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*Sunday Worship 9:00 AM*  
*Nursery Provided*  
*Church School 10:30 AM*

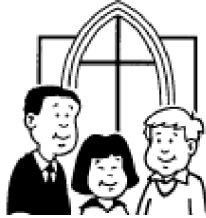
## Newsletter - May, 1998

### MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Lay Assistant: Dustin Newsom  
Ushers: Linda & Roy McConkey  
(Ushers will eat latecomers)  
Greeters: Dee Dee & Jim Young  
Acolytes: Dominic Griffo & Chris Hughes

### YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS FOR MAY:

May 3: Dustin Newsom  
May 10: Brian Wilson  
May 17: Justin Darnell  
May 24: Laura Sanchez  
May 31: Katie Rogers



### MEETINGS IN MAY:

Wed., May 13, PPRC, 6:00.  
Sun., May 17, Finance, 4:00.  
Sun., May 17, Ad. Council, 5:00.

**\*Committees need to meet regarding fund raising plans as soon as possible.**

Assuming Pastor Dave stays at this church, there will be a 6 week **Bible Study** called "God's Word for Contemporary Christians." You don't have to be "contemporary" to come and participate. Class begins on Wednesday, **May 13**, and then meets on Tuesday nights thereafter. We go from **7:00 to 8:30**. Join us!! Good discussion and fun!!

### ATTENDANCE

March 1:	70	April 5:	88
March 8:	77	Good Fri:	46
March 15:	37	Easter:Sunrise,	140; 9 a.m., 122
March 22:	92	April 19:	75
March 29:	81	April 26:	58

### Revival nights:

Sunday:	69	Monday:	55
Tuesday:	49	Wednesday:	79

### Pastor Dave's out-of-town schedule for Special Events:

May 4, Pre-Annual Conference meeting in Santa Fe from 5:30-10:00 p.m.

May 20-23, Annual Conference at Glorieta. He will not be staying there, but commuting daily to pick up messages, etc. while still participating at conference.

### To my brothers and sisters in Christ,



Words cannot express my appreciation for all the prayers, food, cards, phone calls, personal expressions of love, and for those who helped in preparation and participation in the celebration of Kenneth's life.

Kenneth loved and enjoyed the fellowship with the people. He loved God and the church. Your love has helped our family get through all the things that had to

be done. We have really been blessed.

God bless all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Moore and family.

Our prayers are with the Moores and the families of Flossie Elliott and Alan Ayers as we remember their passing. I, too, am astounded at the love and care this church family and the community have bestowed upon the loved ones left behind yet looking forward to the day of reconciliation.

*Pastor Dave*

### CHURCH WORK

There are a lot of people who continue to work on the church to improve its appearance inside and out. But, more help is needed. Please contact Roy McConkey and volunteer to finish this mission before summer.

## Revival > Review

The "On the Rock" Revival held at the church from April 19-22 was a success not only for our church but for our community. The services were truly ecumenical and truly blessed. John Barrett was touched by the sincerity of all who came to hear and participate, by the children, and by the community spirit and prayer.

The leadership of this church is to be commended for their extra energy and devotion towards making the event one in which hearts were softened and moved toward reconciliation with God and with others:

- Prayer: Angela Creamer and the Prayer Partners.
  - Organization and follow-up: John Hughes
  - Publicity: Bonnie Hughes, Bill and Barbara Simms
  - Bulletins & worship; gifts and tokens: Susan Wilson
  - Hospitality: Carolyn Moore
  - Refreshments: Linda McConkey and Ina Artman
  - Coordination of children's ministries: Julieanne Welch
  - Coaches for children: Lacy Daniel, Susan Wilson, Angela Creamer, and Peggy Blackwell.
  - Music: Morrow Hall, Ethel Floyd, The Amos Band, the Children's Choir with Julie Newsom (John Barrett said repeatedly that they were the best children's choir he had ever heard!), Alice Daniel, and The Central United Methodist (of Albuquerque) Chordsmen.
  - Nursery: Kimber Sanchez and friends and family.
- Thank you, all, for a great work of faith!!

*Pastor Dave*

Keep in prayer our new missionary friends from Cadence International, Ron and Susan Hand. They gave a wonderful testimony on their new venture to be God's servants in a Hospitality House to our overseas service men and women. They will be leaving for Germany this July. Pray for them that they would be protected and that the people they are allowed to serve would follow the Lord.

Our church is blessed to have the ministry of Prayer Partners. Once a month the Prayer Partners get together and share prayer concerns from you for the church, families, community, and the world. No demonstration of prayer prowess is necessary to be involved in this vital ministry, just a willing heart that wants more fellowship with God and a belief that He is in control is all that is necessary. The Prayer Partners meet once per month on Monday evenings. Call Angela Creamer at 384-4167 for more information.

