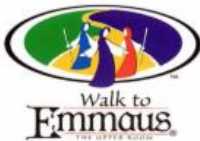


Rainbow Bend

Coastal Bend Emmaus and Kairos



May News

CBE Board of Directors



From the Lay Director

I cannot believe that this is the last month I will serve as your Community Lay Director. Time has flown by. It has been a very busy and very eventful year. On June first I will now slip into the position of Past Lay Director on the Board. This position is another year as an advisor. Thank you to all of you in our community for the support you have shown me and the CBE over these many months. You will still be hearing from me regularly because I have volunteered to keep up with writing newsletter articles and manning the website and email accounts for the Coastal Bend Emmaus for the next year.

We had two very successful Walks and have just finished recruiting the team members for two more this year. The Team Members are listed for both Walks in this newsletter. We covet your prayers for each by name. Please pray that all are able to make it to all team meetings, that they do the prep work in a timely manner, that their talks are spirit inspired, and on the week-end of the Walk they turn the control over to God and trust the Holy Spirit to move among them.

It is NOT TOO EARLY to get those pilgrim applications in. Please pray about sponsoring someone on one or both of the Walks this year. Remember what it was like for you when you experienced walking with Jesus that pilgrim week-end? Now is the time to share that kind of experience with another. Start talking to someone in your church today about taking that three day experience and offer to be their sponsor.

Both of our walks are now registered online at <http://www.3dayol.org/> and you can click on the link in the Prayer Vigil on the left side of the newsletter page, look for Coastal Bend Emmaus, and pick your slots now for both Walks. I have done so already. Won't you join me?

Many of us have prayed for and have written letters to prisoners, but we don't often get to see what prayers can do inside those barbed wire fences. This past week-end, for the first time, I attended a Karios Prison Ministry event. An Emmaus Sister, from my Reunion Group, and I went the Closing Ceremonies at Karios #39 at the McConnell Maximum Security Unit in the Beeville State Prison. Can't decide which moment was my "Closest to Christ". Was it the words of a 52 year old man, giving the 4th Day talk, who is serving a life sentence and incarcerated since he was 17? Or was it one of the moments I talked personally to each of the 42 Brothers-in-White, after the Worship Service, when I shook their hands and gave them a hug? All I can say is I saw the face of Jesus, more times than I can count, that Sunday.

Brothers and Sisters, we belong to the ***Priesthood of All Believers*** and it is time we all live a life of ***Christian Action***. Everyday! Let's reflect on our own Pilgrim Walk and those words we heard that resonated within our hearts. Let us begin today to do and say the actions and words that will help us be more like Jesus.

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Reunion Groups

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**Coastal Bend Emmaus
Community Gathering**

May 23, 2015

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Kelsey Memorial UMC

1610 Comanche St, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Join us for Communion ~ Fellowship
Good Food ~ Great Music

Bring Cover Dish Items as follows:

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

Don't Forget to BRING

Walk Name Tag, Cross & Lanyard and
Purple Worship Books

Love Offering will be collected.

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.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome new Board of Directors! The following individuals will
serve terms commencing on June 1, 2015.

TWO YEAR TERMS: Brian Calhoun (FUMC-CC), Bob Forbes
(Parkway Presbyterian), and **Dottie Ewing (FUMC-CC).**

THREE YEAR TERMS: Tommy Barker (South Shore
Christian Church), **Sandy Stevens (FUMC Portland), Paul**
Hood (FUMC Portland) and Lyle Mathews (Asbury UMC).

The Officers are elected by the Board of Directors. The Clergy
are appointed by the Board of Directors. The coordinator
positions such as Music, Logistics, Prayer Vigil, Reunion
Groups, Candlelight, Newsletter, Gathering, Communications,
Data Base, Kairos, Team Selection and any others we need
are appointed annually by the **Community Lay Director**.
These elections and appointments take place at the May Board
Meeting.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to those rotating off the Board
on May 30th ~ **Betty Workman**, Past Lay Director and **Shana**
Larson, Treasurer. Both have done an excellent job in their
elected roles and other volunteers positions. They both say
they will continue to volunteer and support the work of the

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Men's Team Walk #1800

Harold Bjella

Chuck Milks

Board.

Clergy Notes

In my church tradition, life changing, faith enriching possibilities came with lots of yelling and emotional manipulation. There were annual revivals and large gatherings. As a pastor, I so wanted these events to affect the change in my parishioners lives. And then, from vistas I had never seen, came a soft and lay led encounter with the living Christ. Not only were my "socks knocked off" but parishioners I loved were set free to engage their Lord with a healed and energized soul. Never have I seen the kind of transformation so evident in such a large percentage of participants. And better than that, the experience was so healthy and so uniquely shaped to the individual pilgrim. Another gift was what the pilgrims found in opportunities to express their faith in the larger community of Christians.

The Emmaus week-end events and reunion encounters all presented life-transforming moments. The best gift of all for me, a pastor, was the evidence of a stable and productive faith. I cannot recommend any religious event more than the three-day Walk with Christ. It may not be the only way (God's too imaginative for that), but it is "A Way" that harbingers great gifts and possibilities.

