



## Circumstances

My senior pastor gave a message a few weeks ago, one of the major points being to ask us to think of a story or a verse where Jesus got involved with someone and changed their circumstances, or brought them out of their circumstances. And there are some examples where that happened; many of Jesus' miracles come to mind. We were also asked to think about times when Jesus simply joined people in their circumstances, and ended up making them something different. And there are biblical examples of that, too, such as Jesus' relationship with the disciples, his impact on the crowds that gathered to hear him preach, and so on. The point of my pastor's message was that sometimes there is a line of distinction between what Jesus CAN do, and what Jesus DID; or put another way, Jesus can fix any situation, but if the situation isn't immediately fixed, does that mean Jesus isn't involved?

Our church took on a mission project recently, just like thousands of churches do every year. The family we reached out to help is facing miserable poverty, and limited hope of greatly changing that, but they also have beautiful young children, and every parent's desire to do all they can to take care of them. We helped solve some of the problems with their living arrangements, and hopefully showed them the love of Christ, and what Christians do with no expectation of earthly reward. What we did not do was deliver them out of their poverty, suddenly give them high paying jobs, or solve many of the problems they have faced for a long time. We did not bring them out of their circumstances. But by showing them Christ, we hope we have made their circumstances different and better than before.

In my heart, I view the Walk to Emmaus in similar terms. I think the Walk can dramatically reveal Christ to someone, and in that spirit can absolutely fix what ails them. But the Walk won't always make the divorce go away, make the medical treatment unnecessary, make the miserable workplace a joy to be in, or the financial hole suddenly fill up. Not to say it can't, but even if it doesn't, what we can do is help introduce Christ into a pilgrim's circumstances. That alone can be a powerful force for making the problems of the world seem smaller, and leaving one in different and better circumstances with Christ, than the circumstances they had before without Him.

I am truly grateful to be able to worship a God who is with me in every circumstance. And I am truly grateful to be a part of our Emmaus Community, which is one of the best tools I know to help Jesus join people in their circumstances and end up making them different; a wonderful kind of different all to His glory.

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Terrell Thompson  
Community Lay Director

# Emmaus Community Newsletter

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<b>Community Meeting</b>	<b>Guy's Chrysalis Journey #20</b>	<b>Aug. 19-22</b>
<b>August 12th 7:00 P.M.</b>	LD Don Stone SD Dan Chrestman	
<b>Westview Baptist Church</b>	<b>Men's Walk #78</b>	<b>Sept. 23-26</b>
<b>810 South 15th Street</b>	LD Chad Oglesby SD Phil McClendon	
<b>Slaton, Tx</b>	<b>Women's Walk # 115</b>	<b>Oct. 21-24</b>
<b>Fellowship following worship</b>	LD Dani Blythe SD Ted Wilson	

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# Spotlight on Sponsorship - You Have to Pay to Play

It goes without saying that there is a monetary cost for conducting a Walk to Emmaus. We are fortunate to enjoy a wonderful relationship with St. Joseph's and with the Mercy Center, and we are the beneficiaries of their commitment, along with that of our Board of Directors, to keep walk fees as reasonable as possible. Here are some reminders about the financial obligations of participating in and conducting a Walk:

1. Walk fees are expected to be paid at the time a registration form is sent in. No one will be added to the pilgrim list until the walk fees are paid, even if the registration form is sent in ahead of time.

2. If a pilgrim has financial need, the sponsor can make a request for scholarship assistance from the Board of Directors. Generally, the Board will consider scholarships for up to one half of the walk fees, on a case by case basis. The rules for Chrysalis scholarships are a little different, but still have to be approved by the Board. If you have a scholarship need, make sure it is brought to the attention of a board member in advance of the next monthly community gathering. Scholarships are not available for team members, only for pilgrims.

3. If you are asked to work on a team, you, too, have an obligation to pay walk fees. It is not acceptable for team members to pay their fees at the beginning of the walk weekend, or after the retreat. Team member fees are to be in the hand of a designated team member, usually an ALD, by the last team meeting date. Failure to have walk fees paid by that date can result in a team member being removed from service on that team. Team walk fees are held by the treasurer until the weekend of the walk, when they are deposited. Pilgrim walk fees are deposited immediately upon receipt by the registrar.

Timely payment of walk fees makes sure we can keep costs as low as possible, and insures our status and position with the Upper Room. They should never be the primary focus of the retreat, but they are a part of the journey when we set off on a Walk to Emmaus.



Wow, this summer has just flown by. There have already been two High School Flights, and one Gals Journey held at Mercy Center this summer. Our God has really been busy in the lives of those young caterpillars. What a blessing! Now, there is still one more

Young Men's Journey to be held, and it will be at the Mercy Center on Aug 19-22. Don Stone is the Lay Director, Ryan Brown will be the Youth Lay Rep, and Dan Chrestman will be the Spiritual Director. The team is ready, we have some caterpillars ready to go, however; there are still quite a few openings. So, please send us your young men to experience God in a way they probably have never imagined. There is still plenty of time, so get busy with those applications, and send them in.

It is a Joy to serve the Chrysalis Community. The blessings are innumerable, and friendships are formed that last a lifetime. But most importantly, as a community we get see the power of God unfold right before us, and witness the wonderful transformations in the lives of our young people. So, let's continue our support of our youth at send off on Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, then again at candlelight on Saturday night starting at 8pm, and finally at the closing ceremony Sunday afternoon at 4pm. You'll be glad you were there, and God will bless us with new set of caterpillars from Young Men's Journey #20.

Fly with Christ,

**Ron Allred**

**Chrysalis Community Lay Director**

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## ***Other Emmaus News***

*Team meeting have started for Kairos and Epiphany Ministries. Kairos ministers to Men-in-White at the Monford unit in Lubbock. For more information, contact Jim Gordon at [jim@door.net](mailto:jim@door.net).*

*The Epiphany team goes into the Garza County Unit for juvenile offenders. Contact Paula Swanson for information at [registrar@lamesadedios.org](mailto:registrar@lamesadedios.org).*

*Both of these ministries could use your support in many ways. You have the opportunity to go into the unit, work the outside team, pray for the weekend, or support financially. Listen for God's small still voice, He just might be calling you to serve those incarcerated.*

*Thank you Llano Estacado Community for all that you do to farther the Kingdom of God.*

# 2010 Walk Dates

<b>Walk</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Lay Director</b>	<b>Spiritual Director</b>
Men's #76	April 22-25	Derek Racca	Jim Irwin
Kairos #23	May 19-23	Perry Hallford	Loyde Castle
H.S. Girls Chrysalis Flight #24	June 17-20	Sharla Askew	Tom Griffin
Women's #113	June 24-27	Marsha Crouch	Orbin Crouch
H.S. Boy's Chrysalis Flight #25	July 8-11	Drew Stone	Steve Colbert
Men's #77	July 22-25	Ed Stephens	
Gal's Chrysalis Journey #27	July 29-Aug 1	Victoria Baker	Vernon Baker
Women's #114	Aug 5-8	Judy Sanders	Dave Menefee
Guy's Chrysalis Journey #20	Aug 19-22	Don Stone	Dan Chrestman
Men's # 78	Sept 23-26	Chad Oglesby	Phil McClendon
Women's # 115	October 21-24	Dani Blythe	Ted Wilson