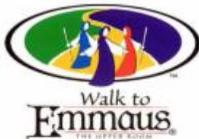


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From the Lay Director

CHOICES

The first talk on a Kairos weekend is Choices. Just one choice can change your life forever. Think about that. Your life today is what your choices have made it. To the men and women in prison, they obviously made some bad choices. But with new choices they can change the direction of their lives. We can do the same. That offers tremendous hope for a better tomorrow.

Your life-changing choice may be to change jobs, to finish your education, to stop drinking, to start a business, to lose weight, to be on a Kairos or an Emmaus team - to name just a few. You could make any one of those choices today and it will change your life.

Sometimes it's a different kind of choice. It can be to not quit, to not give up in the face of adversity. We've all been there. The two men who wrote Chicken Soup for the Soul received 77 rejections for their book before the 78th publisher took it. The rest is history. They went on to sell over 100 million copies. After each rejection they had a choice - to quit or press on.

Sometimes it takes courage to make a choice. If you have the courage to make it, you are only one choice away from changing your life.

De Colores!!!

Jim Schuchardt

Clergy Notes

Grateful for Grace

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians

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REUNION GROUPS

To find a Reunion
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fits your schedule,
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Wanda Matthews
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November 2016 marks the third year of my release from the hospital following an illness that nearly took my life. We had a fire at the church, and although the damage to the church was minimal, I inhaled toxic fumes, and within a week I was in ICU, on a ventilator, and things didn't look good. Suddenly, my condition reversed, and I began to recover. At the first part of November, I went to rehab, and basically "started over again." I commented once to my wife, "I'm being paid to learn how to walk again!"

While in rehab, I began a discipline that I continue to this day. The moment I wake up, I take a deep breathe, and thank God for bringing me into a new day. I breathe in God's Spirit, and remember God kneeling over that first being formed from the dust of the earth, breathing the Spirit of life into Adam. I breathe, remember, and give thanks.

My first Thanksgiving following my hospital stay found my family seated around a table heaped with a great feast. But, best of all, my children, their spouses, and my wife were all together. I was asked to give thanks. I bowed my head, tears of joy running down my face, and I prayed, simply, "Thank you. Thank you for breath. Thank you for grace. Amen." There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Thank you, Lord!
De Colores
Greg Hackett

KAIROS OUTSIDE MINISTRY

Kairos Outside of Corpus Christi has just completed our #13 weekend on September 23-25, 2016.

Our next Reunion is on October 22, 2016 at First United Methodist Church of Corpus Christi on Ocean Drive from 11-2.

We are always looking for guests, agape of all types, and your prayers to further our ministry. Our next weekend will be #14 on September 22-



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 to their address book so the newsletter will go directly to their inbox.

24, 2017. You can contact Kairos Outside of Corpus Christi at kairosoutsidecc@gmail.com or Kairos Outside of Corpus Christi
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REUNION GROUPS FORMING

After Walk #1843, several men expressed the desire to form some new Men's Reunion Groups. If you are interested in getting in on a new group call them and get the details. Michael Womack 361-834-6413, James Vaughn 361- 815-6162 and Max Walker 361-633-1422.

If you are interested in forming a new group, male, female or mixed we will be glad to help you get it started. Just contact us at cbemmaus@gmail.com and tell us your contact information so we can call you. There is a list on the web site

coastalbendemmaus.org under the Reunion Groups link on the right side of the home page.

National and International Wall Agape

During the walk week-end, participants are shown letters from Walk to Emmaus communities from around the country and sometimes around the world. Maybe you remember viewing them posted during your pilgrim walk. These letters, which are often highly decorated, are signed by Fourth-Day or Next Step Groups. Board members and community members express their prayer and support for the particular weekend. Reading these letters enables pilgrims to realize that the body of Christ extends through agape love across the earth. General agape letters are posted in a community area of the facility so that they can be easily viewed during the week-end.

Remember doing projects on your pilgrim walk? Well we have a project for your Reunion Group. We would like to post these kinds of wall agape from our local Reunion Groups at the 2017 walks. Start talking about it now. It can be something you design on your computer or something a talented member of your Reunion Group draws. Each member can write their prayer, wishes and/or just sign their names. Make it unique and



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?

something that expresses your group. Or you might just want to make it a letter. Maybe each member of your group would share what their walk meant to them. Remember the limited space you have and short paragraphs are best when reading things on a wall.

Contact us at cbemmaus@gmail.com for more information or to tell us you want in on this exciting project for next year's walks.

Here ye here ye!

The committee for nominations is looking to nominate an individual to a term up to 3 years on the board of directors. The catch is.....they must have been on a Walk to Emmaus, attend a church, has some basic accounting skills, and willing to be the Treasurer from Jan 1, 2017 to Dec. 31st 2017. If you have questions, are the person we are looking for or know a person like that please email us immediately at cbemmaus@gmail.com

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