

Rainbow Bend

Coastal Bend Emmaus, Chrysalis & Kairos



November News

CBE Board of Directors



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Judi Oestreich

Spiritual Director

Rev. Greg Hackett

Asst. Lay Director

Jim Schuchardt

Asst. Spiritual

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one to say "Thank you?" ~ William
Arthur Ward

From the Lay Director:

This is the time of year we do something we should be doing everyday of our lives. That is, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we start thinking of things we are thankful for. We start "counting our blessings."

One of the words that have been stripped of its meaning is the word 'blessing.' Many of us blithely use the word blessing, such as "I am so blessed." "Have a blessed day" or "I want to be a blessing to others." without understanding the full depth of the meaning of

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the word. We most often think of blessing as a "thing conducive to happiness or welfare" in materialistic ways. The ultimate blessing that God has given is the new life and forgiveness that comes through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. The material blessings we enjoy from day to day are temporary, but the spiritual blessings available to us in Christ encompass time and eternity, as well as material and immaterial things. As the Psalmist said, "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God." (Psalm 146:5).

So today I am thankful for the Walk to Emmaus movement that allows us the opportunity to build Christian leadership. I am thankful for all of you who are a blessing to others when the Holy Spirit works through you to be an effective instrument of His grace. I am thankful we all have been used to build up the body of Christ and make His kingdom real in the midst of this modern day world.

DeColores!
Judi Oestreich

WALK/FLIGHT TRAINING**REGISTER NOW!****Location:**

Beeville First UMC
106 E. Cleveland St. Beeville, TX 78102 /
361-358-3350

Time:

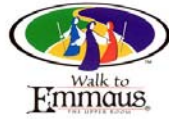
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Cost: \$0.00

Leaders:

Greg Ashby (SWTX Emmaus LD) / Pam O'Conner
(Chrysalis LD)

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.



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REUNION GROUPS

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

What to bring:

Purple worship books, cross, name tag. Director
Manuals for the LD, SD and Board Rep. If you don't
have your leadership books you may pre-order them
now or purchase them at the training. Please plan to
arrive between 8:30-8:45 AM.

Link to register:

[https://umcdata.com/EventReg
/regEventList.cfm?webcat=12&CFID=342179&
CFTOKEN=70864264](https://umcdata.com/EventReg/regEventList.cfm?webcat=12&CFID=342179&CFTOKEN=70864264)

Coastal Bend Emmaus Community Gathering



November 15th 2014
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

St. John's UMC
5300 South Alameda St
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

Fellowship Hall enter on Parade Street

**Bring non-perishable canned or boxed food items
which will be gifted to St. John's church to donate
to the Food Pantry of their choice for
Thanksgiving.**

Join us for Communion ~ Fellowship
Good Food ~ Great Music

Bring Cover Dish Items as follows:

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

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.

Opportunity for a Year-End Gift

schedule, contact:

Wanda Matthews

361-441-3191

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Prayer Vigil



Sign up for the
Prayer Vigil for
upcoming Walks

As we approach the "season of giving" and you reflect on your tax deductible gifts for the past year we hope you find that you can give just a little bit more to make that tax deduction count. We have not had enough of what we lovingly refer to as the "Green Book" to use on the Walk week-end at both the conference room and the Candlelight services. Since publication in 1972 the book has actually changed colors many times. It has even been blue, red and pink. There are 800 songs in it compiled by Yohannn Anderson and it's simply titled "**SONGS**".

They cost about \$15.00 each (plus postage) if we buy them in bulk. So we are suggesting year-end gifts to help us pay for some more new song books in 2015. The donation can be for any amount, can be made in honor or memory of someone, just make your check payable to Coastal Bend Emmaus and put SONGS in the memo. If you make the gift in honor or memory enclose a note and give us a contact name with address we will send a card acknowledging your gift. Mail to Post Office Box 273, Corpus Christi, TX. 78403

UPCOMING EVENTS



TEAM SELECTION SETS MEETING DATES

The Team Selection Committee is almost all recruited and the meeting dates for 2015 have been set for January and February.

It is extremely important that you fill out a NEW Lay Team application if you have any desire to work on the Walks in 2015. (Men's July 30th and Women's Aug 27th) We know you have done this in the past. But you may not know that they are NOT kept for more than 6-12 months. 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.

The Team Selection Committee will be selecting persons for positions 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.

GATHERINGS

Nov. 15, 2014
St John's UMC

January 24, 2015
Asbury UMC

March 21, 2015
St Paul UMC

May 23, 2015
Kelsey Memorial
UMC

MUSICIANS are you available?

Would you like to participate in Gatherings, Candlelights and/or be on a Music Team for a Walk in 2015? PLEASE contact Brian Bray and let him know you are available. He can be reached by text or voice at 979-324-7157 Cell and by email at bgbay62@yahoo.com just send your name and contact information along with what instrument you play.



WALKS

Women's Walk

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

Men's Walk

July 30-Aug 2 2015
July 28-31 2016



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.

Nominations for 2015

Start praying about it now.....if you have any interests in serving this community by becoming a member of the board of directors take it to the Lord in prayer. When you are convinced He is calling you to step up in 2015 please email the Community Lay Director judi1022@sbcglobal.net and give her your contact information. The Nominations Committee will be meeting after the first of the year to discuss vacancies on the board. The terms will commence July 2015. If you personally do not feel you have the time or commitment to do this we ask that you think about others who you would recommend and send that information to Judi Oestreich, LD by email. We are called to be "Anonymous Servants" and there is no better place to start than by serving as a member of the CBE board of directors.

A Little Bit of History.....

This endearing poem (below) was written in 1985 by Eleanor McKinney. Eleanor is one of our pioneer saints. She attended the very first Emmaus Walk for WOMEN in the State of Texas. She was the first Women's LD for Walk #20 April 18-21, 1985. There were 44 pilgrims on that walk from as far away as Brownsville and Laredo. Today we are thankful for Eleanor who always had a wonderful way of sharing her insights on life and God's love in a deep and meaningful way. Today, we are thankful for the thousands of men and women who walked that road to Emmaus before us and then led the way for our pilgrim walks.

Emmaus Walk

*I went up on the mountain,
 But I didn't come down the same.*

*Come now to the well and drink,
 Never to thirst again,
 The well of living water that
 Heals us deep within.*

*Christ is the living water,
 We can meet Him face to face.
 Christ our Savior, Friend and Brother,
 Who saves us by His grace.*

*I went up on the mountain,
 But I didn't come down the same.*

*The living water poured over me
 Like a blanket for my soul.*

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.

*I felt the light shine through me and I knew
His blood had made me whole.*

*I walked the road with the other pilgrims,
Who like me,
Were searching for wholeness within
God's family.*

*I went up on the mountain,
But I didn't come down the same.*

*With Love,
Eleanor McKinney*

Happy Thanksgiving!

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