

# Rainbow Bend

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## Merry Christmas



May His Joy fill you and His Peace and Love surround you as we celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus.

### EMMAUS DATABASE

The Emmaus board is currently striving to update our community database. If you have never filled out a team application or if your information has changed, please complete a new application and send to: Lana Norris at 232 Augusta Dr. Portland TX 78374 or email her at: emmaus812@charter.net



Due to an unforeseen emergency the November edition was not completed. I wish to apologize to the community for the absence of that edition and any inconvenience that may have caused. The Editor

## Reunion Groups

Are you looking for an Emmaus reunion group? Check out one of the groups listed on page 2 of this edition. If you are in a group and do not see it listed, please contact the Reunion Group Coordinator, Laura Harris, so we can let the community know about you. The reunion group is vital to our 4th day walk. Please let the community know who and where your groups are meeting. Please contact or send your information to: Laura Harris, 5350 S. Staples, Suite 150, Corpus Christi, TX 78411, or E-mail at lauraharris@allstate.com



### Walk to Emmaus 2006 Retreat Schedule

Women's Walk 1272	Debbie Burnett - LD	January 12 - 15, 2006
Men's Walk 1281	Bob Mitchell - LD	February 23 - 26, 2006
Women's Walk 1250	Valerie Caldwell - LD	March 16 - 19, 2006
Women's Walk 1305	Carol Eckles - LD	May 18 - 21, 2006
Men's Walk 1307	Ed Gorny - LD	June 15 - 18, 2006
Women's Walk 1312	Carol Scott - LD	July 20 - 23, 2006
Women's Walk 1322	Marilyn Yankee - LD	September 21- 24, 2006
Men's Walk 1331	Fred Capps - LD	October 12 - 15, 2006



## Coastal Bend Emmaus Reunion Groups



### Women's Reunion Groups

Group	Contact	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting Place	Day/Time	Open	Comments
Seekers	Andrea Harwell	991-7916	andreaHarwell@sbcglobal.net	Various Homes		yes	not meeting on a regular basis
Town & Country	Sandy Pair	850-9348	spair@stx.rr.com	Town & Country	Wed 6:15 AM	yes	
Sensational Sarahs	Shirley Whiteside	855-0764		Various Homes	Mon 2:00 PM	yes	Older Women
Wed. Wondering Women	Shirley Whiteside	855-0764		Town & Country	Wed 7:00 AM	yes	Older Women
Wednesday Walkers	Terri Shook	994-1109	tshook3664@AOL.com	Silverado Smokehouse	Wed Noon	yes	
Thunder Sisters'	Tess Gonzales	814-4222	tess23gon@stx.rr.com	506 Cunningham	Tues 5:45 PM	Yes	
Morning Doves	Lynn Cates	991-9140 or 779-8786	lynnCates@aol.com	La Iguana # 1	Thurs 6:45 AM	Yes	
Sweet Surrender Sisters	Janice Bailey	854-4418	jbailey1@grandecom.net	St. Luke's Methodist	Mon Noon	No	already have 13 members
Faith in Action	Stephanie Christina	884-2899	ccsparkler@aol.com	FUMC CC	Thurs 11:00 AM		
Southside Angels	Brooke Shields	993-9410	jseams@stx.rr.com	Taqueria Alamedia	Sat 7:45 AM	Yes	meet every other week
Son Risers	Sara Beth Sells	882-2272		First Christian	Tues 8:00 AM	Yes	
Burning Hearts of Rockport	Carol Kientz	729-2622	Carol@ronhoover.com	Panjos in Rockport	Tues Noon	Yes	
Mary Wanna Bees	Debbie Burnett	643-0760			Wed 2:30 PM	Yes	
Andy's Wanna Be Angels	Phyllis Jones	991-4342 or 993-2986	pjones1@stx.rr.com	Andy's County Kitchen	Thurs 7:00 AM	Yes	
W.I.N.K.S. (Women Inspiring Kindness & Spirit)	Cheryl Brown	548-6043	cheryl@hamptonbrown.com	14888 Cobo De Bara	Tues 7:00 PM	Yes	

