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A MESSAGE FROM THE EMMAUS & DAMASCUS COMMUNITY LEADERS

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you HIS grace and peace; Sharing the Good News, is that not what we are ALL about, sharing God's Good News! Emmaus, Chrysalis, Damascus, Kairos, and so many more, building leaders in our local churches to build up the Body of Christ. "We have all been baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit, and we have all received the same Spirit"

Easter is the most wonderful day of the year for me personally! I hope it is a special day for you. Celebrating our Risen Christ!

There are several verses in 1 Corinthian's I would like to quote that have spoken to me recently. Paul writes "There are three things that will endure - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love. Let love be your highest goal, but also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives, especially the gift of prophecy, ...one who prophesies is helping others grow in the Lord, encouraging and comforting them." (Emmaus, Damascus, Chrysalis, Kairos).

Building up God's church, helping others, this has been applied quite well at our new retreat center with our different walks. At our new site, we are having to do something more difficult from the past in setting up and tearing down for Candlelight. We have to physically carry over all of the music equipment from the Agape room, to St. Theresa's Parish Hall (where we hold Candlelight right outside of the complex), set up the equipment, take down all of the tables, rearrange all of the chairs, and have it ready for Candlelight. And then reversing the procedure immediately after Candlelight.

What has been working and what we asking every "Team" to participate in, is the next Walk Team will send a group out to set up Saturday afternoon, a different group to break down Saturday night and even a different group to help in parking for Saturday night. ALSO, we are asking the community to help assist Saturday night after Candlelight, to just help us break down the music equipment and set the tables and chairs back up. IF several help, it will only take a few extra minutes out of your evening. When we do not get the help, the team assisting ends up leaving around 10:30. We NEED everyone's help, please!

Closing is working very well in St. Joseph's Hall, this is where the conference room is located.

Please come to the Closing's and hear how God has touched someone's life! You will be Blessed!

"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless" 1 Cor. 15:58

Have a Blessed Easter!

Gary Hudson,

Walk to Emmaus Community Lay Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I thank you all for your support and acceptance of the new Queen of Peace Retreat Center. We are all very blessed with this new facility; Thank you, Lord! The 2007 weekends have been awesome experiences despite the headaches in dealing with frustrating new rules, and logistical inconveniences. I pray we all continue to stay focused on the importance of our mission while looking past any problems we may encounter. To quote my favorite Nun...with God, all things are possible!

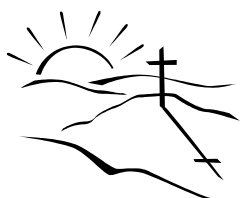
On another note, I need to ask your help regarding a recent financial concern. While it is true that the Journey to Damascus will never exclude a pilgrim due to a lack of financial means, we have had an unusually large percentage of applications (30-40%) being submitted without any payment. This trend is of great concern to our financial health. Rather than continuing to raise the registration fee to cover our expenses, we would like to request sponsors become better stewards. In particular, we would request our sponsors consider the following:

1. Discuss with your pilgrim the registration fee, and ask your pilgrim to pay all or at least a portion of the fee themselves;

2. Discern for yourself, as the sponsor, your commitment to your pilgrim and determine what portion of the fee you can afford to pay for your pilgrim; and

3. Seek the help of others (your reunion group or friends) to contribute to the remaining, unpaid portion of the fee. We believe these simple steps will yield great results, and we appreciate all your help. Again, I want to emphasize that no pilgrim will ever be denied attendance due to financial concerns, but we all need to insure we are being good stewards and to do our part to keep this mission financially healthy. Okay, repeat again ... with God, all things are possible.

God bless, David Walsh
Journey to Damascus President



He is Risen !

FRIDAY NIGHT CORPUS CHRISTI

BRINGING TOGETHER COASTAL BEND CHURCHES TO PRAISE, WORSHIP AND PRAY AS A COMMUNITY

Friday Night Corpus Christi is a Praise, Worship and Prayer Celebration whose purpose is to Worship God, pray for each other and our city, and to promote a greater understanding of unity in the Body of Christ.

*The Worship Leader is the Prompter
The Congregation are the Performers
God is our Audience*

1. Unity is not an option, but it's still a choice.

The Apostle Paul admonished us to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. The UNITY is a given, the bond of peace in the only optional part. As we realize and walk in this; the following becomes more evident ... John 13:35 "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another".

2. Unity is a decision process - "I will not be offended" Hebrews 12:14,15 "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness, no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."

3. Unity is deciding, "I will say no word against you". Eph 4:29-32 Col 4:6

4. Unity is stating, "I will hear no word against you". Stop the cycle of gossip. Rom 1:28-32 I Tim 5:19

5. Unity goes beyond cooperation; it is the 'emptying of self'. Phil 2:1-8. "Now that you are united in Christ.. Let this attitude be in you."

6. Unity is seeing that it is His Kingdom, not my own. "Therefore, we are praying for other parts of the body for the sake of His Kingdom." I Cor 12:20, 24-27

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

* April 7th Prayer Walk around City Hall as we pray for the City Council elections. Remember that we need all tribes.

APRIL 27TH AT 7:30PM FRIDAY NIGHT CORPUS CHRISTI

Host Church: Trinity Lutheran Church
Pastor Phillip Phifer.

