Sept. 10th there is a Gathering at New Beginnings Church in Texas City. At this Gathering we will have a Community Training. This will include a small Sponsor Training time, and a Q& A time.

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There is no subscription fee to receive this newsletter. However, donations are very much appreciated to help defray publication and mailing expenses. Donations may be sent to the P. O. Box address below.

All 4th Day members are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter. They must be received by the 20th of each month. Send your articles, questions, or comments about our Community to: The Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community, P. O. Box 890134, Houston, TX, 77289. You may also phone Leslie Johnson at 409-938-3857 or send email to leslie55@ev1.net.

Agape For Emmaus Walk # _____

Item Submitted: _____

Table Agape _____ Pillow Agape _____
(Agape for Pilgrims and Team must be provided if it is to be used for table agape)

Suggested time to be given _____

Pilgrims Only _____ Team Only _____ Pilgrims & Team _____

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

Do you want leftovers? Yes No (Pick up in agape room after walk)

Items Needed: Pilgrims – 32 Team – 25 Pilgrims & Team – 57

Please attach this form to the agape

It is not our trust that keeps us, but the God in whom we trust who keeps us—Oswald Chambers