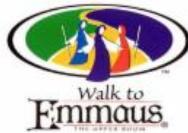


Rainbow Bend

Coastal Bend Emmaus, Chrysalis & Kairos



MARCH

Decorative elements including yellow and orange flowers and butterflies are integrated into the letters of the word "MARCH".

March News

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REGISTER NOW FOR WALK/FLIGHT TRAINING

Board of Directors



Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015

We would like all LD's, SDs, ALDs, Head Servants, Board Reps and Board members to sign up now for this training.

Link to register is <https://umcdata.net/riotx>

and you don't have to make an account. Register as a guest. You can search on next page with event code WFLT.

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)

WFLT is open to anyone interested in learning more about Leadership roles on the Walks to Emmaus.

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.

From the Lay Director

I have been giving a lot of thought to the words ANONYMOUS SERVANTS lately. We always use this terminology when we start talking about putting together a walk team. Did you know that there are thousands upon thousands of unnamed people in the Bible? Many of them can be called "God's Anonymous Servants." Too often we focus our attention on the greater characters of the Bible. While full consideration is always given to those God called into the limelight, we should not ignore others who remain in the shadow of obscurity or anonymity.

Some people who come to mind are "The Jailer" who was going to kill himself in Acts 16:25-34, "The Samaritan Woman" who met Jesus at the well in John 4:7-26, "The Wise Men" whose number was not given in scripture but we recognize the traditional notion of 3 from the gifts they brought in Matthew 2:1-12, "The Blind Men" who shouted when they recognized the King outside Jericho in Matthew 20:29-34, "The Exorcist" who was a true believer in Mark 9:38-41, "The One Leper" out of the Ten Jesus healed who returned to praise Him in Luke 17:11-19, "The Eunuch" who was baptized by Philip in Acts 8:34-40, and of course "The Seventy Disciples" who were commissioned by the Lord and sent out before Him in Luke 10:1-16.

Gideon's three hundred men, valiant heroes all, deserve to be named but appear among the unknown servants of the Lord. We cannot help but wonder why

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there are so many anonymous servants. Tradition has given them names such as the Wise Men, the Rich Ruler, the Two Thieves and so on, but scripture is silent as to their identify. Is there a lesson to be learned from such obscurity?

Their value lies in the silent witness of sheer goodness, integrity of character, and their faith in God. These stories should remind us that God knows who we are and our names are not important when we serve any role in Emmaus. It's not about us. It's not about making a name for ourselves. It's not about how great a talk we gave or how well we sang or led a discussion or sponsored a pilgrim. It is about seeing Jesus on that road and having our hearts burn within us. It's about letting the light of Jesus shine through our words, in our churches, our home circles, our everyday lives. People may not remember our name or even know our name. Jesus is the name above all names. He is counting on you! We are called to be anonymous servants.

DeColores!
Judi Oestreich

TEAM SELECTION

Leadership is in place for the 2015 Walks to Emmaus. We are now recruiting inside and outside team members. If you are willing to serve please email your Name, Address, All contact numbers, and past Walk History (positions). You can reach us by email at the following addresses: cbemmaus@gmail.com or the Community Lay Director at Judi1022@sbcglobal.net. Tell us if you are willing to work inside or outside. If you have ever given a talk please tell us which one and let us know if you are willing to do a different talk this time. We need this information now. Please!

Walk #1800 for Men July 30th - Aug 2nd and Walk #1804 for Women Aug 27th - Aug 30th 2015. If you have any questions feel free to call Judi Oestreich, Lay Director, Coastal Bend Emmaus, at 361-993-4030 (Home) or 361-739-9474 (Cell).

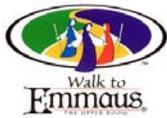
Information and applications for team and pilgrims can be found at our website

www.coastalbendemmaus.org.

Clergy Notes

When I was a young teen-ager my parents decided that our vacation trip would be to Nashville, Tennessee. A Tour Book from AAA highlighted some of the "must see" places in Nashville. One of the suggested sites was the chapel at The Upper Room. I can still close my eyes and see the beautiful wood carving of the Last Supper. (The Tour Book was right and if you ever visit Nashville schedule time to go to the chapel.)

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REUNION GROUPS

To find a Reunion Group, or
find one that fits your

Little did I know then that one day I would be a resident of Nashville and drive by The Upper Room on a regular basis. I would get to know some of the people on the staff. I would use the daily devotional "The Upper Room." But I only heard vague conversations about the Walk to Emmaus...until I moved from Nashville to Corpus Christi!

When I arrived several members of the church said to me, "Sometime you will want to do the Walk to Emmaus." One member even handed me a list of the church members who had participated in the weekend retreat.

