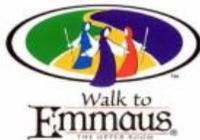


Rainbow Bend

Coastal Bend Emmaus and Kairos



September News

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR "A Get To - Not A Have To"

Several years ago, the pastor of the church I am a member of used the phrase in many sermons and other communications that something was "a get to - not a have to". That message has stuck with me through the years and has many applications in life. One that comes to mind right now is Emmaus Gatherings. We have one coming up September 26th at Covenant Baptist Church, by the way. We get to spend a couple hours with friends and make new ones while praising God in song and word and enjoying a bountiful covered dish meal. Please plan on coming and bring someone you know who has been on a Walk but hasn't been participating in any of the Emmaus functions lately. Or you may ask one of your family members or friends who are interested in going on a walk. Definitely, "a get to - not a have to." What a blessing to them and you! I am looking forward to another outstanding turn-out in September for this Gathering. See you there!

DeColores!!!
Jim Schuchardt

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



***IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS.
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A BOARD MEMBER TO ATTEND.***

Coastal Bend Emmaus will host a ***Leadership Development Training*** on September 12th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM in Room 223 at the FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH located at 900 South Shoreline Blvd. in Corpus Christi. The

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training will be provided by the Upper Room. It is designed for strengthening the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis Boards and Communities. It is OPEN TO ALL Emmaus/Chrysalis Board of Directors, Volunteer Coordinators and other interested Community Members. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. A donation to offset the costs will be appreciated. There will also be a LOVE OFFERING taken for "The Gift." Please be as generous as possible.

(THE GIFT is a program initiated by the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis movements to ensure that many from all over the world can enjoy the fruits of this beautiful ministry.)

Facilitators for the event will be Sharon Garrison, Heather Adair, Pat Miller and Rev. Carl Westbrook. Please sign up now by sending an RSVP email to sharongarrison777@gmail.com or register on line at https://umcdata.net/missionconnect/public/SignUp/Web_SignUp.html?conf=SWTX.

We need 20 registered to make the training happen.

Men's Walk 1800 A Lesson in Plan B

Every Walk to Emmaus is an amazing experience as people tell their story and make that sacred connection between "my story and Jesus." Walk 1800 was no exception. The pilgrims arrived with that mixture of anxious excitement. Each one hoped that this would be a good experience and each one probably wondered, "What am I doing here?"

"My new friend" helped people start to learn names and gave everyone a chance to speak to the entire group. The Team began to get a feel for the pilgrims and right away we identified the hams and the quiet ones, those who were already to jump into the deep end and the few who weren't sure about sticking even a toe in the water just yet.

Friday morning worship allowed the breaking of the period of silence and we were off and running. We enjoyed the talks and the snacks; the projects and the snacks; the breaks and the snacks.

Late Friday we hit a bump in the road. Our Lay Director, Matt Hammer, got word that his father-in-law was in failing health and his death was imminent. The Team encouraged Matt to leave the Walk in order to go to Houston and be with his family. The design of the Walk is so well thought-out that just such an event is a bump in the road.

Harold Bjella, the Board Representative for Walk 1800, stepped into Matt's place. Harold did a marvelous job of filling all of the responsibilities of the Lay Director. The Lay Director's gives the Talk "Perseverance" and on occasion Harold would need to say "Now remember this is Matt's story; not mine!" That is why we insist that every Talk have a written manuscript!

Thanks to everyone who came to Candlelight. The gathering of the community was a tremendous expression of the love of God for these men. I don't

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care how many times I have walked through the community or been one holding a candle it is always a moving experience.

At our closing we heard the Pilgrims say "What this Walk meant to me...and what I plan to do about it." It was wonderful to see and meet the families of the pilgrims.

This Walk was a lesson in why the process works. Matt Hammer had done the work necessary for Team formation. The Walk is designed so that the Lay Director does a lot of work prior to the weekend, but the Assistant Lay Directors (for Walk 1800 Rocky Ryan, Billy Brotherton, and Bruce Harbaugh) and the Head of the Outside Servant Team (Roger Potts) do most of the work during the Walk. When Matt had to leave, his absence had a greater impact on the Team than it did on the Pilgrims. The Team had come together under Matt's leadership so we were used to him being the "go to" guy. The Pilgrims simply noticed that someone else was now leading the Walk. Harold Bjella did a wonderful job of making that transition absolutely seamless.