**Keep in your prayers:**



- Agatha Garrison--health.
- Brandon York--relief from seizures.
- Jill Rogers, Justin Darnell, and Curtis Coburn--our high school seniors.
- Vera Bass--health.
- Sylvia Levy--recovery.
- Cindi Howe--spiritual and physical health,
- Katie Moore--recovery from cancer.
- Don Moore--recovery from stroke.
- Lucille Flemings--recovery from hip replacement.
- Ethel's sister Edith--strength through blindness.
- Young Followers children's group and teachers.
- The 4 confirmands.
- Christ's body at EUMC and MUMC--commitment to Christ.
- Bishop and Dist. Supts.--making pastoral appointments.
- Pastor Dave's mom, Ginny--shoulder surgery, May 7
- Peggy Blackwell--resigned job to be at home and be led by God to pursue a ministry.
- Pastor Dave--submission, servanthood, boldness with compassion.

### Counting Jesus

A little girl returning from Sunday school was asked by her grandmother how many had been in her class that day. She replied, "Counting Jesus, there were 15 of us."  
--Beatrice Plumb  
in Christian Herald

### A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

The six most important words:

**I admit that I was wrong.**

The five most important words:

**You did a great job.**

The four most important words:

**What do you think?**

The three most important words:

**Could you please...**

The two most important words:

**Thank you.**

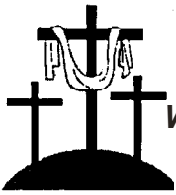
The most important word:

**We.**

The least important word:

**I.**





## WHAT IS THE WALK TO EMMAUS

**First**, the three-day Emmaus course in Christianity aims to move folks into a new understanding of commitment and discipleship. The purpose of the Walk includes a new look at the meaning of faith, an experience of God's unconditional love, and the resulting eagerness to pass along the excitement of God's love to others.

**Second**, the Emmaus reunion or follow-up groups continue the focus on love and on Christian commitment and action. The groups provide a place for spiritual growth that builds upon the experience of the Walk. These groups provide a means of accountability among people who care about each other.

**Third**, teams are built to provide the Walk to Emmaus to others. These servant teams provide another place for spiritual growth while contributing the love and excitement to others. Team members learn to share their faith, stay humble in the background, and use their gifts to spread the good news of the Kingdom.

**Fourth**, Emmaus aims to bring strength, focus, and leadership to the local churches. As Emmaus participants renew their commitment to their own personal faith, they take their message home and act in their church community. Emmaus helps to strengthen faith individually, and to bring this strength and vitality to local church programs.

**Early registration advised...**

## 'Emmaus Walks' scheduled for '98

Twenty-four *Emmaus Walks*-- nine for men and fifteen for women-- are scheduled for 1998, according to a report in the October issue of the Gallup First UMC *Chronicle*.

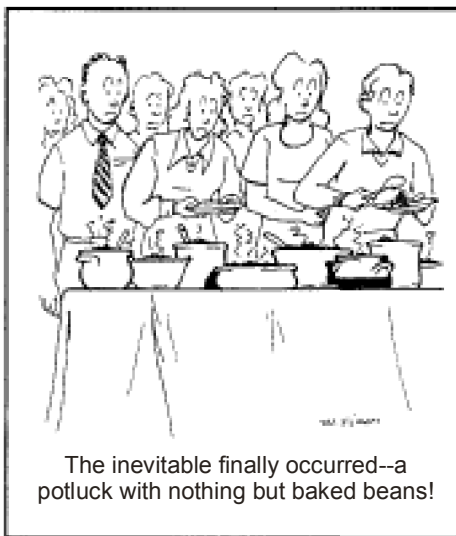
Walks for **MEN** are scheduled:

July 15-18	New Beginnings
July 23-26	Singing Hills
September 10-13	Sacramento
November 11-14	Singing Hills
November 19-22	Sacramento

Walks for **WOMEN** are scheduled:

May 7-10	Sacramento
May 21-24	Sacramento
June 11-14	Singing Hills
June 18-21	New Mexico Junior College
June 24-27	New Beginnings
August 6-9	Hesperus
August 13-16	Sacramento
September 17-20	Holy Cross
September 24-27	Sacramento
October 21-24	New Beginnings
October 21-24	Tres Rios
October 29-Nov. 1	Sacramento

Openings on many of the "walks" fill quickly. Early registration is advised.

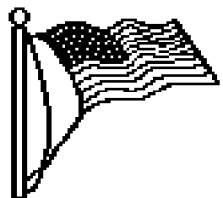


### **SPECIAL DATES**

- May Fellowship Day, May 7, 1998
- National Family Week, May 3-9, 1998
- National Day of Prayer, May 7, 1998
- Mother's Day, May 10, 1998
- Ascension Day, May 21, 1998
- Memorial Day, May 25, 1998
- Pentecost, May 31, 1998

### **MEMORIAL DAY**

Is it enough to think today  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead?



Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne

### **HEALING SERVICE**

**Sunday Evening, May 3rd at 5:00 PM**

**Potluck following at 6:15 PM**

Call Carolyn Moore for information



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