Let me give you a glimpse into a pastor's mind. No pastor wants to lose a member of the church for any reason, yet it happens. One guy takes up fishing, buys a boat, and rarely gets to church anymore. A grandmother starts babysitting for her grandchild and moves to the church where her children attend. An old codger gets mad at some denominational policy and leaves the local church in protest. As a pastor you both understand and fret over every one of those occurrences. There is a bit of the pastor's ego that says, "If I had been a better minister Joe/Tammy would have stayed."

In the ears of some ministers the Walk to Emmaus sounds like a slippery slide sending people out the door of "my" church. Sunday morning worship cannot recreate the combination of emotion, energy, and insight that comes from a three day retreat. "What if someone goes on a Walk to Emmaus and finds the local church disappointing by comparison?"

As I looked down that list of people who had gone on the Walk I immediately realized that all of the people were deeply involved in the life of the church. The Walk to Emmaus had not sent them off looking for a more powerful spiritual experience; it had glued them into the life of this congregation.

Sign me up! Walk 1398. I had a great experience with a group of great guys. I love running into them at HEB, or Whataburger, or at a Hooks Baseball game

I have served on several teams as an Assistant Spiritual Director and this July will be the Spiritual Director for Walk 1800. I look forward to meeting a bunch of guys and helping with a program that will glue them into the life of a local church. I know that these men will become more fully engaged in their own church and make the life of their pastor that much easier.

Rev. Allen Mosiman

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Prayer Vigil



Sign up for the
Prayer Vigil for
upcoming Walks

UPCOMING EVENTS



GATHERINGS

March 21, 2015
St Luke's UMC

May 23, 2015
Kelsey Memorial UMC

July 18, 2015
Parkway Presbyterian
Team Consecration

Sept 26, 2015
Covenant Baptist

Nov 14, 2015
Asbury UMC
**Bring food for
church pantry**



WALKS

SD Men's Walk #1800

Kairos - Transforming Lives

The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of the incarcerated, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens. The word Kairos is a Greek word meaning in "God's Special Time" or in the "Fullness of Time". This ministry gives the participants an opportunity to re-consider their life choices and helps inmates take responsibility for their actions. It's like a front row seat at a miracle.

The first Kairos, which was #1 in Texas, took place in 1995. The teams are made up of about 30 volunteers who go inside presenting the structured program to 42 inmates and about 20 who work at a local facility on the outside preparing agape and prayer support. Over the last 20 years there is evidence that the Kairos ministry has changed the entire personality of that institution. Kairos at McConnell has brought the light of Christ to a very dark place.

Kairos #39 will take place on April 23-26th 2015 at the McConnell Unit in Beeville, Texas. Team meetings are in progress NOW. Next meeting #4 is March 7th starting at 8:30 AM (Drop in and introduce yourself). Meetings are in room 223, First United Methodist Church at 900 South Shoreline Dr. in Corpus Christi.

Men and women team members are both needed. It's not too late for new participants to become a team member! For more information contact Jim Schuchardt at 361-533-0696.

Kairos Outside

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to share with you a little about how Kairos Outside has impacted my life. On my weekend, I experienced God's love and grace in an entirely new way. I felt like I was part of a new family. I met a lot of new friends and was able to share my life with others and feel safe about it. I learned to listen to others and share their life.

The prayer time was my quiet time with God. It created an opportunity for a relationship with God and fostered spiritual growth it also created an opportunity to pray for the other guests and team members.

As the weekend draws to a close you begin to wonder how all of this came about. It seems so organized. So you start asking questions and find out that there are reunions and small support group meetings as a way of continuing the support and to be able to socialize and be able to stay connected. Also you have an opportunity to be a team member.

Men's Walk 1800
July 30-Aug 2 2015
LD: TBD
SD: Rev. Allen Mosiman
Board Rep: Harold Bjella

Women's Walk 1804
Aug 27-30 2015
LD: Gale Bridgeman
SD: Rev. Beth Tatum
Board Rep: Pam Cantu

2016 Walks:
Women's May 26-29
Men's July 28-31
Women's Oct 6-9

CANDLELIGHTS/ CLOSINGS

Men's Walk 1800

Candlelight
Aug 1, 2015
Closing
Aug 2, 2015

Women's Walk 1804

Candlelight
Aug 29, 2015
Closing
Aug 30, 2015



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.

As a team member you help to encourage and support one another in a Christian community. As small support groups form and as everyone meets and begins to share their thoughts and feelings they learn more about each other as well as themselves. They learn to share and love each other. If you are interested in bringing your special gifts and being a committed servant of God's grace and love, Kairos Outside, the reunion and support groups are a great place to start.