Every once in a while someone has been heard to say, "Why do we do it this way?" This Walk was a clear answer to that question: The Walk is well thought out and has proven to be an effective process for bringing the pilgrims to a deeper understanding and experience of God's love. In fact, the Walk is so well-conceived the Lay Director can leave for a family emergency and the Walk will not be disrupted.

DeColores,
Allen Mosiman
Spiritual Director
Walk 1800

Coastal Bend Emmaus



Community Gathering

September 26, 2015

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Covenant Baptist Church

7001 Williams Drive

Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

Located on Williams Drive between Nile and Rodd Field Road Behind Bay



REUNION GROUPS

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

Wanda Matthews

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Prayer Vigil



Sign up for the Prayer Vigil for upcoming Walks

[Prayer Vigil Sign Up](#)



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 convenient Grace. Prayerfully become someone's sponsor today.

Area Hospital

**Communion ~ Fellowship ~ Good Food ~ Great Music
Fourth Day Speakers from Recent Men and Women's Walks**

Bring Covered Dish Items as follows:

Last Name A -F Side Dishes, Veggies or Salads

Last Name G - P Desserts, Fruits or Breads

Last Name Q - Z Main (Meat) Dishes

Love Offering will be collected

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.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It is a sacrifice and an honor to serve on a Walk Team and sometimes it is a financial drain on that team member and the pilgrim too. Sponsors are NOT required to pay the Walk Fee for pilgrims; however some do as an act of Agape. We have mentioned before the CBE Board is setting aside donations that are restricted to help pilgrims and team members attend the Walk week-ends in the future. This year we have heard more stories of the hardships that exist while trying to save/collect the amount of the fees required.

Praise God, we had 6 anonymous donors who helped 7 team members and 8 pilgrims participate in the two Walks we held. We have been told that our fees will increase to \$230 next year so we are asking others to search your heart and join those donors to help make it a little easier on men and women to participate. The end of the year is fast approaching.....think about a tax deductible donation to help the 2016 Walks.

Make your checks payable (in any amount) to:

CBE Scholarship Fund.

Mail to: Coastal Bend Emmaus

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THANK YOU!

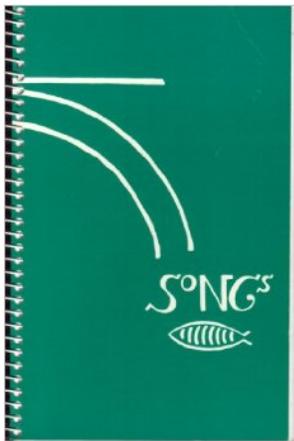
KAIROS OUTSIDE

Kairos Outside held weekend #12 on July 31-Aug 2 and it was a great success. We were blessed with 25 guests in attendance. Our Walking in Love on Saturday night and Closing on Sunday afternoon was well

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.

Song Books Needed - You Can Help



You all are familiar with the song book we lovingly refer to as "The Green Book" or "The Emmaus Songbook" that we use at the Walk to Emmaus and at Candlelight.

Actually the book has been printed in others colors over the years like pink, red and blue. It is called simply "SONGS" by Yohann Anderson. It is published by

attended by the Christian community. We were fully covered in prayer and our guests received many forms of agape to feel God's love for each and every one of them. Kairos Outside thanks all of those who supported us through prayer, time, donations and green agape. We could not provide this needed weekend of healing for our guests without your support. Thank you for your selfless sacrifices.

Jennifer Chapman
Kairos Outside #12

"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.."-Genesis 25:18

THANK YOU COMMUNITY

We thank you for all the support you have shown this year; willingness and sacrifices to serving on a team, the sponsorship of pilgrims, the attendance at Candlelight and Closings, providing pillow, drink and food agape, writing letters and cards, and your heartfelt prayers. We have had two very successful Walks and we are looking forward to starting team selection for 2016 right after the holidays. If you want to be considered to serve on one of the Walks next year go to www.coastalbendemmas.org and download a Lay Team Application, complete and mail to Coastal Bend Emmaus, Team Selection Committee, P.O. Box 273, Corpus Christi, TX 78403.

Songs and Creations, Inc in California. The cost from the publisher for a new one is \$18.95 plus shipping. By the way this year it is Blue. The size of the book is 7X10 inches and is words only.

We recently bought 75 new ones and our goal is to get at least another 100. We are accepting donations so that we can purchase more. **Just send a check in any amount with SONGS in the memo line to Coastal Bend Emmaus, P.O. Box 273, Corpus Christi, TX 78403.**

We appreciate any help you can give in getting more books in the hands of those who want to sing the songs we love!

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