### Men's Reunion Groups

Group	Contact	Phone	E-Mail	Meeting Place	Day-Time	Open	Comments
Black Sheep	Neil Sykes	779-1464	nsykes@firstcapitalbank.net	Boatners Café - 704 Ayers	Thurs 7:00am	Yes	
Taqueria Fishermen	David Cheek	991-6256		Taqueria Rest. (Airline)	Wed 7:00am		
Fourth Day Fishers of Men	Craig Forsythe	643-1481	cforsythe@clkarch.com	FUMC Portland	Wed 7:00am		
Three Georges					Mon Noon	No	
Earth Angels	Trey McCampbell	855-3731	treymc@aol.com	First Baptist	Friday Noon	Yes	Meet three times a month
Asbury	John Clements	993-2230	jclements@grandecom.net	Asbury Church	Wed 5:00pm	Yes	

### Mixed Reunion Groups

Group	Contact	Phone	E-Mail	Place	Day - Time
Amazing Grace	Brian Calhoun	994-0611	bcalhoun_hoi@sbcglobal.net	Crystal's	Tues Noon



# BEGINNING EXPERIENCE



Single Again? Help for the heartache of separation, divorce, and widowhood.

*A weekend away for a lifetime of change.*

## The pain of loss

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. It can result in nearly unbearable feeling of loneliness and grief.

Many people who have suffered this loss feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures.

## Hope for a new beginning

The Beginning Experience weekend program helps grieving single again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in the Christian tradition, the ministry's open, ecumenical spirit serves those of all faiths.

## Experience of community

From Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, the Beginning Experience program is presented by a team of people who have suffered the loss of a loved one and are willing to share their own experience to help others.

Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection and small group sharing. A sense of community develops in a atmosphere of care and concern that is a hallmark of each Beginning Experience weekend.

## The invitation

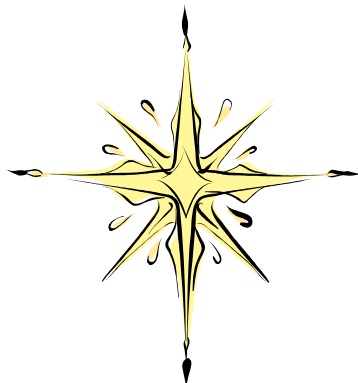
Whether you choose to attend the Beginning Experience weekend only, or in addition to other support for the single again, the program's invitational process offers the opportunity to move towards a new beginning in life. Its quality and effectiveness are well documented.

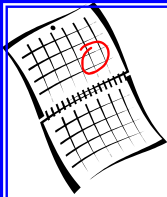
## 2006 Retreat Schedule

April 21 - 23, 2006, August 25 - 27, 2006, October 6 - 8, 2006, and December 1 - 3, 2006.

## More information

Please contact the local office 361-985-1758 or 866-610-8877 or visit our web site for applications, locations and more information: [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org)





Mark your calendar !



THANK YOU

# Journey to Damascus Community Gathering

Friday, January 13, 2006

6:30 - 8:30

## Most Precious Blood Parish Hall

Food, Fun & Fellowship



(bring your favorite covered dish or dessert)

Music - Music - Music

4th Day Speaker



Commissioning of 2006 Lay Directors

All our brothers and sisters in Christ are welcome to attend  
(Chrysalis, Cursillo, Damascus, Emmaus, Kairos)

Be sure and wear your name tag and lanyard

Babysitting provided

During this holiday time, when we are especially thankful for all of our blessings, the Pilgrims and Team of the Women's Journey to Damascus #39 wish to shout our heartfelt THANK YOU for all of the love, support, and prayers that were extended to us from the Emmaus and Journey communities. We were truly lifted up by you all. From the gifts of agape, the agape feast, the extra help with set up and tear down, and the prayer vigil, to your presence at Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, and Closing, you all demonstrated to the pilgrims what a wonderful, loving community of God's friends they are entering. With deepest love and appreciation, I thank the team of JTD #39 for your generous and loving spirits, your tireless efforts to make this weekend a God-filled experience for the pilgrims were indeed successful! And to the pilgrims, you wonderful women! You all came to this weekend with such open, trusting hearts that you allowed God's love to pour through us to you, and thus you nurtured and ministered to us in return. Thank you to everyone, and the warmest wishes for a very blessed Christmas.

Sincerely, Eileen Vara  
Lay Director, JTD #39

## Journey To Damascus 2006 Retreat Schedule

Men's Journey #40 (Houston)	Kenneth Stanley - LD	January 26 - 29, 2006
Men's Journey #41	David Walsh - LD	February 16 - 19, 2006
Women's Journey #42	Mary Lee Cantwell - LD	March 23 - 26, 2006
Men's Journey #43	Curtis Cantwell - LD	May 11 - 14, 2006
Women's Journey #44	Mary Kay Dzuik - LD	July 13 - 16, 2006
Women's Journey #45 (Houston)	Laura Rooney - LD	Date TBA
Women's Journey #46	Maury Jarrell - LD	September 14 - 17, 2006
Women's Journey #47	Christina Purnell - LD	October 19 - 22, 2006

*You are cordially invited to come and celebrate with us,*

Deacon John Forbus, who was a pilgrim on JTD # 38 this past September, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at the Corpus Christi Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. All members of the Damascus, Emmaus, Cursillo and Chrysalis communities are invited to attend to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Father John Forbus will be the Co-Spiritual Director for the upcoming Journey to Damascus #43. Please wear your lanyard and nametag from your weekend.





