



The Rooster's Crow

The Georgetown Texas Emmaus Newsletter

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The Power of Hope and Faith

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my help and my God," (Psalm 42:5 NIV).



You know, 'hope' is a small word, but it is one of the most powerful. Why? Because in hope lies the power of the human soul to turn to God and live as if His promises are going to come true. Some people think hope is an emotion, they say, "I'm feeling hopeful." But true hope is a discipline, a determination to believe in God's reality and power, even when the world seems to be crashing down around us, and that is the genius and the power of hope. It flies in the face of calamity, saying, "The world can do its worst to me, but still, I will hope, and have faith. Still I will know that "this is the day the Lord has made, and He will take care of me." You see, the key to surviving a crisis is hope, hope that Jesus loves you. Hope and faith that He is right now, working out a solution for you. Hope and faith that the future you place in His hands will be better than the present you hold in your own. Practice this hope, even if you have to will yourself to do it. With the power of hope and faith, you will overcome all things. The key is to hold on to this conviction even when events seem to be going against you.

Remember St. Paul's great promise: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," (Philippians 4:13 NKJV). And don't be surprised if living by hope and faith brings you victory more quickly than you had expected. Some people think faith means a skill of belief you must acquire before you can start calling upon God. But that is not what faith means. Hebrews 11:1 tells us, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is simply the decision, each day, to act as if God's promises are true and present in your life. It is important to understand this quality of faith because, without it, your work overcoming any crisis will be much more difficult. Faith is not a state of mind. It is a practice, a daily practice of calling upon God and trusting that he will respond, even when, sometimes, it seems He is far away. (continued on next page)

OCTOBER
GATHERING
SUNDAY, 10/16
5:30 PM @ FUMC

NOVEMBER
GATHERING
SUNDAY, 11/20
5:30 PM @ SJUMC



Greetings... (continued from p1)

How do you acquire this practice? By doing it. And an easy way to start is simply to affirm your faith verbally. Say, "I believe, God is with me right now." Even if you haven't completely taken the words to heart, saying them will cause your mind gradually to follow along. Then pray this prayer: "Dear Lord, I place my life and the lives of my loved ones in the shelter of Your loving arms. I'm going to trust You to care for us in every way today. You only want good for your children, so whatever happens, I know You'll work today for our benefit." Amen.

Once you have done this, approach each of the day's tasks knowing that God is working beside you. And remember, when you arm yourself with hope and faith, you tap into a wellspring of intellectual and emotional strength, and before you know it, you'll be an overcomer, and you will pass from night, into hope for a new day.

Encourage yourself in the Lord!

De Colores,
Arcynthia Louie, Pastor
St. Paul UMC

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Closings:

Kairos Closing - Hughes Unit #29 - 10/16 @ Hughes Unit
Kairos Closing - Bartlett #15 - 10/30 @ Bartlett State Jail

If you know of events that are happening within the Georgetown community, and would be of interest to the community, please drop a note to the newsletter editor so it can be included in this space!

Help Wanted...

Music Coordinator, Singers and Musicians wanted for Gatherings - please contact Janet Pyle (janetlynn29@hotmail.com).

Leftover Agape can be used for future walks - contact Anne Castle at 512-863-4843 or anncastle@texasfixtures.com

Articles, News, Devotionals - needed for the Newsletter and Website - please contact Ken Sommerville at ksommerville@yahoo.com by the last Friday of the month for publication in the next newsletter.

Needed—4th Day Speakers - contact Terry France or email francetl.france@gmail.com

Upcoming Walks in 2011

Women's Walks:

374 - 10/20/11 - Glen Lake

36 Pilgrims – Full—wait list started

Men's Walks :

Look next issue for the 2012 walks.



Kairos Weekends :

#29 Hughes - 10/13/11 - Hughes Unit

Need help with prayers, agape letters, the closing on Sun 10/16 and cookies! If you'd like to attend the closing, please ensure that you have your Closing Application submitted no later than 4 weeks prior to the weekend—this is for security purposes. Go to <http://kairoshughes.org> and click the link "How can I help?" for more details.

#15 Bartlett - 10/27/11 - Bartlett State Jail

Need help with prayers, agape letters, the closing on Sun 10/30 and cookies! If you'd like to attend the closing, please ensure that you have your Closing Application submitted no later than 3 weeks prior to the weekend—this is for security purposes. Go to <http://kairosbartlett.org> and click the link "How can I help?" for more details.

Prayer Requests

If anyone has prayer requests that they would like announced in upcoming newsletters, please send them to ksommerville@yahoo.com any time before the last Friday of the month and they will be published here.

Names will appear on this list for 1 month and then be removed.

