Coastal Bend Emmaus, Chrysalis & Damascus Communities





# Retreat Center Update

As members of the Emmaus & Journey to Damascus Community, we may experience some changes in the location of Candlelights and Closings due to construction on the gym. This is God's work and we know the location is not the critical factor.

If the gym is not accessible, Candlelight and Closing will move. We are looking into the possibility of holding the communion service in the chapel and candlelight on the walkways. We are purchasing battery operated candles which will shine brightly in the wind. It will be a beautiful event, as always, since it is the presence of the Holy Spirit that creates the beauty.

As a community we call upon His presence when we come together and He touches the lives of the pilgrims. I received a telephone call this week from Mr. Wayne Bruce who called to thank you, the community, for the blessings DeAnn O'Neil-Bruce received from attending a Walk. She passed away recently and he feels great joy that she was able to call upon her faith which was strengthened by attending a Walk.

I listened at the closing of the Men's Walk this weekend as they told of changed lives. This is God's work. He will lead us through the construction and forward. We will walk with Him in the spirit of cooperation.

De Colores, Fay Crider Emmaus Community LD

# **FUMC-CC Director of Children and Family Ministries Needed**

FUMC of Corpus Christi is seeking an energetic person with a passion for children and Christian Education. It is imperative that this person be a Christian and important to have a background in Christian education and at least a Baccalaureate degree. The position would require strong leadership with volunteers and ability to work with children from birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents. Responsibilities include planning, implementing and evaluating curriculum, children's programs, and budget; the ability to train adults and adhere to safety standards. We are looking forward to meeting this wonder person as soon as possible. Call Pam Sheffield at FUMC 884-0391. To review the job description please go to the web site at http://www.ccfumc.com/ and click on "Job Opportunity."



# Women's Emmaus Walk #1250 March 16 - 19, 2006



"But we have these treasures in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

2 Cor 4:7

The team of Walk 1250 has continued to pray and to prepare for this walk, originally scheduled for September of 2005. We are trusting God's perfect timing and His perfect plan for this walk and appreciate your continued prayers and support.

DeColores, Valerie Caldwell, Lay Director

## **PILGRIMS**

Jean Ann Bird Corina Castellano Wanda Chandler **Krystal Coates** Kim Cosby Linda Rae Crawford Lynda Desilets Syliva Garcia Patricia Garrison Rebecca Garza Mary Goldston Irme Gomez Mildred Green Peggy Holmes **Becky Jackson** Barbara Jue Marche Kennedy Deana Merrill Martini Carolynn Matthews Eleanor McCoy Kim Monrad Marisol Montez Mary Linda Moore Ana Olivera-Hamm Barbara Poland Margaret Preiss Mary An Russell Kimberley Sanders Deborah Shamel Jean Shivers Jessica Smith Rebekah Smith Dawn Storey Mary Lou Swann Tammy Watson Elizabeth Wilson

## **Community Schedule**

Sponsors Hour 7:00 pm Thursday, 3/16/06

Candle Light 8:00 pm Saturday, 3/18/06

Closing 3:00 pm Sunday 3/19/06

#### **Prayer Chapel Schedule**

Friday 3/17/06				
	8:50 am	Priority	Cheryl Votzmeyer	
	10:25 am	Prevenient Grace	Rev. Debby Lake	
	1:10 pm	Priesthood of All Believers	Margaret Ann Kennedy	
	2:50 pm	Justifying Grace	Rev. Margaret Decker	
	6:25 pm	Life of Piety	Jan Hilton	
Saturday 3/18/06				
	8:10 am	Growth through Study	Phyllis Salvo Jones	
	9:50 am	Means of Grace	Rev. B.J. Rogers	
	2:55 pm	Christian Action	Janice Bailey	
	4:15 pm	Obstacles to Grace	Rev. Doug Hinchcliff	
	6:45 pm	Discipleship	Lorena DeVos	
Sunday 3/19/06				
	8:15 am	Changing Our World	Gaye Hensley	
	9:07 am	Sanctifying Grace	Rev. Trudy Paul	
	10:35 am	Body of Christ	Kay Soles	
	11:30 am	Perseverance	Valerie Caldwell	
	1:20 pm	Fourth Day	Marilynn Yankee	

#### **TEAM**

Lay Director: Valerie Caldwell Spiritual Director: BJ Rogers

Asst. LD's: Janice Bailey, Cheryl Votzmeyer, Marilynn Yankee Clergy: Margaret Decker, Debby Lake, Trudy Paul, Doug Hinchcliff

Music Team: Sue Bradley, Margaret Ann Kennedy

Board Rep.: Cheryl Villanueva

**Table Leaders:** Nancy Clements, Lisa Hensley, Sue Hoyt, Phyllis Jones, Carol Loeb, Diana Moreno **Assistant Table leaders:** Jerri Barker, Jan Brewer, Lorena DeVos, Gaye Hensley, Kay Soles, Jan Hilton

