

IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND CHARITY by Marta Hansard, Community Lay Director

Think back, way back for some of us, to your pilgrim walk. The first night, as the Lay Director outlined the expectations for the next three days, you were probably wondering...."what in the world am I doing here, and how quickly can I get out that door"!!

Once you settled in and actually started listening to what he/she was saying, one phrase was repeated several times: *'In the spirit of cooperation and charity'*. Whatever every might happen in the next few days, they asked you to *receive it all in the spirit of cooperation and charity*. Isn't that how we should approach our everyday life? With all situations, whether at work, home, church, board meetings, or in any of the other many commitments we find ourselves in, if we consistently embrace the attitude of service, cooperation, and goodwill, I feel certain our days would be more pleasant for us and most importantly for everyone we encounter. So, think about that first thing each morning as you get the kids ready for school, or head out the door to the office - Receive everything that comes your way today in the spirit, His spirit, of cooperation and charity.

COMMUNITY GATHERING

Our Next Community Gathering will be on August 26, 2014 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church. We will begin the evening with a Babe Chick Meeting in the Choir Room at 6:15pm. This is for all people of have been on a Walk or Flight but have not had a chance to join us at a community gathering and for those who would simply like more information about the sponsorship process.

At 7pm we will begin our Community Gathering in the Sanctuary. Take some time these next couple of weeks to call that person or persons you been missing at community and invite them back!

Following the Gathering we will have a time of Food and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks and Drinks are needed for this Fellowship. Please contact Phillip Vandiver at 432-254-8520 if you can/will bring a snack or drink and let him know!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT A Seminar Presented by the Upper Room

This Saturday, August 23, 2014 Hi-Sky Emmaus will be hosting a team from the Upper Room as they present a Leadership Development Seminar. Open to anyone in the community, this seminar is designed to help all of us to know more about Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis.

We will meet at "Shared Spaces" located at 3500 North A Street, Ste 1100, Midland, TX beginning at 9:00am – 3:00pm. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for a love offering.

Our speakers this year will be Rev. Carl Westbrook, South Central Emmaus Spiritual Director, Pat Miller, South Central Emmaus Chrysalis, and Sharon Garrison, South Central Emmaus. We hope you will be able to join us this weekend for a time of learning and growth within our community.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW From the NERD

Music Teams wanting to have the lyrics projected on the overhead screens during Community or at Candlelight/Closing, please remember to have your music (title AND lyrics if possible) to me, Rhett, at least 72 hours prior to the event. Lately these have not been coming in until the night before or the day of the event and due to work schedules, I'm am not able to make them happen that quickly so that the information projected is accurate and legal per CCLI regulations. Also, please remember that any lyrics printed for use within the community (either on paper or to be projected) must include a notation of the Composer/Composers, The Publishing Company, Copyright Date, CCLI Song Number and the Community (or your own if you have it) CCLI License Number.

If you have any questions, please contact me either by email, <u>rhettlively@outlook.com</u> or via phone at (432)894-9832.

UPCOMING WALKS Entering the Fall Season

As of press-time Men's Walk #217 has two pilgrims signed up and Women's Walk #218 has seven!

For Men's Walk #217, we are once again pushing up to the bar as we already only have a little over 4 weeks left until the deadline to have applications turned in for this walk. Applications for Men's Walk #217 are due on or before September 11, 2014 and must be in the Registrar's hands (not in the mail). Also, applications be complete! A completed application includes, all the pilgrim information, a completed Sponsors section and a signature from the pilgrim's pastor as well as the walk fee. Pilgrims are not placed on the list for the walk until applications have been completed.

Remember, applications can either be mailed to the PO Box or dropped off at the Registrar's house (both addresses are on the applications).