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October News

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

I was beginning to call Men's Walk #1761 the never Ending Walk. The effort to put it on was ongoing over many, many months. Team Selection for over 6 months, Walk Preparation for endless weeks on end, Team meetings for 4 months, the actual Walk 3 day spiritual week-end, Candlelight, Closing, and After Glow. Almost nine months after we started to recruit the team the Walk is now over and we are still basking in the light of Jesus on so many faces. The first men's Walk here in over 2 years and we are so blessed. Our God is an **AWSOME** God!

One of the many Agape highlights was 13 year old Jacob White making his first public appearance playing "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes in the dark and in the rain as the men returned to St Joseph's Hall after Candlelight. This young man

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used his God given gift to perform an act of agape and will never be forgotten by the men who heard the notes of the pipes echo through the night minutes after they left St Therese's Parish Hall where they encountered the community's candlelit faces singing "Jesus, Jesus".

It takes a long time to prepare and put on a successful weekend and it takes hundreds of people to do the work. Now is the time to start thinking about working on a team, sponsoring a pilgrim, and making Agape. It is not too early believe me.

DeColores!
Judi Oestreich

Team Selection Committee now being recruited for 2015 Walks. If you would like to volunteer for this committee please send an email with your contact information to Judi Oestreich, Community Lay Director at judi1022@sbcglobal.net and state your past Walk experience. Remember if you plan on serving on a team in 2015 you can not be a member of the Team Selection Committee.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

The Coastal Bend Emmaus is now accepting applications to work on a Walk Team in 2015. There will be a Women's Walk and a Men's Walk. The team will be selected from Lay Team Applications.

IF YOU PLAN ON OR DESIRE TO BE ON A TEAM NEXT YEAR YOU MUST SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION!

You will find the Application at the following link.

<http://www.umcswtx.org/download/WE%20-%20ECLAC%20-%20Lay%20Team%20Service%20Form.pdf?inline>

It needs be filled out completely and submitted within the next 60 days to Team Selection Committee, Coastal Bend Emmaus, Post Office Box 273, Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Testimonies Wanted

How many times have you thought about your pilgrim Walk to Emmaus? How many times have you run across those Agape letters you received on that special week-end? Did you sit down and read them again? Did you laugh from a funny story shared by a loved one or friend? Did someone's heartfelt words bring a tear to your eye? Did you shake your head and say,

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REUNION GROUPS

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

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Prayer Vigil

"I can't believe they wrote that"? Did you close your eyes and imagine candlelight? Did you have that warm, fuzzy, loving feeling all over again?

And, your fourth day.....what has happened to you since your Walk? How were you changed on that road to Emmaus? What would you say to encourage someone else to take that journey? Are you willing to share a few words?

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 and put **website testimony** in the subject line.

Agape Reminder of Silent Servanthood

An excerpt from the Upper Room Booklet on The Role of Agape tells us....."Bed and table agape describes a creative assortment of gifts that are placed on tables, beds and pillows of each participant throughout the weekend. These tangible, small, uniform, and inexpensive gifts of agape are produced for each participant by team or community members prior to the weekend. Each of these agape gifts is generic and ANONYMOUS, neither specifically addressed to, nor labeled from anyone. As such, the gifts symbolize that God's love is approachable and available to everyone."

The key in the above paragraph is the word ANONYMOUS. 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 totally anonymous without any name at all!

Don't wait till the last minute to start making agape for 2015 Walks. Plan ahead, share ideas, get others to help you.

Emmaus Reunion Group Information Needed

Welcome to our new Fourth Day Members!!

My name is Wanda Matthews and I am the new Reunion Group Coordinator for the Coastal Bend Emmaus. We have been working on updating the Fourth Day Reunion Group list and the new list will be on line at COASTALBENDEMMAUS.ORG in the next couple of weeks.

If you have a new group please send me the following information:

THE GROUP NAME
NAME OF A CONTACT PERSON
THEIR PHONE NUMBER
AN EMAIL ADDRESS
MEETING LOCATION
MEETING DAY/TIME

You can reach me by e-mail at matthews_w@sbcglobal.net or give me a call at 361-441-3191.

Remember if you want to work Walks in the future it is important to be active in your 4th Day Group (Coastal Bend Emmaus) by attending Gatherings and attending a Reunion Group regularly.



Sign up for the
Prayer Vigil for
upcoming Walks

UPCOMING EVENTS



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



WALKS

Women's Walk
Aug 13-16 2015

Men's Walk
Sept 10-13 2015

Blessings,
Wanda Matthews

Prayer Vigil Update

As PV coordinator, I first want to thank all our brothers and sisters in Emmaus who filled out the nine pages of prayer requests at candlelight on September 13. I also have to thank everyone who filled out the three pages at the Gathering on September 20. I am overwhelmed by the support this community shows to other Fourth Day Groups.

That said, some of the Fourth Day Groups in other states and countries who support Coastal Bend Emmaus weekends have asked for our prayer support for weekends in October. I have put the links for three groups and the name of the fourth below.

Men's Walk 80:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=9675&commid=1061>

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=9071&commid=333>

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=9280&commid=1601>

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=9279&commid=1601>

Hardee Correctional Institution-Main Unit:
[3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org)

I hope you will be able to help our brothers and sisters as they have helped us in the past.

De Colores,
Betty Workman

Kairos Inside



Kairos Inside is composed of well-organized and well-trained volunteer teams of men and women from the communities surrounding an institution. Members of this team present an introductory 3-day weekend, described as a short course in Christianity. This inter-denominational team of volunteers - both clergy and laypersons - works in cooperation with the Chaplain who carefully selects up to 42 inmate leaders to attend. Well organized follow-up is part of this program.

Kairos #38 will be October 30 - November, 2, 2014, at the McConnell Unit in Beeville, Texas. Team meetings have started, but there's always room for more who have a calling and desire to serve God by serving those who are incarcerated. For more information contact Brian Bray, Kairos #38 Rector, at mcconnell.leader@gmail.com or (979) 324-7157.



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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.

".....I was in prison and you visited me" Matthew 25: 36

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