**Angels**: Pam Cantu, Traci Bellis, Dona Garcia, Stacy Lee, Kay O'Callaghan, Cindy Straub, Stacy Taylor, Evelyn Thompson, Margaret Van Blarcum, Martha Rodriguez, Kelle Clark, Kelley Mailhes





# Women's Journey to Damascus #42 March 23-26, 2006



#### "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you." 2 Kings 20:5

I have been blessed being called to serve as Lay Director for Journey to Damascus 42. It was five years ago that I was a pilgrim on Journey to Damascus #11. That weekend, Jesus knocked on the door of my heart, and I allowed Him to enter. It was a reawakening to my Catholic Christian faith and started an incredible relationship with my Lord, Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that the pilgrims attending Journey #42 will be Spirit filled as the Holy Spirit surrounds them with His love, peace and calm. Each team member has been called by name and is ready to serve for the praise, honor and glory of God. It is a Spirit filled team working as one. We greatly appreciate the prayers and support from our Emmaus, Chrysalis, and Damascus Communities. We will anxiously be awaiting Candlelight when the Communities join together as The Body of Christ, helping to bring The Light of the World to His pilgrims. May God bless you.

Peace, Calm and Love, Mary Lee Cantwell Lay Director

#### **PIGRIMS**

Anna Alejos Sharisse Leal Jane Alvarez Michelle Lopez Annemarie Armstrong Claire Meurer Cindy Barrera JoAn Mever Sandra Bocanegra Kristi Nix Susan Carter Gaylen Nuckels Christina Chapa Sandi Pliska Sister Mary Chaudet Yolanda Quintanilla Shelly Collins Sylvia Ramirez Isabel Connor Rebecca Ramos Margaret Craine Sharon Reeves Karen Day Elizabeth Reining Nancy Doerner Mary Ruiz Rosario Elizondo Celeste Santiago Ana Maria Finley Juanita Schanen Debra Gilchrist Vera Simpson Suzanne Till Donna Grove Linda Habeeb Bernadette Vela Anna Villarreal Delphia Haney Carol Jones Bethany Welnak Ann Largin Frances Mir Zapata

#### **Community Schedule**

Sponsors Hour 7:00 pm Thursday, 3/23/06

Candle Light 8:00 pm Saturday, 3/25/06

Closing 2:00 pm Sunday 3/26/06



10:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

**Lay Director:** Mary Lee Cantwell **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Roger Smith

Asst L.D.'s: Laura Cantwell, Michele Hoelscher, Jenny Sehy

Asst S.D.'s: Sister Angela Murdaugh, Rev. Billy Storms, Rev. Ralph Willis

Board Representative: Mary Kollaja

Music Team: Elsie Gaertner, Magda Acuna, Kristi Northcutt, Susan Pyle,

Melissa Ricard, Susan Patterson

Table Leaders: Theresa Arizmendi, Fay Crider, Linda Haner, Jena Kauffmann,

Barbara Moretich, Robin Reinhard, Mary Scott

Asst Table Leaders: Dawn Allen, Kim Gallagher, Delma Garza,

Margo McCormick, Terri-Lynne Schofield, Sue Tomlinson, Janie Zeller

Angels: Betty Berry, Mari Moreno, Jenny Allen, Valarie Buhidar, Deb Cart
wright, Elmyra Casner, Melissa Cruz, Crickett Enderle, Sherre' Cantwell
Ernster, Stacy Greer, Patricia Guernsey, Shawna Guillen, Marila Harmon,
Jane Huston, Kathy Kirk, Jerry Jo Largin, Cynthia Motte, Helen Orsak,
Karen Outzen, Maria Pena, Loretta Pressly, Charlene Ranly, Diana
Salinas, Jennifer Smith, Patricia Stegall, Margie Svetlik, Desda Tansey,
Crystal Valdez

#### **TEAM**

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Thursday, March 23				
	8:30 p.m.	Ecumenism	Rev. Billy Storms	
Friday, March 24				
	8:30 a.m.	Priorities	Loretta Pressly	
	10:30 a.m.	Grace	Rev. Billy Storms	
	1:10 p.m.	Priesthood of Believers	Terri-Lynne Schofield	
	2:30 p.m.	Faith	Rev. Ralph Willis	
	6:50 p.m.	Life in Piety	Michele Hoelscher	
Saturday, March 25				
	8:20 a.m.	Growth Through Study	Laura Cantwell	
	9:40 a.m.	Sacraments	Father Roger Smith	
	1:30 p.m.	Christian Action	Kim Gallagher	
	3:00 p.m.	Obstacles to Grace	Sister Angela Murdaugh	
	6:40 p.m.	Discipleship	Margo McCormick	
	8:00 p.m.	Love and Unity	Sherre' Cantwell Ernster	
Sunday, March 26				
	9:15 a.m.	Changing Our World	Jena Kauffmaim	

