

Rainbow Bend

Coastal Bend Emmaus, Chrysalis & Kairos



January

January News

CBE Board of Directors



From the Lay Director

I want to thank all of you for your prayers in 2014. Prayers for sponsors, pilgrims, teams, Walks, our Board of Directors, Gatherings and our overall well being. We ended the year feeling pretty darn good about all that happened. We had our Ups and Downs, but we knew all along that it would not have happened if we did not put God in Control.

Emmaus is all about being *Anonymous Servants*. Servants for the Lord of all Lords. It is not about how great a talk we gave or how well we sang or how well we led a discussion or if we sponsored a pilgrim. It is all about being the candle for the light of Jesus. After a Walk people may not even remember our name or even know our name. That's how it should be. All of us are called to be *Anonymous Servants*, not just the Outside Team (Angels and Chas), all of us!

We are excited to begin 2015 with recruitment right now for the Men's Walk July 30th-Aug 2nd and the Women's Walk August 27th- Aug 30th. Not all the leadership team is in place but I can tell you the Men's Walk will be led by Bill Beck. The Board Rep will be Harold Bjella. The Women's Walk will be led by Gale Bridgeman and the Board Rep will be Pam Cantu. They all are looking forward to getting the team together as soon as possible and start having their meetings.

I encourage you to get a new team Application in right now if you want to be a part of these great teams!

There are other ways to be *Anonymous Servants* in 2015. Just check out articles in this newsletter and contact me. (361-993-4030 or cell 361-739-9474) Let's talk about your interests and your skills and your heart to serve.

In the meantime, we covet your prayers for all the Coastal Bend Emmaus events and activities in the New Year. Make it a point to get out and connect with your brothers and sisters in Christ this New Year. Come to the Gatherings. We would love to break bread with you again.

DeColores!
Judi Oestreich

Commitment for the New Year

I read about a minister who was given the honor of preaching at an important meeting of the denomination. Just before she was to start her sermon she was seen to be looking anxiously around the congregation. The host pastor whispered to her, "What's the problem? Is there someone here who's heard the sermon before?" "No," replied the minister, "I was looking to see if there's someone who hasn't heard the story before!"

The two Emmaus pilgrims in the text no doubt had walked their road many times before. Yet this day would be different, for it was their time for a life-changing encounter with their Lord.

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As we also experience God, the Holy Spirit can draw near to us at any time. The ways of God aren't always obvious, so we must be open to allow God to enlighten our understanding, to take us into a new level in our spiritual experience. The Walk to Emmaus invokes that possibility.

So, how many times have you read or heard the Luke passage about the two pilgrims on a journey? As part of the Emmaus Community, one of our tasks is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us to sponsor pilgrims in 2015 who may never have heard this story before. Encourage others to sponsor pilgrims. As a community let's commit to fill this new calendar with pilgrims for the two walks. The walks are a progressive and bold commitment by our board for developing Christian leadership in the Coastal Bend.

Therefore I pray for the new 2015 pilgrims who will be on the journey to Emmaus, for you and I as we improve our commitment and live out the charge that "Christ is counting on you." And I pray for us as the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community as we move by the power of the Holy Spirit in faith and action into and through 2015.

DeColores
Rev. Linda Baumheckel
Assistant Spiritual Director

**Coastal Bend Emmaus
Community Gathering**



**January 24, 2015
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Asbury UMC
7501 South Staples St
(enter parking lot on Yorktown Blvd)
Corpus Christi, Texas 78413**

Join us for Communion ~Fellowship
Good Food ~ Great Music

Bring Cover Dish Items as follows:

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

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REUNION GROUPS

To find a Reunion Group, or
find one that fits your
schedule, contact:

Don't Forget to BRING

Walk Name Tag, Cross & Lanyard and
Purple Worship Books

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.

Love Offering will be collected.

TEAM SELECTION BEGINS TO SELECT IN JAN

*The Team Selection Committee will be selecting
persons for positions on the 2015 Walks from the
information on the NEW applications for the 2015
Walks.*

Please submit them now.