Rev. Billy Storms
ASD Walk #1800

ATTENTION SPONSORS

We are expecting full Walk's in July and August. We already have pilgrims registered for both Walks.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY to get your pilgrims registered for the July 30th Men's Walk to Emmaus #1800 and the August 27th Women's Walk to Emmaus #1804. We are accepting applications now. Pilgrim Applications, Pilgrim Scholarship Applications and Pilgrim Scholarship Policy may be found and downloaded from the website coastalbendemmaus.org by clicking the link under **Downloadable Documents** on front page. Make sure all signatures (Pilgrim, Sponsor and Clergy) are on the applications before there are mailed.

Make the Check for the \$190 fees payable to Rio-Texas Conference and mail the application and check to: Emmaus Registrar, Post Office Box 273, Corpus Christi, TX 78403.

We are asking the Emmaus Alumni to support these Walks with your **Agape, Prayers and your Presence at Candlelight and Closing.**

REUNION GROUPS

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

Wanda Matthews

361-441-3191

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Prayer Vigil



Sign up for the Prayer Vigil for upcoming Walks

[Prayer Vigil Sign Up](#)

Brian Bray
Tom Breuer
Billy Brotherton
Brett Burgeson
Dick Butler
Al Cavalier
Bill DeFries
Ken Faughn
Dana Gunter
Matt Hammer
Bruce Harbaugh
Rev. John Hardie
Bob Kline
Bill LeClair
Bud Lewis
Ben Liska
Rev. Michelle Lott
Harold Martini

Jose Mondado
Rev. Allen Mosiman
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J.C. Paull
Roger Potts
Mike Richline
Randy Richter
Rocky Ryan
Billy Ray Sayles
Gilbert Servantez
Ken Smith
Rev. Billy Storms
Rev. Jason Teague
Parick Townsell
Mark Veltman
Max Walker
Marshall Westemoreland
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UPCOMING EVENTS



GATHERINGS

May 23, 2015
Kelsey Memorial UMC

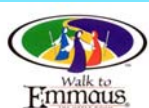
July 18, 2015
Parkway Presbyterian
Team Consecration

Sept 26, 2015
Covenant Baptist

Nov 14, 2015
Asbury UMC
Bring food for church pantry

Women's Team Walk #1804

Elvia Aguilar	Rev. Rosemary Grattan
Janice Bailey	Annoise Jarbeaux
Monica Bailey	Susan Johnson
Nancy Beyer	Margaret Jordan
Debbie Bjella	Rev. Gloria Lear
Sue Bradley	Anne Mosiman
Gail Brewer	Marvella Ortiz
Gale Bridgeman	Vicki Pollard
Debbie Brooker	Kelli Powell
Pam Cantu	Deandra Ruelas
Barbra Cavalier	Dianne Rumfield
Cathy Cole-Perez	Victoria Shirley
Kimberly Craig	Stefany Simmons
Claudia Jackson DeFries	Kira Smith
Pat Donohue	Pat Steinocher
Pam Dowdy	Rev. Beth Tatum
Gail Drown	Anita White
Ruth Dunn	Darla Wiggins
Carmen Easterday	Sharon Williams
Patty Engelking	



AGAPE NEEDS FOR WALKS

WALKS

Men's Walk 1800
July 30-Aug 2 2015
LD: Matt Hammer
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 June 23-26
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



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 Group names such as Prayer Team, etc. Names of Churches may be used and articles may also be anonymous.

Drop Off:

Agape may be dropped off anytime during a Walk week-end, but our preference would be during Thursdays from 10 AM to 8 PM. Take to the Agape Room in the end of St. Joseph's Hall. Please sign your articles in with an Outside Servant (Angel or Cha).

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

REUNION GROUPS - NEED YOUR HELP!

We have tried unsuccessfully for 3 years to update our Reunion Group Listings. Wanda Matthews has made dozens of calls. Contact people have changed or phone numbers are no longer working numbers and some groups have disbanded or new groups have started. Our information is so outdated and we need your help. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.**

Take a few minutes and help us today.

If you have started a new group in last 3 years chances are we do not know it. We need to know the name of the group, a contact person and their contact information, day of the week and time the group meets and where they meet? Also, we need to know if they are mixed and how that mix is defined.

We know there are some mixed groups out there. Mixed meaning they are composed of men and women, other 3-day Event week-enders or they have some others who have not been on a week-end experience yet. It does not matter. We need to know about all the accountability groups and list them on our website. Just need to have an Emmaus Alumni as the contact person.

We hand out a list of all the Reunion Groups to the pilgrims at the end of every Walk. Please help us get the correct information on those lists.

FIRST: Please look at our websit www.coastalbendemmaus.org and click on the REUNION GROUPS link on right hand side of front page. Look and see if you group is listed and if all the information is correct.

SECOND: Email Wanda Matthews, Reunion Group Coordinator w@sbcglobal.net and give her all the correct information or send it to the CBE at cbemmaus@gmail.com and we will get it on the correct lists that we will be uploading to the website in the next month

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.

or two when we are sure we have most of it corrected.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP US
GET THE CORRECT INFORMATION TO NEW PILGRIMS!**



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.

Attention All Musicians



Want to serve on a
Candlelight or at a
Gathering this year?
Contact us and let us know
your availability.
cbemmaus@gmail.com

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