

Rainbow Bend

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THE SPIRIT CENTER

You know the Holy Spirit is at work when good and unexpected things keep happening. That is what is occurring with the Spirit Center, the new retreat center which is being planned in the area. Our architectural plans just went through a second generation because of comments received from the Emmaus, Journey, Chrysalis, Search and other retreat communities.

Jerry Kramer, of Cotten, Landreth, Kramer Architects made a presentation in May of the architectural plans for the Spirit Center to several retreat group representatives at a BBQ held on the retreat center property (100 peace filled acres of the old Bluntzer homestead) out F.M. 624 and it is planned that he will bring this presentation to some of the Candlelight services.

The FBN Renewal Center Board, which has current primary responsibility for developing this project, is an ecumenical board, dedicated to developing a permanent retreat center for all of the local retreat communities. We always remember though, the Spirit Center is God's project.

The FBNRC Board will be signing a 100 year lease for the Spirit Center land to ensure the long term availability of a retreat center for all the local retreat communities.

Much still needs to be done, such as continuing to raise money for this project and bringing the news to all the groups which might use this facility, once built. Our theme for developing this project is "Seeds for the Harvest", which is credited to Susan Patterson with much appreciation.

We cling to this: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32)

The plan and expectation is to have the first phase of construction completed within four years. This may seem like a long time away, but it takes a while to raise six million dollars. We have raised twenty-five percent of that goal and ask for your prayers (and extra money if you have it) in helping us follow where the Holy Spirit leads us in completing this financial endeavor.

Please pray for the success of permanent sacred ground for all our retreat communities.

Peace and blessings to all of the Body of Christ,

Dan Davis

The Retreat of Retreats!

Recently I went on a very relaxing vacation. It was a good thing it was relaxing because I nearly killed myself getting to that relaxation! But when I got there it was good and I came away from the experience rejuvenated, very peaceful, and rested.

It reminded me of a devotional I had read a few weeks before from Ephesians 4:23 "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." When I read that scripture, something in me just wanted to crawl into it and enjoy it. I first went to the dictionary and looked up "retreat". Several of the meanings jumped out at me and I want to share them.

- (1) An act or process of withdrawing especially from what is difficult, dangerous, or disagreeable
- (2) the usually forced withdrawal of troops from an enemy or from an advanced position
- (3) A place of privacy or safety (a refuge)
- (4) period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study, or instruction

Look at # 1 - an act or process of withdrawing from what is difficult, dangerous, or disagreeable. Would you agree that living in this world can be difficult, even dangerous and certainly disagreeable?

I really like what it says in # 2 - the usually FORCED withdrawal of troops. We get so caught up in the battle it becomes our mission to overcome and we lose focus of what we are engaged in completely! But awe for a place of privacy or safety, once we say it, it begins to look so comforting; a time to withdrawal for prayer and meditation. Sounds like a Walk to Emmaus doesn't it? Especially the 'forced' part, right Sponsors?

Then delving farther, I began to investigate the words of the Scripture. From Zodiates dictionary, spirit is defined from the Latin word "pneuma" a noun from "pneo" - to breathe. It says, "The vital spirit or life, the principle of life residing in man; the breath breathed by God into man and again returning to God, the spiritual entity of man. The spirit is man's immaterial nature which enables him to communicate with God who is

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Walk to Emmaus Schedule

January 24-27 - Lacy Harrelson

February 21-24 - Tom Dobson

April 17-20 - Kelly Clark

May 15-18 - Brian Calhoun

July 31-August 3 - Jan Kullman

September 18-21 - Sallie Ferrell

October 9-12 - David Grabbs

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Queen of Peace Retreat center, previously know as
Bishop Drury Retreat Center.



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also spirit." I like what it says about "the breath breathed by God into man and again returning to God". As one breathes in he is taking breath from the other. Not that God needs our breath but in a way it is us giving to Him what he desires most, the essences of our lives which also include our minds. "Minds" is defined also in Zodiates as "the seat of emotions and affections, mode of thinking and feeling, disposition, moral inclination, equivalent to the HEART." Yes that is what it says, "to give Him our heart." Ephesians 4:23 is translated from Wuest Expanded Translation as this: *"moreover that you are being constantly renewed with reference to the spirit of your mind."*

Oh, that we might be constantly renewed, on perpetual retreat! What might we start to look like if we are united in one renewed spirit and mind; One with God and one with each other, one in service to all the world. I think it starts to sound like the ultimate retreat, Heaven; the only place where we will finally withdrawal from the battle. This time not forcefully but thankfully and find rest in eternity.

De Colores, Terri Shook

2007 - 2008

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Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1381

July 5 - 8, 2007



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,
I will come in and eat with him and he with Me. Revelation 3:20

The Lord has definitely been knocking and His children have opened the door welcoming Him and freely accepting His call to service. It has been absolutely amazing watching the Lord guide and build this team! His loving hands are directing our every move. We all are so excited and ready to share Christ's perfect love and grace with the pilgrims. The team of Walk to Emmaus #1381 would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for your love, support, generosity, prayers, and gifts of agape. De Colores, Tracey Simpson, Lay Director

Pilgrims

Joanne Arnold
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Prayer Chapel Coordinators: Larry & Susan Patterson

Prayer Chapel

Friday, July 6

8:50 am	Priorities	Nancy Gunter
10:25 am	Grace	Linda Isaacs
1:00 pm	Priesthood of All Believers	Jeannie White
2:30 pm	Faith	Ralph MacMullen
6:25 pm	Life in Piety	Karen Bridges

