

Fourth Day

November 2008

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Choosing the 'Last' First

"Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people.' And they left their nets at once and followed him."—

Matthew 4:19-20

We've all experienced it in one way or another. For me, my first memories are from elementary school during team selection for kick ball. Our PE teacher chose the team captains. Each captain then chose one team member at a time until everyone was on a team. And there I was, last to be chosen yet again. The team captains were looking for the best in order to win the game. Those considered weakest or less physically skilled left until last – those with ordinary kick ball abilities, rather than an extraordinarily strong kicking leg.

We see this same concept throughout our life. If you were making a dish for a special occasion, wouldn't you seek only the finest and freshest ingredients? When buying a car, don't you seek the safest, most economical model? We seek the best that we can get. Why then did Jesus, seek the weak and dependent for His 'team'?

Unlike my team captain peers from my elementary school days, Jesus picked the "B Team" for his starting line-up. His team (known as the 12 disciples) was comprised of those who had been looked over by others and been left as fishermen. There was nothing extraordinary about them. They were common, ordinary people out making a living everyday. Jesus could have gone to the temples and chosen those who had memorized the scriptures and the law. He could have recruited men of influence and good standing. Instead, he sought the least of these. He looked past the most obvious choices, the 'best', and approached some fishermen. He simply said, "Follow me", and they did. Jesus chose the ordinary to do the extraordinary. Some of the characteristics of these first disciples were rather unsavory. They were treacherous, greedy, doubtful, despised, judgmental, short-tempered, and impulsive. Any of these sound familiar? These disciples were ordinary people who struggled with their imperfections. But this is the reason they each stood out; they were ordinary people who were willing to leave everything and follow Jesus.

So, are you perfect? Do you feel you need to be perfect before you follow Jesus, before you join His team? As much as you may fear that Jesus will pick you last, He has picked you first! He believes in you. Even though you are not perfect or even though you may not be able to kick a little red ball as far as someone else, He has blessed you with other gifts that can be used to spread His message and love out into your world. He knows what you can do through Him and for Him. He has chosen you for His team and just as He did with His first disciples, He will make you fishers of men.

De Colores,
Michael



**NOVEMBER
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 11/20
6:30 @
ST. PHILIPS UMC**

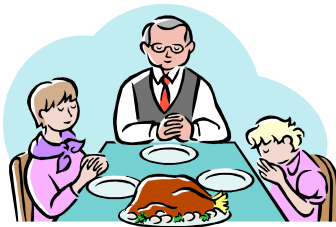
**DECEMBER
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 12/18
6:30 @
ST. PHILIPS UMC**



UPCOMING WALKS OCTOBER 2008 – APRIL 2009

Effective with Walk 325 the Walk fee is increased to \$175

332	Oct 9-12	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
333	Oct 23-26	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
FL 73	Dec 29-31	Girls	
FL 74	Dec 29-31	Boys	
334	Jan 8-11	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
335	Jan 22-25	Men	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
336	Feb 5-8	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
337	Feb 19-22	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
338	Feb 26-29	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
339	Mar 26-29	Women	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
340	Apr 16-19	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
341	Apr 30-May3	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat center, Glen Rose



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

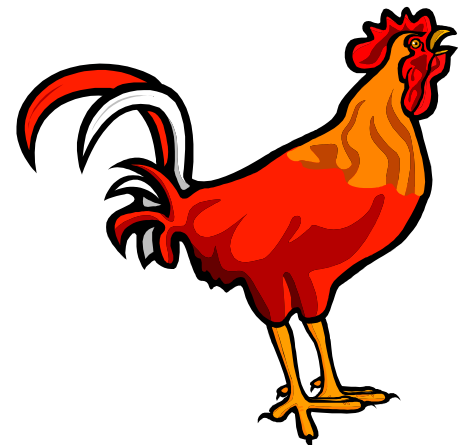
THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Shawn-Marie
Julie
Our military
Peace in our world

Any prayer concerns or changes to this list can be emailed to chilitamaria@yahoo.com.
Names will appear on this list for 1 month and then will be removed.

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

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AGAPE...AGAPE...AGAPE...

ANTI-STRESS KIT

An eraser so you can make your mistakes disappear.
A penny so you can never say I'm broke.
Marbles in case someone says you've lost your marbles.
A rubber band to stretch yourself beyond your limits.
A string to tie things together when everything falls apart.
A Hug and a Kiss to remind you that someone cares about you.

Remember Proverbs 3:5-6:

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.***



TREASURER REPORT

Round Rock Emmaus Community Checking Account:
Balance as of October 12, 2008 is \$2,081.91.

Respectfully submitted by
Michael & Regina Bohmfalk
Treasurers



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

Emmaus Central Conference Web Site

<http://www.roundrockemmaus.org>

Round Rock Community Web Site

EMMAUS GATHERING DATES

Gathering Date	Gathering Location
January 17	First UMC-RR
February 28	First UMC-RR
March 20	First UMC-RR
April 17	First UMC-RR
May 15	Journey of Faith UMC – RR
June 19	Journey of Faith UMC – RR
July 17	Journey of Faith UMC – RR
August 21	Journey of Faith UMC – RR
September 18	St. Philips UMC – RR
October 16	St. Philips UMC – RR
November 20	St. Philips UMC – RR
December 18	St. Philips UMC – RR

We will meet on the **third Thursday of the month.**
 We will begin with our Agape feast at **6:30 PM**
 with our business meeting and worship to follow at 7:00.

TRUSTED SERVANTS

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GREETINGS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Happy Fourth Day to All Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to this newsletter. Any submissions to the newsletter (articles, announcements, etc) are always welcome. The newsletter submission deadline for December will be Saturday, December 13th. Please feel free to email any submissions, questions, suggestions, or comments you may have.

The newsletter is posted on the www.roundrockemmaus.org website (no password required). We'll still be maintaining the email archive in the private area, since the messages contain individual email addresses. You can always login and check for any emails that have been sent out.

May God's grace and peace be with you in the coming month.

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