If you are interested in being a team member or finding or forming a support group, contact Jennifer Chapman at 361-816-6397 or jenmac10@gmail.com

We will have forth coming information about our upcoming reunion and our next weekend will be July 31-Aug 2, 2015.

Hope to see you there!!
Earlene Champion

We have partnered with Schwan Foods to raise needed funds for our upcoming Kairos Outside weekend. Guests come free of any fees. If you want to help us and you are already a Schwan customer just put our code (47488) in at checkout and we will get a donation of 20% of your total bill. If you buy a \$25 eGift Card (which can be used for yourself) we will get \$10. Follow this link to see how we are doing. Thank you in advance for supporting our cause.

<https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/19141>

Jennifer Chapman Kairos Outside #12

Praying for the Walk to Emmaus

Your prayers for the team and pilgrims are an essential part of each Walk weekend. In fact, the Walk cannot start until all 72 hours are covered in prayer! You may pray from your home, work or where ever you are. Begin by asking God to clear your mind of all outside distractions. Place all of your thoughts and your spirit with the people and the event that you have come to Him to bless. Be silent a few seconds and begin to feel His presence with you. Pray as if you are talking to your best friend . . . you are! Ask Him to bless with His spirit the building, the grounds and all things used to bring those present to an awareness of Him.

Pray for the lay director, if not by name, by duty. He/She must walk in His Spirit for anything that they may be called upon to solve.

Pray for the assistant lay directors in much the same way.

Pray for the spiritual director that he/she may truly be an instrument of His Spirit.

Pray for the assistant spiritual directors in much the same way.

Pray for the Board Representative that he/she may have the courage to keep the purity of the event and let personalities keep them from doing what they promised God they will do.

Pray for the speakers. Pray that they remember Whom they



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 coastalbendemmaus.org website and are looking for very short testimonies to put on several pages. Send your comments in 25 to 50 words with your first name only and Walk Number to cbemmaus@gmail.com 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.

Please do not send materials or articles that have a copyright.

Emmaus Etiquette Etc.

represent; lay down self, and glorify God.

Pray for the talks ... for the message it is to give, for the giver, and for each person who hears, that they may hear according to their need.

Pray for the musicians, that their music may bring God's message and soothe the troubled souls.

Pray for the pilgrims, that they be open to miracles and blessings, and for all the conditions known to **God**.

Pray for the cooks and all the ministers in unrecognized ways.

Pray for the fun and fellowship that will warm hearts and keep focused on God.

Pray for the team assistants that they do not tire. Pray for their renewed strength.

Pray for all the agape gifts, for the hands that made them, and the blessing they bring.

Pray for the special times that will forever be a part of the Pilgrim's Fourth Day life.

And, lastly, give it all to our Lord and Friend, who sees and knows, asking for His blessing and presence with everyone connected -- not only those mentioned, but families, and the change for the church and community.

End by praising and thanking God for the opportunity He has given you to talk to Him on behalf of His children. AMEN.

God Heals. Not Prayer

God heals, not prayer. A matter of semantics? No. If you think the power is in the prayer and not the One who hears the prayer, you fault the pray-er for unanswered prayer. *"If I had prayed more, better, differently. . ."*

The power of prayer is in the One who hears it, not the one who makes it. So if you are waiting on God to answer your prayer, don't despair. We need to remember that many of God's saints endured a time of unanswered prayer. Peter was in a storm before he walked on water. Lazarus was in a grave before he came out of it, the demoniac was possessed before he was a preacher, and the paralytic was on a stretcher before he was in your Bible.

We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. Please don't interpret the presence of your disease as the absence of God's love. I pray he heals you. And he will-ultimately! Till then- keep praying.

From Max Lucado's book "Max on Life

* Please invite family and friends to Closing, but not to Candlelight (unless they have attended a 3-day spiritual week-end).

* You may put your church name, prayer group, reunion group or a scripture verse on agape, but not personal names.

* Please do not give gifts to pilgrims at Candlelight or Closing.

* Please refrain from reaching out to hug pilgrims at Candlelight, but by all means return a hug.

* Please consider supporting Emmaus by praying, providing agape and/or serving on a team.

* Prayer Vigils are the foundation to the success of Emmaus, sign up and pass it on!

* Emmaus Scholarships are in need of replenishing, your green agape is appreciated.

* Want to serve on a Emmaus team? Fill out a Team Service Application form found on the website- or, contact our community Lay Director, Judi Oestreich

Attention All Musicians

Want to serve on a Candlelight or at a Gathering this year? Contact us and let us know your availability.
Brain Bray, Music Coordinator
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