

Gathering Thursday, May 12th, 2011

Spring Creek Fellowship – College Park Center**Dearest Community:**

Here it is already May! I was very sad not to be at Community last month and am looking forward to being with you all this month. I want to thank Mindy for filling in for me. I heard that the Fourth Day talk given by Dana Allen was great. I very much regret missing it, but I had a small family emergency to take care of. This month I want to urge you to get your pilgrims signed up for our Men's Walk #57 led by Tim Blackshear. July will be upon us before you know it. Please don't wait until the last minute to fill it up. I have great expectations that this will be a wonderful experience for a great many of your men. I know that they will be blessed.

Keep Tim and his team in your prayers as well as those who they will serve. As always, come to community and I urge you to bring someone with you who we have not seen for a while. We miss the fellowship of all of those who are our brothers and sisters in Christ through the common experience of the Walk. Bring someone that you think would like to experience the blessings that you have enjoyed from your Emmaus experience so that they can become more familiar with our Community and fellowship. Remember, we are not a secret society and there is not any reason for them to join us in our worship and fellowship. Join us at 6:00 PM on the 5th for our Potluck supper and wor-

*ship at 7:00 PM.**De Colores!!!*

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Walk Dates 2011

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

**Women's Walk #58
Tracy Watson Lay Director
March 1-4, 2012 Circle Six
Encampment**

Please come Join us at our website.

[http://www.signal-emmaus.org/.](http://www.signal-emmaus.org/)

You can check the latest information of what is going on and how to contact people or events of the Signal Mountain Emmaus community.....

**Community Gatherings
Spring Creek Fellowship
2nd Thursday; supper at
6:00**

**Board Meetings will fol-
low community meetings
each month**

**Babe Chick Meeting
6:30
Service at 7:00**

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 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.

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. WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND MISCELLANOUS SUPPLIES FOR HOLDING WALKS.

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

"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."
Romans 12:18

An email that circulated recently contained excerpts from young children about their grandparents. One of

them read:

A 6-year-old was asked where his grand-ma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport. When we want her, we just go get her. Then when were done having her visit, we take her back."

It's all a matter of perspective.

At an end-of-the-year party for second graders, students were sharing aloud the poems they had created about school. A line in one of the student's poems claimed, "all these years of work are finally paying off." Parents throughout the classroom snickered a bit as she read it.

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AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Each of us bring our own perspective to the table, regardless of our age. Things, places, people, and events in our lives have shaped who

we are and how we think. None of us see the same thing in exactly the same way. It's part of our uniqueness and individuality. It's the way God created us.

The challenge of it all is when we try to live together as the family of God. We want others to see things the way we do. We want them to agree with us. We want confirmation that our perspective is the "right" one.

There have been and will be plenty more dividing lines among us. From all of the old rehearsed barriers -- race, religion, gender, etc. -- to daily squabbles and disputes. It's often easier to let life's circumstances keep us apart,



than it is for us to pull together under the umbrella of God's love and grace.

Friendships and relationships are too important to let different perspectives get in the way. It's okay to be different. It's okay to disagree. It's not okay to let that push us apart.

O God, today may we find ways to embrace our differences, so that we may continue to live in love and grace towards one another.

Emmaus Prayer Center

If you have someone to that you want us to pray for please let us know and we will put them here on the prayer corner.....

Upcoming Men's Walk #57

Upcoming Women's Walk #58

Signal Mountain Emmaus communitiy

Haley Dunn & her Family

Rain Rain Rain

Chrysalis Section

Hi-Sky Emmaus Community out of Midland Chrysalis Dates:

Girls Chrysalis July 21- 24 2011

Boys Chrysalis July 28 - 31 2011

Chrysalis is open for 15 - 19 year old or those that have completed their freshman year of high school. We will have one table of older participants age 19 - 21. It is the youth version of the walks for adults. More information and an application can be found at hiskyemmaus.com.

Flights are held at Circle Six Baptist Camp north of Stanton and the cost is \$150.

Questions can be e-mailed to Wilma Stirl, the Chrysalis Community Lay Director of Hi-Sky at wjstirl@juno.com.

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