

Gathering Thursday, December 9th, 2010
Spring Creek Fellowship – College Park Center

Dearest Community:

I love you!

I am writing this on Thanksgiving morning. I pray that you are all some place warm as the temperature is rapidly dropping and enjoying a wonderful day with family. I thank God for you my SMEC family.

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Make-up Walk Reunion at January Gathering

Thanks so much to Kelli Ballard, Rhonda Harding, Lisa Dunnam and Julie Alley for leading us in praise and worship. What a wonder time in the presence of the Lord! And thanks to Wilma Stirl for that very moving Fourth Day talk.

In January we will have a make-up reunion. We want to recognize all Pilgrims and LDs unable to attend their Walk Reunion and Pilgrims or LDs who attend Walks from other Communities. Please plan to attend.

We honored the 2009 Walks, WW#52 LD Terri Johansen and WW#53 LD Raylene Daniels. What a wonderful representation of these Best Walks Ever! We missed you Raylene!

This month we will recognize the 2010 Walks, WW#54 LD Lorinda Herrod and MW#55 LD Terry Nichols.

In January we will have a make-up reunion. All Pilgrims and LDs unable to attend your Walk Reunion or if you were a Pilgrim or LD from another Community we want to recognize you. Please plan to attend.

It has been a wonderful year. We had 2 full walks and great participation from the Community all year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your 2010 Community LD. You are such a blessing!

Jimmie Long, Clergy

Term thru 2011
John Allen
Tonya Boadle
Lisa Harwood
Randy Koonce
Scott Jimenez, Clergy

Term thru 2012
Peggy Bryant
Mike Hughes
Paul Townsend
Brenda Willadsen
Jim Wright, Clergy

2011 SMEC Board Candidates

The following candidates have been deemed qualified and agreeable to serve:

Lorinda Herrod, Kerri Whitehead, Karen Wingert, Terry Nichols, Joe Wennik, Tim Blackshear

Two women and two men will be selected to serve as the 2011 through 2013 class of the SMEC Board.

Please prayerfully consider your choices. We will vote during the December Gathering. Please also be in prayer as we seek a member of the Clergy to serve with this class.
 Offering Opportunity

Walk Dates 2011

Women's Walk #56
Debbie Van Pelt Lay Director
 March 3-6, 2011 Circle Six Encampment

Men's Walk # 57
Tim Blackshear Lay Director
 July 14-17, 2011
 Circle Six Encampment

Women's Walk #58
TBA Lay Director
 August 18-21, 2011 Circle Six Encampment

2010 Board of Directors
Mindy Whittenburg
 Lay Director
Derrick Looney
 Spiritual Director

Term thru 2010
Karla Cregar
Mark Hyatt
Joanne Sayles
Mindy Whittenburg

Community Gatherings
Spring Creek Fellowship

2nd Thursday; supper at 6:00

Board Meetings will follow community meetings each month

Babe Chick Meeting
6:30
Service at 7:00



Donations

If you would like to make an offering to SMEC, please send your check to Post Office Box 2997, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or designate your check as special offering at community.

Nametags

Scott Jimenez has graciously agreed to take orders for SMEC Name Tags. The cost is \$7. If you would like to order Name Tags please see Scott at the January meeting, please also plan to pay for the Name Tags in advance.

Covered Dish Suppers

Bring a dish to share and come to Spring Creek Fellowship in the College Park Shopping Center. This will be a great time of fellowship. Supper begins at 6:00.

Remember child care is available for all meetings at Spring Creek.

Book Table

We are accepting books for the walk book table at every community meeting. Please bring books in good condition or new books to replenish our book our Growth



through Study Book Table. Books can be brought to Community Gatherings. We appreciate all the books that have been shared in the last few years. It has been a huge success.

Word for the Day

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IF I DECORATE MY HOUSE PERFECTLY WITH PLAID BOWS, STRANDS OF TWINKLING LIGHTS AND SHINY BALLS, BUT DO NOT SHOW LOVE TO MY FAMILY, I'M JUST ANOTHER DECORATOR.

IF I SLAVE AWAY IN THE KITCHEN, BAKING DOZENS OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES, PREPARING GOURMET MEALS AND ARRANGING A BEAUTIFULLY ADORNED TABLE AT MEALTIME, BUT DO NOT SHOW LOVE TO MY FAMILY, I'M JUST ANOTHER COOK.

IF I WORK AT THE SOUP KITCHEN, CAROL IN THE NURSING HOME, AND GIVE ALL THAT I HAVE TO CHARITY, BUT DO NOT SHOW LOVE TO MY FAMILY, IT PROFITS ME NOTHING.

IF I TRIM THE SPRUCE WITH SHIMMERING ANGELS AND CROCHETED SNOWFLAKES, ATTEND A MYRIAD OF HOLIDAY PARTIES AND SING IN THE CHOIR'S CANTATA, BUT DO NOT FOCUS ON CHRIST, I HAVE MISSED THE POINT.

LOVE STOPS THE COOKING TO HUG THE CHILD. LOVE SETS ASIDE THE DECORAT-

ING TO KISS THE HUSBAND. LOVE IS KIND, THOUGH HARRIED AND TIRED. LOVE DOESN'T ENVY ANOTHER'S HOME THAT HAS COORDINATED CHRISTMAS CHINA AND TABLE LINENS.

LOVE DOESN'T YELL AT THE KIDS TO GET OUT OF THE WAY, BUT IS THANKFUL THEY ARE THERE TO BE IN THE WAY. LOVE DOESN'T GIVE ONLY TO THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO GIVE IN RETURN, BUT REJOICES IN GIVING TO THOSE WHO CAN'T.

LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS. LOVE NEVER FAILS. VIDEO GAMES WILL BREAK, PEARL NECKLACES WILL BE LOST, GOLF CLUBS WILL RUST, BUT GIVING THE GIFT OF LOVE WILL ENDURE FOREVER.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND LOTS OF LOVE TO YOU AND YOURS!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

WE WILL BE PUTTING ON A EMMAUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY AND ALL TO PARTICIPATE. CONTACT MINDY OR I RANDY KOONCE. THERE WILL BE ONE PRACTICE TO ATTEND.