Worship Leader: Zach Richardson, Yorktown Baptist
Corporate Prayer: Scotty Evans and TBD

* Prayer Walk will be at 10 am on Saturday April 21st at Trinity Lutheran

MAY 25TH AT 7:30 PM FRIDAY NIGHT CORPUS CHRISTI

Host Church: First Christian Church
Pastor Don Tuttle

Worship Leader: Roadside Assistance,
Aaron Daniels from KBNJ

Devotional Speaker: Cliff Lea from Yorktown Baptist

* The Prayer Walk will be at 10 am on Saturday May 19th at First Christian Church.

Scotty Evans

Friday Night Corpus Christi

www.FridayNightCC.com 361-815-9999

BOYS' CHRYSALIS 2007

Folks, as Sgt. Joe Friday used to say on Dragnet, "Just the facts, ma'am" ...well, here are the particulars concerning this summer's Chrysalis event for Christian males:

- * Purpose: To develop young school, church, and family leaders.
- * Spiritual Team: Methodist, Catholic, Baptist, Episcopalian, and Inter-denominational clergy on staff.
- * Lay Director: Ed Gorny
- * Dates: June 28th - July 1st
- * Place: Queen of Peace Retreat Center - Corpus Christi, TX
- * Open to: HS boys [ages 15-18] and college-aged young men [ages 19-24...need not be in college].
- * Housing: Separate quarters for HS and College-aged.
- * Restrictions: HS students must be moving on to their sophomore year.
- * Registration Fee: \$145
- * Scripture: "And you, oh Lord, laugh at your enemies." [Ps. 59:8]
- * Theme: BFC - Bold for Christ
- * Application Form: Contact LD Ed Gorny or any Chrysalis Board member or online

<http://swtxumc.org/emmaus/Chrysalis/07chrysapp.pdf>

For further information contact: Ed Gorny, 3400 S. Brahma Blvd. Apt. 35D, Kingsville, TX 78363, 361-595-5694, or email egorny@bishopcisid.esc2.net

P.S. I'd like to thank my Catholic brothers and sisters who were present at the Candle Light for Journey #50. Thank you for being so receptive and attentive during my semi-brief presentation for the Boys' Chrysalis event. We shared some laughs as well - it's tough being a product of Vatican II and now a Baptist "by accident!" The kind words that some of you shared with me "in the Garden" will be remembered for a long time. I'm also thankful to the three families who indicated that their son may be attending this summer's BFC Weekend.



For I was blind and now I see. John 9:25

**PLEASE PRAY
FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Pilgrims and Team

Candle Light (**Open to the Public**)

Talks:

Needs – Friday 9:00am

Life With God – 1:00pm

Life Without God – 4:00pm

Forgiveness – Saturday 9:00am

Wholeness – 10:30am

Discipline – 1:00pm

Witness On the Cross – 3:00pm

Eternal Life – 6:00pm

Discipleship – Sunday 8:00am

Life Lines – 9:00am

Closing April 22 (**Closed to the Public**)



Please join us and be the
Christ Light for these men at

Candle light

Saturday

April 21st

8:00 pm

**Zepher Retreat Center
Lake Mathis**

Walk to Siloam #4

April 19 – 22, 2007

A "Walk" for Homeless Men in the Corpus Christi area

The Walk focuses on teaching homeless men how to live a Christian life within the homeless community, while spiritually nurturing them toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Our pilgrims this year are coming mainly from Mission 911, Church Without Walls, Mother Theresa Shelter, Search for Truth Mission, Victory House, Referrals from prior pilgrims, and a few from Austin, TX.

TEAM

Lay Director: John de Montel

Asst LD's: Paul Mills & Michael Swantner

Spiritual Director: Ralph Mc Mullen

Clergy: Rey Escalante, Steve Fieldcamp, Chuck Miller, Billy Storms

Finances: Gary Hudson

Music Team: James Vaughn, Ed Becka, James Becka, Tom Dolezal,
Julius Larrymore

Candlelight Music: Gay de Montel, Tim Smith, Barry Mc Burnett

Table Leaders & Asst's: Brad Condit, Robert Cueva, Mark DeKoch,
Mike Douglas, Jimmy Gardiner, Bob Miller, Gary Morris, Tony
Reyes, Kenny Smith, Kimo Thompson, Jeff Watson, Lee Weber,
Paul Mills

Head Cha: William Mays & Tim Scranton

Agape Cha: Tommy Barker

Cha's: Jimmy Anderson, Wayne Cheek, Bob Dickson, James
Dittsworth, Dwight Eisenhauer, Randy Finch, Lorenzo Garza, Scott
Hammond, Bob Holder, Jess McKinney, Shrek Mitchell, John
Henry Schultz, Dick Swantner, Charles Tenpenny

Agape Needs

Typical agape such as crosses, sayings, knick knacks;
cookies & individually packaged snacks;
bottled water and drinks; socks, t-shirts; green agape.

Thank you and God Bless you for your continuing support.

To donate or for more information please contact:

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Future Events

Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1375
May 17-20, 2007
Tamara Berry, LD

Girls Chrysalis Flight
June 7-10, 2007
Linda Miller, LD

Men's Walk to Emmaus # 1377
June 14-17, 2007
Vance Hoskinson, LD

Men's Journey to Damascus # 51
June 21-24, 2007
Rick Svetlik, LD

Boys Chrysalis Flight
June 28-July 1, 2007
Ed Gorney, LD



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