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Cassidy Cage 8/10

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Marricle 8/9

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CONTINUED REFLECTION ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS LUKE 24:13-35

Friends, in Luke 24 we see Cleopas and his wife (most likely) walking away from Jerusalem. Why? We don't know specific details but a major factor was their deep disappointment in not seeing the Risen Christ as he promised on 'the third day.' Others had seen the Resurrected Jesus, but having waited into the afternoon, they decide to leave and head home. I imagine their heads are down, feet shuffling, they kick a rock here or there--it may have been a long, silent walk. But, this is not the end of the story. Just like Cleopas and his wife, we from time to time walk away too soon. We expected to meet Jesus at Church--doesn't feel like it. We looked forward to a passion-filled Bible Study--three show up and one has to leave early. We plan a church workday--you show up--you--only you. Well, except Saturday when we had plenty of friends show up!!!! Thanks. But, those moments sometimes feel few and far between. The story hasn't changed.

However, even though we walk away from the place where Jesus promised to come and meet us, Jesus still seeks us out according to his own time-line. As the story goes, the pair ends up inviting Jesus for supper. Note: Big things happen when we see Jesus, Gospel, food, and his family (that's us!). Cleopas and his wife invited Jesus to supper; Jesus gave thanks, tore in half the tortillas, and then revealed himself. Inviting Jesus to stay with you is the first step in spiritual awakening. When you see and recognize Jesus in his glorious presence, you gotta go back to Jerusalem. You can't *not* go back. Your heart is burning within you. That's what we read next. Cleopas, his wife (kids?), make the dangerous journey back to ministry. It all started with inviting Jesus, sharing the Gospel, and plenty of good food and fellowship. It works. The story hasn't changed. Try it with your family this week. Great things happen when we find Jesus, the Gospel, food, and his family.

See you next week! Invite a friend or five!

Pastor Brooks

ABOUT OUR NEW PASTOR BROOKS MORTON



Rev. Brooks Morton is an ordained Full Elder of The UMC in the NWTX-CONF. Brooks graduated from Bullard HS (but lived in Teaselville). Following high school, Brooks graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute (no, he is not a veteran), then returned to College Station and Texas A&M University where he earned a BS in Agricultural Development. At TAMU, Brooks was called into pastoral/teaching ministry. Upon graduation, he moved to Wilmore, KY to attend Asbury Theological Seminary. While at ATS, Brooks met Kristin Shamburger of Lubbock via a mutual friend. They married in 2002, and in the following year, Ethan was born (2003). While at ATS, Brooks earned the Master of Divinity and the Master of Theology in World Mission & Evangelism. Upon graduating, the Mortons returned home to begin ministry in NWTX. Since 2004, Brooks has been appointed to Anson (2004), Shallowater (2007), Idalou (2010-2018), Benjamin & Knox City (2020). While in Shallowater, Wyatt & J.D. were born (2009). Brooks is excited to begin a new year of ministry with FUMC Muleshoe, working alongside Angela Carter and the many gifted Lay Methodists of Muleshoe.

Some other things to know about Brooks ... Brooks is currently completing his Ph.D. in Theology at the University of Birmingham (UK) but is more proud of working in Wireline Perforation for 14 months--actually--surviving the roads around Pecos, TX (HWY 285). Yes, he had some very close calls. The Mortons love to hike, camp, and ski in the mountains, pilgrimage to Possum Kingdom, and pour their lives into Ethan, Wyatt, and J.D. Ethan has a fish, all claim the cats (Ladyflower and Prince the Cat), but first in their hearts is their beloved Mini-Schnauzer, Heidi Happy Morton. Brooks, and Kristin when possible, look forward to serving FUMC Muleshoe, but most importantly, building life-long, lasting friendships.

- Thank you! -

A special thanks you to those who put in hard work on the church landscape. It looks amazing and we are grateful for your service.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Educators, administrators, building and maintenance teams for Muleshoe ISD
Jeremy Combs
The family of Harrol Redwine, Susan Cage's father
The family of Dewey Moore
The family of Maxine Rogers
Tom Carter had hip replacement
Berta Combs
Bonnie Carpenter
Mary Nell Bleeker
Margaret Burhman
Those affected by Coronavirus
Carolyn Johnson
Judy Hubbard, wife of former longtime Earth UMC Pastor Gary
Becky Hocksbergen
Maurine Hooten
Barbara Blackman
Bettye Noble
Jo Jinks
Judy Lambert has moved to Promise Land at 4003 87th Lubbock
Pat Nickels
J. W. Herington
Our Church
The youth and their leaders
Marshal & Ann Head
Sally Ellis
Leonardo Aviles
Kearney Scoggin
The Women Removing Barriers Sanctuary in Muleshoe for women and children
Buck & Lynn Campbell
Winn Cantwell
Debbie Treider and her mother Joy Coston
Marjorie Morgan, mother of Pam Thomason
America, our President, and all of our governmental elected and appointed officials, and world leaders
Lewis Wayne & Wanda Shafer
Gladys Black
Luke Siegel of Lubbock
Deke Kendrick of Friona, Sally Messenger's mother
Walter Marie Boness
Molly Anthony of Portales, mother of Mark Anthony
All residents of Parkview
11 year old Ernie Toscano of Muleshoe
Wanda Cockerham
Randy Smith of Lazbuddie
Our Military and their families: Brad Henry, Judd Glover, Treg Box, Morgan Young, Landon Leschper
Sandy & Royce Turner



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