

Rainbow Bend

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Farewell to Bishop Gracida Hello to Queen of Peace

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great excitement and reflection that we prepare for our move from Saratoga to the new "Queen of Peace" retreat facility at 1200 Lantana. Rest assured your community leaders are preparing for a smooth and well planned transition. However, we are confident we will have numerous criticisms and comparisons to the former Saratoga facility, and we will have our share of growing pains and frustrations becoming established at Lantana. We pray as the faithful Christians we aspire to be that we stay focused on the fact that the Holy Spirit has provided us a wonderful new home, and we must be grateful for His gifts. We also pray that unlike the chosen people led by Moses that we need to not grow weary or fearful, but we must stay focused on our future together in our promised land.

Your community leaders will be requesting volunteers to help paint, landscape, decorate, furnish, and sow the seeds of Christian love at our new home. In addition, none of us would ever ask you to forget the myriad of glorious memories we have shared during our time at Saratoga, but we do ask you to embrace our new home with the zeal for making it the most welcoming and Christ filled retreat center possible. We are confident that if we remain focused on God's mission for sharing His love, then we will not only survive, but flourish at our new home!

God Bless You All,



David Walsh, President,
Journey to Damascus

Gary Hudson, Lay Director,
Walk to Emmaus



WORK DAY

The Coastal Bend communities of Emmaus, Damascus & Chrysalis will be moving to the new "Queen of Peace" Retreat Center in December of this year. Before we can move there is much to be done at the new site to make it ready for our arrival.

Saturday, November 4th has been designated as a work day at the center. We will be working from 8am to 3pm. We need the entire community to participate so our retreat center will be ready for the final move. Please make every effort to join us even if it is only for a few hours.

This is a great opportunity for you to see and explore the new site if you have never been here. For those "old timers" who attended their pilgrim retreat at "Bishop Drury" it is a great time to see how much has changed and reminisce on the many blessings that were shared.

Please bring your cleaning supplies (brooms, mops, rags, cleaners, gloves). Small hand tools and shovels will be helpful and don't forget to bring a sack lunch. You can direct your questions to:

David Walsh at 888-546-7382
j2damascus@yahoo.com

Or

Gary Hudson at 857-2440
ghudson@americanbank.com





Friday Night Corpus Christi

A City-Wide Worship Celebration presents

Bishop Carmondy gives an "Address to the City"

Participating organizations:

Walk to Emmaus, Journey to Damascus, Churches of the Coastal Bend

November 17th

7 pm

1st United Methodist on Ocean Drive

Pastor Keith Wyatt

Introduction by Mayor Henry Garrett

Special Guests:

**Episcopal Bishop Gary Lillibridge from San Antonio
Methodist Bishop Joel Martinez from San Antonio
Methodist District Supervisor, Barbara Ruth
Baptist District Supervisor, Ed Jump
Lutheran, Missouri Synod, Gil Franke**

Worship Leader:

Steve Coronado, Jr. Solid Rock Worship Center

Corporate Prayer:

**Steve Fieldcamp, 1st United Methodist Church
Bubba Stahl, 1st Baptist Church**

**City & County Officials, Candidates, Judges &
School Board Members will be in attendance.**

**The entire City is invited to join us in praise worship
and prayer for our leaders.**

**For more information go to WWW.FridayNightCC.com
or contact Scotty Evans at 815-9999, 4scotty@msn.com**





Holiday Praise and Worship Gathering

**First United Methodist Church—CC
Fellowship Hall**

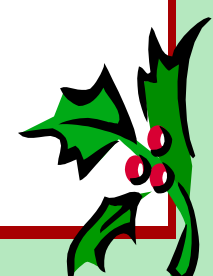
**Tuesday, December 5th, 2006
6:30 pm**

Featuring the Praise Bands from:

**Asbury United Methodist
First United Methodist - CC
First United Methodist - Portland
St. Lukes Methodist**

Nursery Provided

(please rsvp for nursery to Connie Jennings
884-0391 ext 222 or cjennings@ccfumc.com)



**HELP
WANTED**

After countless years of service, Charles Fobes, has decided to step down as the community Sound Logistic coordinator. In an effort to lessen the over all burden, the community is seeking a group of 3 to 4 people, with a servant's heart to share the job of sound logistics. The job responsibilities include set up and tear down of sound equipment for Emmaus, Damascus and Chrysalis Candlelight's and Closings. The job also requires one person to be present for each event to run the sound board. Set up usually takes place on Saturday afternoon. The coordinators will also be responsible for assisting Walk & Journey music teams in setting up in the conference room on Thursdays, if needed. Training will be provided. If you are interested or if you know someone else who might be, please contact Gary Hudson at 857-2440 or ghudson@americanbank.com.

Happy Thanksgiving

As we come together this holiday with family and friends to give thanks for our many blessings, let us remember our greatest blessing of Christ Jesus. Thank you, Father, for providing all our needs for this past year. Thank you for all pilgrims of the Emmaus, Damascus, Chrysalis, Kairos and Kairos Outside retreats that came to know you in a special way this past year. We pray the seeds that were planted will continue to grow and bring them ever closer in relationship with you. Thank you, Father, for providing a new location for our retreats. We pray you will continue to bless this community and grow us in your love. We lift up all those who serve you and this great country. Please keep our men and women in the military safe and in your care and give their families your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray for a swift and peaceful end to the conflicts in the world. May we all walk in step with your perfect will and serve you in true humility and with great joy. Amen.



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2005/2005 EMMAUS BOARD6

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Asst. Lay Dir.	Terri Shook
Spiritual Director	Rev. Lynn Barton

Website:

www.coastalbendemmaus.org

2005/2006 DAMASCUS BOARD

President	David Walsh
Vice President	Bert Quintanilla
Spiritual Directors	Monsignor Shirley Father Tom Goodwin Rev. Billy Storms

Website:

www.journeytodamascus.org

2005 CHRYSALIS BOARD

Lay Director	David Smith
Asst. Lay Dir.	Tracey Simpson
Spiritual Director	Rev. Gwen Beca

Website:

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