

THE ROOSTER'S CROW

SEPTEMBER 2013

"THERE'S AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO DO THINGS. A RIGHT TIME FOR EVERYTHING ON THE EARTH: A RIGHT TIME for birth and another for death...A right time to cry and another to laugh...A right time to HOLD ON AND ANOTHER TO LET GO..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (The Message)

While my husband and I went through multiple fertility attempts to become pregnant, I **REGULARLY ASKED GOD FOR "THIS TIME TO BE HIS TIME" FOR US TO HAVE A BABY. I KNEW FROM THE YEARS OF heartache my sister and brother-in-LAW ENDURED THAT IT IS ALL IN GOD'S TIMING ESPECIALLY WITH the miracle of life and children.**

When we briefly thought we were pregnant two Christmases ago, the timing seemed perfect! - We could share the news with our family on Christmas morning, and the due date would fall right around my 29th birthday! This **was SIGNIFICANT AS I WAS BORN ON MY MOM'S 29TH BIRTHDAY!! IT was a dream come true!**

THEN, THE NEWS FROM THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE: YOU ARE NOT PREGNANT... IT WAS WHAT IS CALLED A "CHEMICAL PREGNANCY." THE PREGNANCY WAS NOT VIABLE AND OUR DREAMS WERE SHATTERED. WHILE WE continued our fertility effort another month, hope felt very distant from my heart. We decided TO TAKE A BREAK FROM THE "EMOTIONAL ROLLER COASTER."

The next summer, we decided it was the right time to begin trying again - or right time -, we met with a highly recommended fertility doctor. After my initial consultation, we were to await **MOTHER NATURE'S NEXT VISIT AND PURSUE ANOTHER MONTH OF TREATMENT. WE WERE USED TO WAITING** these weeks at a time, but something began to feel amiss. One Monday morning, I had a funny feeling and decided to take an at-home pregnancy test. Within a minute, I saw the most exciting and brightest two pink lines on the test! We were pregnant!!! We instantly knew this was **DIFFERENT THEN THE PREGNANCY BACK ON DECEMBER; THIS WAS GOD'S TIMING!!! THE PREGNANCY WAS VERY** viable! We knew we were very Blessed as we know several couples that have waited years even decades for the miracle of having a child.

Well, the rest is history: We had our perfectly healthy baby girl on February 7, 2013!!

AS ALWAYS, I KNOW THERE IS TRULY "A TIME FOR EVERYTHING," EVEN THOUGH HIS TIMING MIGHT NOT always coincide with what we think should be THE "RIGHT" TIMING OUR TIMING. LET GO, LET GOD!!!

De Colores!

Sarah Pyle-Shackelford



Thoughts From Polly Nelom

Wow! What a turn out we had at our July Gathering! THE MUSIC TEAM WAS AWESOME, AND DONNA MCCAIN'S SPECIAL Fourth Day talk was truly inspiring! It brought to mind the story of the cracked pot and how the water-bearer carried two pots to port water, one with cracks that leaked water, and the other port was whole. Thus, the water-bearer only arrived at his destination with one and a half pots of water. The cracked pot apologized to the water-bearer that is could only carry half the load of the whole pot. The water-bearer then answered the POT WITH THIS: "AS WE RETURN TO THE MASTER'S HOUSE, I WANT you to notice the beautiful flowers along the way...Did you not notice that there were flowers only on your SIDE OF THE PATH, BUT NOT ON THE OTHER POT'S SIDE? THAT'S because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the STREAM, YOU'VE WATERED THEM...WITHOUT YOU BEING JUST THE way you are, he (the master) would not have this beauty TO GRACE HIS HOUSE."

AS THE SAYING GOES, "GOD DOES NOT MAKE MISTAKES." REMEMBER, God is the potter; we are the clay. (Jeremiah 5) Donna took all her flaws and left them at the cross for Christ to use! And out of those flaws came the beautiful person that she is.

What a story!

We thank you, Donna!!!!



Agenda & Minutes from Georgetown Emmaus Gathering

Sunday, August 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: We had a large gathering at our August meeting with a count of “43” attending!!! YEAH!!!!

TRUSTED SERVANTS : They were introduced. (The list of Leadership Team is at the end of the newsletter.)

TREASURER’S UPDATE: Jackie was not available to give update. It was discussed, motion made, motion seconded and all voted to approve for Georgetown Emmaus Community to give **\$200** toward upcoming Kairos Walk by helping Crystal Jackson meet the financial requirements. In addition, to document the previous approvals of **\$150** for a golf cart for Walk #393 and **\$75** for Agape Workshop (agape materials and ice cream)!

AGAPE UPDATE: Anne Castle did an awesome job to bring lots of agape materials and we all had fun making agape before our August Emmaus Gathering! *Thank you to all who attended!!!* We were blessed to have some great ice cream too. Thank you Anne for all your work!

