

Rainbow Bend

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CHRIST HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED! HALLALUJAH!

These powerful words were heard by many of us as we celebrated the risen Lord on Easter morning. It is with this same joy and Christian enthusiasm that we come together as the Body of Christ at each candlelight.

One of the great blessings of being Lay Director for our community is looking out over the gathering of God's people at each candlelight and seeing this Body of Christ, willing to give of themselves and share the joy of the Risen Lord!

I know of no words that can adequately describe what a blessing it has been for me to lead the community this past years. We are blessed to have many community members that share their gifts to help this Emmaus community be an active part of the Body of Christ Corpus Christi.

This year has been full of challenges and successes. Some of the challenges that we have encountered include:

- ◇ Full walks with 36 pilgrims
- ◇ Facility issues (including NO PARKING area around the entry parking circle)
- ◇ Updates to the Emmaus walk model
- ◇ SWTX conference Emmaus Reorganization
- ◇ Developing a better understanding of Sponsorship responsibilities.

Some of the successes of the year include:

- ◇ Upper Room Training Event
- ◇ Emmaus Leadership Training Event for walk Lay Directors
- ◇ Increased dialogue with retreat center on long term solutions
- ◇ Support of various spiritual retreats as they develop and seek assistance.

As we look to the future, there are still many challenges and success's to come. Emmaus is a great gift to the community to help develop Christian leaders for our churches. Please keep our Emmaus Community board in your daily prayers. Support our walks by sponsoring a pilgrim; and attend the candlelight services! **Remember...God is counting on each of us..... and we are counting on God!**

De Colores, Jerry Kramer, Emmaus Community Lay Director

Coastal Bend Emmaus Community Spring Gathering

FRIDAY
APRIL 22 2005
6:00 - 9:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
900 South Shoreline
Corpus Christi

Bring a Covered Dish to Share

4th Day Talk, Music & Communion

The Emmaus Board will be sharing information on Sponsorship as well as information on the upcoming modifications that will enhance our walks.

This is a great time to bring someone that is interested in attending an Emmaus Walk.

Everyone is welcome.

Beverages Provided
Nursery will be available





Chrysalis Corner

There is a limitation of just 36 candidates for each event.
Please register as soon as possible.

Chrysalis Girls Flight # 234
June 2 - 5, 2005
Mail to Conference until 4/21/05
Local Lay Director after 4/22/05
Janice Deonarine
3582 Golden Oak
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
361-937-6323

Chrysalis Boys Flight/Journey # 241
July 7 - 10, 2005
Mail to Conference until 5/26/05
Local Lay Director after 5/27/05
Jon Borhauer
4305 Wolf Creek Court
Corpus Christi, TX 78410
361-387-3433

Chrysalis Female Journey # 19
August 4 - 7, 2005
Mail to Conference until 06/21/05
Local Lay Director after 6/22/05
Zule Moncada
4421 Driftwood Place
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
361-851-9338

For more information and to download an application form, please go to the new Chrysalis WEB site:
www.coastalbendchrysalis.com



Would you would like to participate in Candle lights and / or be on a music team for either a Walk or Journey this year? Please contact us and let us know you are available.

Emmaus Music Co-Directors:

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Journey to Damascus Music Director:

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852-5045

Team Servants

If you would like to serve on a Team for a
Walk to Emmaus
Chrysalis Flight
Journey To Damascus

You need to fill out a team application. You will find Team applications as well as Pilgrim applications at the following web sites.

www.coastalbendemmaus.org
www.coastalbendchrysalis.com
www.journeytodamascus.org

We each have unique gifts that the Lord uses for His Glory. He wants to work through you too so sign up today.

FRIDAY NIGHT CORPUS CHRISTI

Friday night Corpus Christi is an Ecumenical Praise and Worship Celebration which will be held May 6th at 7:30 pm at the 1st Baptist Church on Ocean Drive. There will be an hour of Praise and Worship music with Steve Coronado, Jr from Solid Rock as Worship leader, followed by a work of testimony by Father Bob Dunn of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, followed by a time of individual prayer and corporate prayer for our city, region and nation. It is time for the "Body of Christ" to come together. See you there.

Kairos Outside needs your prayers, team members, financial support and agape.

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have loved-ones who are or who have been incarcerated.

Kairos Outside is designed to support the women whose lives have been impacted by the incarceration of their loved ones. These women support those incarcerated in the country's state and federal correctional facilities, as well as county jails and youth offender programs. The spouses, parents, and other relatives of the incarcerated often "do time" right along with their loved ones. It is important for them to know that they are not alone and that there is a Christian community that cares.

This support is first provided in a safe environment with Christian people during a Kairos Outside weekend. During this weekend, the 'guests' will also have a chance to interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn how to form small groups to support one another and give them strength in their life's journey.

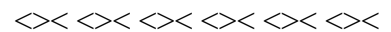
It is expected that the majority of Kairos Outside weekends will be conducted for female family or loved ones of those incarcerated. Therefore, Kairos Outside, at this time, is intended for that segment of the community.



The goals of **Kairos Outside** are to provide a safe place. To offer unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting. To encourage the sharing of life's journey. To foster spiritual growth. To promote participation in support groups. To create an opportunity for a relationship with God.

The **Kairos Outside** Weekend consists of a series of talks by women sharing their life's journey. Each guest has the opportunity to review the talk in small family groups. However, sharing in the small family group is voluntary. The program is interspersed with music, prayer, fun activities and general pampering. We expect those in attendance to stay for the entire program. No religious affiliation is necessary to attend and the weekend is non-denominational.

We are told that we are to "Keep on loving each other as brothers (and sisters). Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those that are mistreated as if you yourself were suffering." Hebrews 13: 1-3

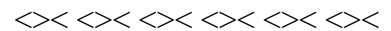


If you would like to participate on a Kairos Outside team or help through any other means, please contact one of the following for more information:

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Find out more about Kairos and Kairos Outside at the following web sites.

www.kairossoftexas.org

[www.kairossoftexas.org/
kairosoutside](http://www.kairossoftexas.org/kairosoutside)

www.kairosprisonministry.org

Future Events

Men's Journey To Damascus # 35
 May 12-15, 2005
 Jim Kollaja, LD



Women's Walk To Emmaus # 1232
 May 19-22, 2005
 Lynn Cates, LD

Walk To Siloam # 2
 (Zepher)
 May 19-22, 2005
 Dan Pierce, LD

Girl's Chrysalis Flight # 234
 June 2-5, 2005
 Janice Deonarine & Ryan Luna, LD's

MEMO

Please remember that parking in the entry circle at Bishop Gracida is limited to the outside curb only.

Parking on both sides of any of the roads at the retreat center is not recommended because doing so prevents access by fire and ambulance vehicles in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for keeping the safety access open for everyone.

Editor

Additional Information

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Submit by the 20th of each month to:

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 Vice President Waynette Jarrell
 Spiritual Directors Monsignor Shirley
 Rev. Ralph Willis

Website:

www.journeytodamascus.org

2004 CHRYSALIS BOARD

Lay Director Debbie Burnett
 Asst. Lay Dir. David Smith
 Spiritual Director Rev. Margaret Decker

Website:

www.coastalbendchrysalis.com

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