Perseverance/4th Day Mary Lee Cantwell

Marila Harmon

Body of Christ



# Walk to Siloam # 3 April 6 - 9, 2006 Camp Zephyr Mathis



Then the King will say, "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me--you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

The Walk to Siloam is in need of sponsors for the pilgrims, and our goal this year is to have 36. Cost is \$120.00 each. The assistant table leaders, as in the past will be made up of previous pilgrims of the homeless. We are asking each of them to pay half of the fee, so one half of their fee can be a scholarship also.

We are also asking the community to consider agape of:

- T Shirts for the the entire group with only ONE color of ink, probably 76 t-shirts.
- Tote bags or back packs (36), green agape here will work best as we order all to be consistent.
- Name tag bases made with leather straps, signage will be done by Walk to Siloam. (Need 76)
- Any other agape that can be carried in small bags on the streets.
- Food agape, especially homemade!
- And of course any and all green agape will go along ways to provide for the homeless.

As a note, as always, any left over agape items and food are delivered back to the missions. The missions in the past that have had pilgrims attend are: Mission 911, Search for Truth, Church without Walls (Flour Bluff), and the Good Samaritan.

This is Palm Sunday Weekend, and we all pray for your prayers and attendance at Candlelight on Saturday April 8th!

De Colores!

#### **Current Team Information**

**Lay Director:** Tony Reyes

Spiritual Directors: Ralph McMullen &

Arnold Moreno

Assistant Lay Director: Mitch Luna Head Cha's: Stewart Strayer & Willie Mays

**Head Musician:** James Vaughn

## **Contact Information**

Agape questions for the walk can be directed to **Tommy Barker at 881-9950**.

Donations for sponsorships or green agape can be sent to **Gary Hudson**, 610 Brawner Pkwy,

Corpus Christi, 78411, (H)857-2440.

The following information on this year's Walk to Siloam is all that was available for this edition.

Please contact the various team members for more current information.

The Editor



WOW. What a Weekend! Kairos Outside Corpus Christi #1 gives God praises for the dedicated team that He brought together and the guests He sent us. It was an awesome weekend and our Lord was so powerfully present.

The Holy Spirit broke through walls of anger and fear with His love, mercy, and grace. We discovered the healing power of a God who loves us and a Christian Community that stands with us and supports us.

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for the generous spirit of love, support and prayers that Kairos Outside received from the Emmaus, Journey, Kairos, and Chrysalis communities. A heartfelt "THANK YOU and BLESS YOU" for the gifts of agape and your presence at the "Walking in Love" service on Saturday night and the Closing service on Sunday.

I am truly blessed to have had the honor to serve as leader of this first Kairos Outside Corpus Christi.

Your sister in Christ. JoAnn Hood

The men of Journey to Damascus #41 extend a heartfelt thanks to the entire community for their prayers, attendance at Candlelight, and the mountains of agape we received. The weather may have been near freezing, but the Holy Spirit showed up and set us all on fire! Two images from the weekend stand out in my mind. First, the angelic singing of a group of children after Candlelight brought each of us to tears, and second, the image of a large group of men, hands raised, singing and shouting to the Lord while kneeling at the foot of the altar. goodness the Holy Spirit is powerful! I have been humbled by this experience, and I thank everyone involved for making job as Lay Director such a pure joy. God Bless You! De Colores, David Walsh, LD JTD #41

On behalf of all of the team members and pilgrims on Journey to Damascus #40, I wanted to personally thank everyone for the love, support and prayers that were instrumental in making this weekend an unbelievable experience. Because of you, and through the Holy Spirit, 37 men are now closer to Christ and now a part of our growing Houston Journey community. None of this would have been possible without the tireless and endless support of everyone from Journey, Emmaus, ACTs, and Cursillo communities. The agape, the prayer vigil, attendance at Candlelight and closing were so moving to the pilgrims and team members. I am honored and thankful that I was asked to serve as Lay Director for JTD #40 and will be forever grateful to those who played such an important part in our experience.

De Colores, Kenneth Stanley, LD JTD #40

# Future Events



Men's Journey to Damascus # 43 May 11 - 14, 2006 Curtis Cantwell, LD

Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1305 May 1 - 21, 2006 Carol Eckles, LD

Girls Chrysalis Flight # 256 June 6 - 11, 2006 Amy Atkinson & Bethany Burnett, LD's

> Men's Emmaus Walk # 1307 June 15 - 18, 2006 Ed Gorny, LD

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