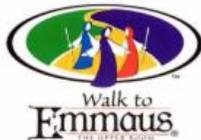


# Rainbow Bend

Coastal Bend Emmaus and Kairos



August 2016 News

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**From the Lay Director**

**THERE ARE NO DO-OVERS?**

About 30 years ago during a phone conversation, my wife, Frances, was talking with my sister, Mary Lou, about life and "do-overs" in life - you see, my sister was dying of cancer. Frances asked her if there was anything she would do differently if she could have some "do-overs"? Immediately she said yes, "I would tell my family that I love them more often." (She and her husband had four daughters ranging in age from about seventeen to twenty five.) From that day until she died in 2009, Frances ended most personal phone conversations with "I love you" - especially if she was talking with a family member. Our kids, a son and daughter, now 42 and 40, respectively, picked up that habit from Frances. It is rare to end a phone conversation with either one of them without an "I love you" exchange.

I think about that simple but very important declaration that "I love you", often. It came to mind just this past Sunday while studying 1 Peter 3:8 in Sunday School. It says, "...with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." (NRSV) The message to me is that time is flying by, literally. We are already in the second half of 2016 and it seems as though it just started a week or so ago. Don't put off until tomorrow things that can be done today - especially telling someone that you love them. We don't know when our lives will end and we don't want to leave this world and the people in it, especially those we care deeply about, without telling them at every opportunity that we love them. There are no "do-overs"!

When was the last time you told your family and friends that you love them?

De Colores,  
Jim Schuchardt

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## REUNION GROUPS

To find a Reunion Group, or find one that

## ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT JUNE GATHERING

In case you missed this, the following announcements were made and discussed at June Gathering:

- The Rio-Texas Conference Emmaus & Chrysalis Board of Directors in San Antonio has been dissolved effective July 1, 2016.
- Our Covenant with them is no longer in existence either. To sponsor new Walks we will be agreeing to a Covenant with the Upper Room in Nashville.
- Transition time to do this, become a 501 (C) 3 and obtain our own D&O and Liability Insurance, will be until January 1, 2017.
- Our name officially now becomes Coastal Bend Emmaus **Community instead of Fourth Day Group.**
- In June our local Board voted to change to an Annual year of accounting instead of the June to May Fiscal one we have been using.
- The local Board also voted to extend the current Lay Director position another 6 months along with the Immediate Past Lay Director (who is a voting mentor role).
- The Immediate Past LD was appointed by the Board CLD to a role of keeping the local Walks in compliance with the Upper Room requirements as we go forward.
- The five new members you voted on will have an additional 6 months to serve until their terms expire in the given year they were voted on.
- By Laws will have to be changed to delete all reference to Southwest Texas and/or Rio-Texas Conference affiliations, adding guidance references to the Upper Room Ministries, annual year instead of fiscal year accounting, nominating time and elections months to reflect annual year terms of office for board members, addition of job descriptions for all new volunteer coordination positions needed to accomplish the work of supporting the Emmaus Movement in our area.

By Law changes will be made in the fall and after Board approval presented to the membership electronically or at a Gathering for Ratification.

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### **Sponsorship**

is an act of  
Love...  
For God,  
for the pilgrims,  
for the church  
and for the  
Coastal Bend  
Emmaus.  
It is a  
demonstration  
of Agape love.  
It is making oneself  
an instrument of  
prevenient Grace.  
Prayerfully become  
someone's sponsor  
today.

### **FORWARD THIS NEWSLETTER**

We would like to make sure you and your friends are receiving the Rainbow Bend Newsletter. If you got this one, please send to all your friends who have been on a Walk to Emmaus. They may be in our database, but have their "Spam Blocker" on. Please ask them to add [cbemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:cbemmaus@gmail.com) to their address book so the newsletter will go directly to their

If you have questions or comments on any of these announcements you can address them to us at [cbemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:cbemmaus@gmail.com)

### **CLERGY NOTES**

"Human Cords"

"... it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love." Hosea 11: 3-4a

Hosea was prophet during a turning point in Israel's history. As a nation, Israel (the northern kingdom) was about to disappear from history, ground under the heel of invading Assyrian troops in 721 B.C. Hosea's prophecies were filled with judgement, as the nation had forsaken God, and turned to gods of their own making.

Then, in Hosea 11, his words turn tender and almost motherly. This text from Hosea 11 was one that I translated from the Hebrew, and what is in English "I led them with cords of human kindness", is actually translated literally, "I led them with cords of humanity," or "cords of human flesh."

Two images immediately come to my mind. One is that of a mother, loving the child within her womb, connected with an umbilical cord (a cord of human flesh). Fathers can vicariously enjoy pregnancy, but mothers have a real, tangible link to their child. God's love for us is like that!

Second, I am reminded of another "cord of flesh", articulated well in John 1: "... and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us." God's love for us is so deep, so profound, that God has bound us to Himself with this human cord, non other than His Son.

We need to be reminded that, God will be faithful, period. Our task is to be faithful to God in all things.

No matter how the presidential election turns out. No matter what circumstances change in our day to day lives. No matter what tomorrow brings. God binds us with "cords of humanity" - - and will never let go.

De Colores



### AGAPE NEEDS FOR WALKS

Bottled Water, Bottled Teas and Sodas (include diet drinks) individual size,

Sweet and Salty Treats, Chocolate and Cookies, Health Snacks like Granola Bars, etc., Washed and Cut Veggies, and Fresh Fruits.

**Reminders:** Dining Room and Pillow Agape **must NOT have names of individuals on it.**

Use only Reunion Group names or Church Groups names such as Prayer Team, etc.

Names of Churches may be used and articles may also be anonymous.

*Thank you for your love and support to the Pilgrims and Teams. Don't forget your presence is vital to successful Candlelights & Closings. Can we count on you?*

## KAIROS OUTSIDE MINISTRY

Kairos Outside is having a rummage sale to benefit the September 23rd-25th weekend. We are still in need of donations. Furniture, household goods, clothing and toys or anything else you would like to rid your attic and garage of would be appreciated. The rummage sale will be in August on Friday the 12th from 7-2 and Saturday the 13th from 7-3 at Portland United Methodist Church. Drop off date is on Thursday the 11th from 3 to 7 pm. You can contact Tina Ramirez at 717-491-4401 or email at [hollaatpenee@gmail.com](mailto:hollaatpenee@gmail.com)

Can't make the rummage sale? Come on over to Covenant Baptist Church Corpus Christi on Saturday August the 27th from 8-11 and get your car washed by the Covenant Youth Group. Tell all you know and lets give the woman a great weekend. We are still looking for guest.



## SAVE THE DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Community Gathering  
Saturday, September 17, 2016  
6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

Covenant Baptist Church  
Communion ~ Fellowship ~ Good Food ~ Great Music

Bring Cover Dish Items as follows:

- A - G Side Dishes, Veggies or Salad
- H - P Main (Meat) Dish
- Q - Z Desserts, Fruits or Breads

Community Gatherings are for all persons who have been on an Emmaus Walk and for anyone interested in finding out about the

Walk to Emmaus.



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