TEAM SELECTION UPDATE: Peggy Blair was absent

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE: Barb Hunsberger shared with us an invite to attend the Emmaus Leadership Development Event presented by the Upper Room. This program is designed to strengthen serving the Emmaus Community. It is open to everyone who has attended Emmaus/Chrysalis. It will be on Saturday, September 21, 2013 in Round Rock at 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If interested contact carleena@tmumc.org or cookie@hpcserv.com

- ♥ **WOMEN’S WALK #393:** October 10 - 13 at Green Family Camp, there are 32 pilgrims signed up!!!
 - ♥ **Prayer Vigil** - We sent around the “sign-up” for the 24 hour prayer vigil for Walk #393. We still have openings and you can still sign up!!!!
 - ♥ **Golf Carts** - Georgetown Emmaus Community also offered to pay \$150 for a gold cart. *THANK YOU to all!*
 - ♥ **Sponsor’s Hour** - Georgetown is helping to co-host with Rainbow the #393 Walk. Ann Hagmann and Janet Pyle have agreed to do the Sponsor’s Hour on October 10th.

- ♥ **Candlelight** - Rainbow and Georgetown Emmaus Community will do the candlelight. We will need to contribute fruit trays, cheese trays and crackers...we will be getting more info to be discussed at our September meeting. They can always use help at candlelight, so if you can help on Saturday, October 12th...that would be wonderful. Put it on your calendar to attend!
- ♥ **MEN'S WALK #392:** Will be September 5 - 8, 2013 and has "22" pilgrims signed up!

OUR "August" FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Donna McCain was our speaker and she was an awesome speaker! She spoke from the heart and gave a touching testimony on God's love and grace. Her story touched many...who also had similar experiences, thoughts and feelings. THANK YOU Donna for a great 4th Day talk.

UPCOMING FOURTH DAY SPEAKERS for 2013:

- ♥ Speakers:
 - ♥ **September** - Shaye Mai
 - ♥ **October** - Anne Castle
 - ♥ **November** - Crystal Jackson
- ♥ Guidelines for Speakers: according to the Emmaus by-laws, talks should be between 5 and 15 minutes and will include Scripture. The subject matter should be the person's Walk experience, and what they have been doing with it since then.



WEBSITE UPDATE: Ken Sommerville has done a great job on the website. Check it out at www.georgetownemmaus.org Also, we are on Facebook, check this out at www.facebook.com/GeorgetownEmmaus Thank you Ken of the GREAT JOB!!!

NEWSLETTER UPDATE: Crystal Jackson is doing a great job!!! YEAH!!! Thank you Crystal!!! You can read the newsletters on the website. **We are blessed!**

KAIRO'S UPDATE: Julie Dominguez was absent so Crystal Jackson reminded us that the Kairos Prison Walk #16 will be at Lane Murray on October 3rd - 6th. It was voted at last month meeting that Georgetown Emmaus Community volunteers will sponsor a meal for the August 31st Kairos team meeting to serve 30 to 40 team members.

NEXT MEETING: September 15th at St. John's UMC at 5:30 pm. We will be commissioning Walk #393 team members!

MEETING REMINDERS: The Georgetown Leadership Team will meet again in September prior to the Gathering on Sept. 15th. We will select a nominating committee to present of slate of leadership for 2014-2015 at our October Gathering.

Treasure's Report



Balance on MAY 31, 2013

\$1270.05

Deposits:

6/16/13 Gathering

\$ 49.00

7/21/13 Gathering

157.00

206.00

Expenses:

7/08/13 Newsletter postage

\$ 9.20

7/08/13 CCLI Song select

152.00

161.20

Balance as of July 31, 2013:

\$1,314.85

Jackie Hammar

Treasurer



Prayer Requests

Women's Walk # 393

Men's Walk # 394

Kairos #16

Michelle Sommerville - Pilgrim on Walk #
393

Donna McCain's Mom - Pilgrim on Walk
#393

All of the people that were not able to make
it to the gathering.

All of those unspoken prayers

If you have any prayer needs please let me know and
I will add it to the list so we can be praying for you.

You can email it to mercygirl20032004@yahoo.com
or call me at 512-639-2352

Upcoming Walks

Women's Walk:

393 - 10/10/13 - Greene Family Camp

Men's Walk:

392 - 9/5/13 - Latham Springs

394 - 10/24/13 - Glen Lake

Kairos Walk:

Lane Murray #16 - 10/3/13 - Gatesville, TX



Upcoming Events

9/15/2013 - Emmaus Gathering at 5:30 pm @ St. John's UMC

10/6/2013 - Closing for Kairos Lane Murray #16 - Gatesville, TX

10/12/2013 - Candlelight Women's Walk #393 - Greene Family Camp

10/13/2013 - Closing Women's Walk #393 - Greene Family Camp

Emmaus Links

Check these Emmaus links out:

Georgetown Emmaus: www.georgetownemmaus.org

Georgetown Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/GeorgetownEmmaus

Round Rock Emmaus: www.roundrockemmaus.org

Central Texas Emmaus: www.ctcemmaus.org

Kairos: www.kpmifoundation.org

Epiphany: www.epiphanyministry.com

Chrysalis: www.chrysalis.upperroom.org

Upper Room: www.upperroom.org



Gathering Dates

September 15, 2013 **St. John's UMC**

October 20, 2013 First UMC

November 17, 2013 **St. John's UMC**

December 15, 2013 First UMC

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