MAKE A COPY BEFORE YOU MAIL IT. Applications can be found
on www.coastalbendemmaus.org and should be mailed to:

**Coastal Bend Emmaus, Team Selection, Post Office Box
273, Corpus Christi, TX 78403.**

You may have not moved recently but Email addresses and
phone numbers often change! Your contact information is put
on the master data base, but we may NOT have record of the
talks you have given or all the positions you have served in
the past. If you have trouble remembering your history you
may find the information on the website under Walk History
link and especially in past newsletters.

***Team Meetings will begin early for the 2015 Walks so
send that info right now if you want to be a part of
these teams***

Nominations for 2015/2016

The Nominating Committee will meet in about a month to
start recruiting qualified persons to serve on the Coastal Bend
Emmaus Board of Directors. Terms of service can be one, two
or three years.

***Do you have a passion for the Emmaus Movement and
desire to serve other than as a member of a Walk
Team?***

***Do you know someone who has been on a Walk, has a
servant heart, served on Walk Teams and now wants to
support in other ways?***

Beside the normal officer positions such as Lay Director,
Assistant Lay Director, Spiritual Director, Secretary and
Treasurer there are many Coordinator positions needed. Skills,
talents and interests such as working computer knowledge in
Word and Excel, record keeping, minute taking, accounting,
music background, love of Agape, organizing events, writing
articles (like this one) liaison to other groups, and so much

Wanda Matthews

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Prayer Vigil



Sign up for the Prayer Vigil for upcoming Walks

UPCOMING EVENTS



GATHERINGS

January 24, 2015
Asbury UMC

March 21, 2015
St Paul UMC

May 23, 2015
Kelsey Memorial UMC



WALKS

Women's Walk

Aug 27-30 2015
May 26-29 2016
Oct 6-9 2016

Men's Walk

more.

There is a place for you or someone you know.

You can check out the positions in our BYLAWS which can be found on the website. <http://www.coastalbendemmaus.org>
Send your nominations (yourself or others) along with skills to

Judi Oestreich, Lay Director

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Deadline to submit a name is February 15th

And don't forget to send contact information along with names!

SAVE THE DATE FOR WALK/FLIGHT TRAINING

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015

Location: First United Methodist Church
900 South Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi, Texas

Time: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Cost: \$0.00

Facillator: Greg Ashby (Emmaus LD, Rio Texas Conference Board)

Description: Training Lay Directors, Board Reps and Spiritual Directors Leadership teams for Emmaus/Chrysalis. The Walk/Flight Leadership Training is required for all incoming Lay Directors and Board Reps and Spiritual Directors. Lay Directors and Board Reps need to attend training within 15 months of serving; Spiritual Directors need to attend training at least once every 3 years. However WFLT is open to anyone interested in learning more about Leadership.

This is a great time for the Lay Directors, Board Reps, and Spiritual Directors to develop effective Communication and Leadership skills. The outside support coordinators are invited to attend as well.

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

The Bible, the only source of absolute divine authority, will inform you of God's mind and will for your life (2 Timothy 3:16-17). That is surely reason enough to study God's Word. The Bible remains the only source of divine revelation and power that can sustain you as a Christian in your walk with God. The Bible is the source of:

- Truth: "Sanctify them by Your truth; Your word is truth" ([John 17:17](#)).
- God's blessing: "But He said, 'More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it'"

July 30-Aug 2 2015
July 28-31 2016



Love. Grow. Serve.

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.

Testimonies Wanted.

We are updating the coastalbendemmas.org website and are looking for very short testimonies to put on several pages. Send your comments in 25 to 50

([Luke 11:28](#)).

- Victory: "...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" ([Eph. 6:17](#)).
- Growth: "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" ([1 Pet. 2:2](#)).
- Power: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" ([Rom. 1:16](#)).
- Guidance: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" ([Ps. 119:105](#)).

So make God a promise to study His Word regularly in the "New Year." You will be blessed by this course of Christian Action.

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

Revelation 1:3 (NIV)



Happy 2015 from the Coastal Bend Emmaus Board!

words with your first name only and Walk Number to cbemmaus@gmail and put *website testimony* in the subject line.

ARTICLES FOR RAINBOW BEND

If you have an article you would like to see published, in the Rainbow Bend newsletter, please submit it to us

at cbemmaus@gmail.com by the 20th of the month in which you want it included.

Articles are subject to approval by the Community Lay Director and the Newsletter Coordinator.

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