KAIROS  
OUTSIDE

## Kairos Outside Corpus Christi Area

“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 know-

ing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” *Hebrews 13:1-3 (NIV)*

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Kairos, God’s Special Time, will soon be serving a new ministry in south Texas as Kairos Outside-Corpus Christi Area has recently been sanctioned by the state organization. Kairos Outside-Corpus Christi Area has begun organizational meetings and initiated planning for their first weekend program. This program, designed to support the **female family members** of those incarcerated in state or federal correctional facilities, county jails, or youth offender programs, is part of the Kairos Prison Ministry, and demonstrates God’s grace and love through Christian support in a safe environment with Christian people.

Kairos Outside – Corpus Christi Area is the sixth Kairos Outside program established in Texas. It will serve a large area, from San Antonio south. The Corpus Christi Area program has had two organizational meetings and is working toward their **first weekend**, or retreat, for guests. This begins on **Friday afternoon, February 3 and continues through February 5, 2006**. The second weekend has already been scheduled for August 18 through 20, 2006. Site arrangements have been made, team leaders selected, and planning has begun.

This is an interdenominational Christian ministry. The weekend begins on Friday evening at 6 p.m. and continues to Sunday. All costs are borne by the local organization; there is no fee for participants. Included are transportation, and childcare costs when necessary.

The weekend is designed for both Christian and non-Christian women who are at least 20 years of age. Most of these women are dealing with issues of isolation, rejection, financial hardship and loneliness. The spouses, parents and other relatives of the incarcerated often “do time” right along with their loved ones. On the introductory weekend, the mission of Kairos Outside is to encourage the guests to see what life can be like in a loving, caring Christian Community. The women are challenged to risk being vulnerable and throughout the weekend they are loved unconditionally, as demonstrated by Christ. The weekend is also designed to show the guests that it is safe to make friends and to give them a viable option to isolation. They are encouraged to interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn how to form small groups to support each other.

### **Community participation is vital to the success of this new program.**

**We need your help.** Anyone wishing to participate on a Kairos Outside Team, as a member or by assisting in other ways such as providing agape, providing financial support, or suggesting a “guest” participant, is encouraged to contact one of the following for more information: Frances Schuchardt – (361)241-3200 or fschuchardt@doradool.com; JoAnn Hood – (361)643-7228 or Mary Kay Dzuik – (361)643-5582. As this new ministry begins, we ask for your prayers and support. Team members must have participated in a similar three day weekend, such as Emmaus, Journey, or Cursillo, or have been a guest on a prior Kairos Outside weekend. If necessary, 10-percent of the team can be those who have not been on a similar weekend.



# ATTENTION

## “Walking in Love”

As part of their first weekend, the Kairos Outside (KO) Corpus Christi Area has been selected to pilot a new program similar to the Emmaus, Journey, Chrysalis, candlelight service. Known as “Walking in Love”, this prayer service will provide the Coastal Bend Communities an opportunity to show their love and support for the KO guests.

The “Walking in Love” service will begin on Saturday evening, February 4, at 8 P.M. in the Gym at the regular candlelight site. This will give the community an opportunity to sing, pray for guests, and hear a short witness from a former KO guest about the impact of the KO weekend in her life. There will be an agape meal. This will be followed by the regular candlelight procedure.

As part of the Walking in Love service, the community will sing “You are loved”, in lieu of the Jesus, Jesus song. The words, found on page 4 of the songbook are “You are loved, you are beautiful. You’re a gift of God, His own creation. You’re a gift to everyone, His gift of love to ALL; You are loved....God danced the day you were born.”

You are also invited to join us for closing ceremonies on Sunday, February 5, at 2:30 p.m. in the same location. Guests on this Kairos Outside weekend will be given an opportunity at this time to share, with the community, what the weekend meant to them.

Please join us as we embark on a new ministry to bring God’s love to women whose lives have been adversely affected by the choices of others.

# Merry Christmas



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