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Walk 1566 was definitely the “best Walk ever!” I spent the weekend with a terrific angel-person named Susan Hurt and we were blessed to serve as prayer partners to many of the speakers. God is good – all the time – on purpose, like Pastor June says.

Setting up the kneelers for prayer time was part of our job in the chapel. We were blessed by Mike Kinsey helping us learn how to do it and went about setting the remainder of them up by ourselves. We were almost finished with the last one and couldn’t make the silly kneeling rail move in any direction – tried and tried. Then Susan looked at my side of the rail and said, “Janie, you didn’t take the bolt out!” We laughed until we hurt and decided God was probably laughing with us.

Our weekend was richly blessed with many little gifts and we were so honored to be able to serve Him to the best of our abilities. I do need to apologize for the crumbly bread that I had so proudly bought from a gluten-free bakery in Houston. As usual, I felt that everyone could use the same bread for Communion and brought 8 loaves of the stuff – even had it shipped to me for delivery on Wednesday! I didn’t taste it or test it and just went on faith that it would be good. When it was served at the first Communion, I began hearing complaints – too crumbly, not a good taste, blah! We sent for the HEB Hawaiian bread after three services. I knew something was terribly wrong when the birds of the field wouldn’t even eat it! I’ve apologized profusely for it. Once again, I think I made God laugh!

All-in-all, the weekend was outstanding and I am so happy that I got to serve as outside team chapel. It was the perfect position for me!

DeColores!  
Janie Zeplin

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**Gatherings: Pot Luck Dinners beginning at 6:30 P. M.**

**September 17, 2010                      First United Methodist Church                      Goliad, TX**

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**BOARD MEETING:                      6:30 P. M.**

**September 28, 2010                      First United Methodist Church                      Edna, TX**

**NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S (OR GRANDFATHER'S) WALK TO EMMAUS!**

Having just returned home from serving on the team for Women's Walk #1566 and attending the first Gathering following the Walk, I am amazed and blessed by the fresh wind of the Spirit that is blowing through the Crossroads Fourth Day Group. I've served on an average of one Walk per year since my Pilgrim Walk in 1995, and never have I seen a group of women who so immediately and completely engaged the Walk and all that it means. And they brought this joy and strength of the Spirit to the Gathering on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

As the saying goes, we've "come a long way, baby," since the beginning of the Walk to Emmaus, and even since my Pilgrim Walk #420. There is now an openness in those who've attended a Walk that helps the Pilgrims approach their Walk with less nervousness, less fear of the unknown, while still maintaining the element of surprise in the glorious parts of the Walk that could never be explained anyway.

This moving of the Holy Spirit in both the Walk and the Gathering evidenced God's involvement in the Emmaus movement in a fresh way.

A word to those who have not been an active part of the Crossroads Fourth Day Group (or any other Fourth Day Group): you are missing out. You could be experiencing the presence of God in your life through wonderful worship and fellowship in the Gatherings, through the opportunities to serve God and others offered on Walk teams, through the simple act of committing to half an hour of prayer for the Pilgrims and Team on a Walk, through making Agape for Walks to affirm the love of God and the love of the Body of Christ for each one there, and the deep and abiding friendships that can only be found in being in community with your Fourth Day Group. You are missing out on the pure joy of sponsoring a Pilgrim and seeing his or her life changed through this awesome tool of God. And it is my belief that some of you may be missing out on the beauty of experiencing the reality of being a living, praising, loving part of the Body of Christ.

Let us all have ears to hear as God calls us to serve in the myriad of ways that He uses His people. Listen. Is God calling you back to Emmaus?

Kay Frels

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**SPIRIT CORNER**

I believe everyone has endless potential. We can deal with all the roadblocks to our lives, if we work hard every day to reach them. We just have to know the importance of having a purpose, making a plan to

achieve it, and working on it every day. Our time is very precious. The biggest waste in life is spending years trying to achieve something that could have been achieved in a few months. Yet, lack of faith in ourselves or lack of purpose often makes us procrastinate everything productive we do.

Speaking of faith and confidence in ourselves, reminds me of my father. My father would always work every day as if it was his last. He always took pride in everything he did. My dad was a man that looked at every job he did with the upmost of pride. He taught me that never do a job unless you could do it with pride, and when finished look at the job and say that was the best of my ability.

So we have all the potentials we need. We just have to find them and bring them out. So until next month, use all of your potentials to the best of your ability. And thank God for that ability.

## DeColores

### Jerry Wheeler

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Walk 1566 was "The Best Walk Ever." Twenty-seven pilgrims completed the weekend with God healing individuals and relationships and working miracles in the lives of the pilgrims and in the lives of the team.

Thank you from the team and the pilgrims of Walk 1566 for the prayer, the sponsorship, agape, and attendance at candlelight, closing and the follow-up gathering at First Christian Church in El Campo. Over 100 people gathered for the August 20 gathering to worship God and to welcome the Babe Chicks.

We could see God's hand in every minute of the 72 hours as well in the months of preparation. He truly blessed all of us with Walk 1566.

These ladies are now part of the Crossroads Fourth Day Group:

Jodi Bass—Flatonia                      Sharon Benedick—Victoria                      Stephanie Blevins—Port Lavaca

Sheri Boyd—New Braunfels                      Kayla Boyd-Robertson---Port Lavaca                      Judy Bridges—Ganado

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Kimberly Bridges—Bryan	Rebecca Bridges—Victoria	Melissa Bruner—Flatonia
Tammi Burmeister—Victoria	Kay Chapman—Victoria	Shelly Chase—Ganado
Jo Cornstubble—Victoria	Dawna Draper—Cuero	Jody Driskell—Waelder
Rhonda Farrar—El Campo	Margie Frazier—Cuero	Melissa Hadley—Edna
Kristina Jennings—Port Lavaca	Delana Joines—Louise	Anna Kramer—Louise
Jessica Kulhanek—El Campo	Jo McPheeters—Victoria	Brittany Quinones—El Campo
Jan Scott—Victoria	Deanne Wilke—San Antonio	Debbie Zellmer—Port Lavaca

The team represented the geographic and denominational variety of the Crossroads Fourth Day Group and used many new faces to grow our servant-leadership in the FDG.

Thank you to all for the opportunity to serve as the Lay Director for Walk 1566. God truly blessed me by the team, the pilgrims, and the support of Crossroads.

De Colores,

Linda L. Alderson

LEFT OVER AGAPE—I WILL BRING IT TO THE NEXT GATHERING AS MANY OF YOU DID NOT TAKE IT AT THE LAST GATHERING.