Please resubmit if prayers are still needed. Only first names will be used for privacy reasons.



Our Neighboring Communities!

See what's happening with our neighboring 4th Day Communities:

Round Rock Emmaus - <http://www.roundrockemmaus.org/>

4th Day Disciples (Florence) - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=127822177662>

Open Door Emmaus (Johnson County) - <http://www.digitex.net/royw/>

If you'd like the link for your group posted here, please contact ksommerville@yahoo.com

Reunion Groups

If you are not active in a reunion group—how about looking here?



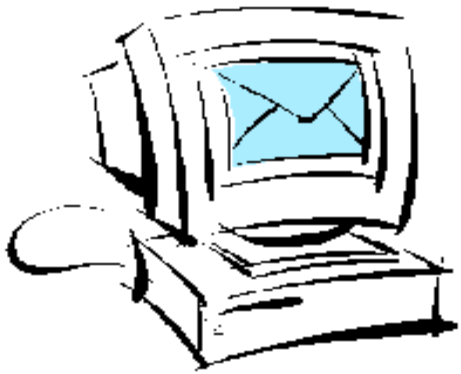
Women						
Day	Time	Location	Name	Contact	Phone	Status
Monday	7:00 AM	Location Varies	Morning Glories	Tina Lawhon	863-3759	Full
	4:00 PM	Wellspring UMC	Wellspring Women	Judith Carver	863-7667	Open
	(2nd & 4th)	5:30 PM	Linda Lindell's Home	Pass It On	Linda Lindell	863-8161
Tuesday	9:30 AM	FUMC Rm 301	Joyful Noise	Sena Leese	863-5491	Open
	4:00 PM	Juanita Mason's	SonSet	Juanita Mason	863-3522	Open
	4:00 PM	Sun City Homes	Joyous Angels	Liz Offord	864-0918	Open
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Member's homes	Morning Chicks	Peggy Blair	863-7778	Open
	4:30 PM	FUMC Room 304	Grace Galore	Nancy Marsh	863-9181	Open
Thursday	6:45 AM	FUMC	Rainbow Connection	Jeannine Fairburn	863-5962	Open
	3:00 PM	Wesleyan Estrella	Glory Gals	Virginia Davis	863-7869	Open
	6:15 PM	Wesleyan Estrella	Legacies Sisters	Amber Nickerson	636-6386	Full
	7:00 PM	Knorre's Home	Lifeline	Barbara Knorre	863-9708	Open
Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market-Sun City	Saturday Sisters	Polly Nelon	930-5091	Full

Men						
Day	Time	Location	Name	Contact	Phone	Status
Monday	7:00 AM	FUMC Parlor	Hombres de Colores	Wayne Merritt	259-1884	Open
	(2nd & 4th)	3:15 PM	FUMC Parlor	Bill's Group	Karl Poorter	864-0155
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Horizon House	Journeymen	Clint Fraser	863-9242	Open
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Daylight Donuts	The Pilgrims			Open
	6:15 PM	FUMC Library	Forth Day Guys	Stephen Benold	863-8467	Open
Friday	6:30 AM	Taco Cabana	Sunrise Guys	Jim Wilson	863-6244	Open
	10:00 AM	St. John's Library	Fishermen	Don Nedrud	869-2852	Open
Saturday	7:00 AM	Whataburger	Los Cincos Gallos	Bill Jones	863-3628	Full
(2nd & 4th)	7:30 AM	Mariachis de Jalisco	Eye of the Storm	Ken Sommerville	791-9846	Open

We're looking for contact info for "The Pilgrims" reunion group.

If you, or someone you know, is a member of this group, please contact ksommerville@yahoo.com so that this list can be updated.

If your reunion group is not listed here, please send the meeting time, name, contact info and whether you are Open to new members to ksommerville@yahoo.com.



Visit us on the web:

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ctcwte/>

Emmaus Central Conference Web Site

<http://pages.suddenlink.net/georgetownemmaus/>

Georgetown Emmaus Community Web Site

Emmaus 2011 gathering dates

Gathering Date	Gathering Location
January 16	St John's UMC
February 20	First UMC
March 20	St John's UMC
April 17	First UMC
May 15	Homecoming!!! FUMC
June 19	First UMC
July 17	St John's UMC
August 21	First UMC
September 18	St John's UMC
<u>October 16**</u>	First UMC
November 20	St John's UMC
December 18	First UMC

We will meet on the third Sunday of the month.

Worship begins at 5:30pm.

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We hope that you find this newsletter helpful and that it helps you stay involved in your 4th Day Walk.

If it is not, please contact Ken Sommerville: ksommerville@yahoo.com or send a note to 116 Shady Oak Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628 to Unsubscribe.