Saturday, June 23

8:10 am	Growth Through Study	Brianna Burnett
9:50 am	Means of Grace	Billy Storms
3:00 pm	Christian Action	Tammy Melton
4:45 pm	Obstacles to Grace	Melissa Nelson
6:45 pm	Discipleship	Loretta Pressly

Sunday, June 24

8:00 am	Changing Our World	Sonya Witherspoon
9:00 am	Sanctifying Grace	Gwen Becka
10:35 am	Body of Christ	Linda Anderson
11:30 am	Perseverance	Tracey Simpson
1:10 pm	Fourth Day	Jann Kullman

Community Schedule

Sponsors Hour

Thursday
6:30 pm
July 5, 2007

Candlelight

Saturday
8:00 pm
July 7, 2007

Closing

Sunday
3:00 pm
July 8, 2007

For late registration or more information, please contact the Lay Director directly at the following :

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2008

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**2007-2008
Houston
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With the help of Paul Zanetti, MD, Pat Nye, David Walsh and the Corpus Christi Journey to Damascus Board of Directors, and many, many others from Corpus Christi, the Houston Journey to Damascus "Chapter" is fully underway. Once receiving approval for Fr. Carl Tenhundfeld to serve as our Spiritual Director from Archbishop Daniel Dinardo, and selection of the first Board of Directors, with the grace of God, we're officially on our way and we continue to grow. We will have three Journey's in 2007 and scheduled four (two Women's and two Men's) in 2008. Our current Board Members are as follows:

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As always, we appreciate your sponsorship of pilgrims, and your attendance at both Candlelight and Closing for all of these weekends. All are welcome to celebrate with our community

In closing, I would personally like to thank everyone in the Journey community for making this ministry so successful. It is an absolute blessing and privilege to be associated with so many outstanding individuals. We continue to be a "work in progress", and with your continued love, support and belief in us, we'll continue serving Him through this Christian Action.

De Colores & God bless you, Dan Clark

Houston JTD Schedule

August 2-5, 2007 - #53 - Leah Olivierre L.D.

October 4-7, 2007 - #56 - Suzanne Romano L.D.

January 24-27, 2008 - #57 - Mark Thibaut L.D.



Journey to Damascus # 52

July 26-29, 2007



"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

What a blessing it has been to have such a great team surrounding me as we prepare for this Journey. It has been a wonderful experience. The Holy Spirit has truly been with us, and I know will continue to be with us throughout the weekend. I can't wait to see what He has in store for us.

Christina Purnell, Lay Director

TEAM

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Prayer Chapel

Friday, July 27

8:30am	Priorities	Valerie Pompa
10:30am	Grace	Rev. Billy Storms
1:10pm	Priesthood of All Believers	Marti Huerta
2:30pm	Faith	Sister Angela Murdaugh
6:50pm	Life in Piety	Roxie Doucet

Saturday, July 28

8:20am	Growth Through Study	Deb Cartwright
9:40am	Sacraments	Father Paul Hesse
1:30am	Christian Action	Donna DeGaish
3:00pm	Obstacles to Grace	Sue Cook
6:30pm	Discipleship	Kathy Clark
8:00pm	Love and Unity	Simon Purnell (at Candlelight)

Sunday, July 29

9:15am	Changing Our World	Margot Sorrell
10:15am	Body of Christ	Angie Quiroz
11:15am	Perseverance/4th Day	Christina Purnell

PILGRIMS

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Sponsors Hour
 Thursday, July 26th
 6:30 pm

Candlelight
 Saturday, July 28th
 8:00 pm

Closing
 Sunday, July 29th
 2:00 pm

Future Events

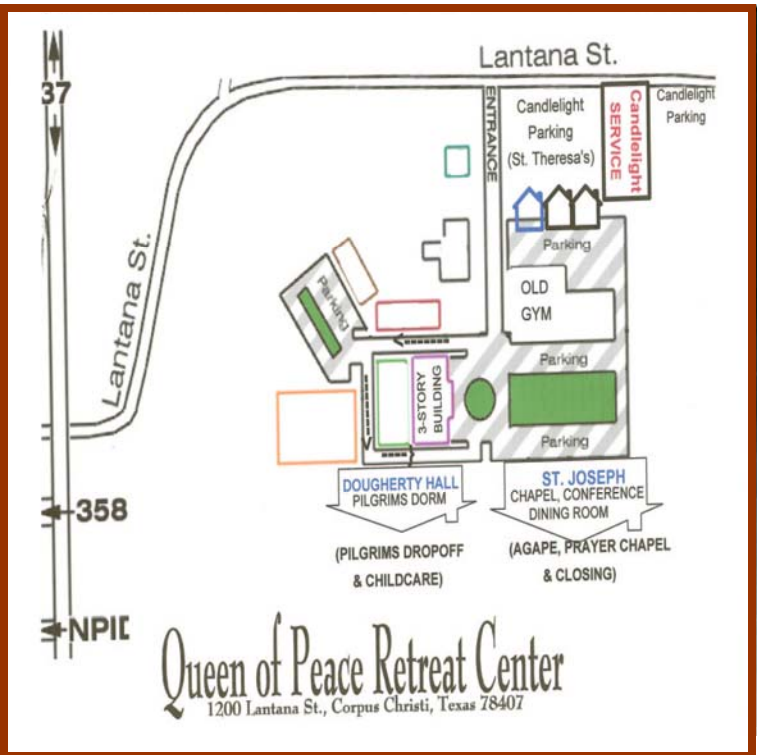
Men's Journey to Damascus #54
September 13-16, 2007
Eddie Guernsey, LD

Women's Walk to Emmaus #1389
September 20-23, 2007
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Women's Journey to Damascus #55
October 4-7, 2007
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Women's (Houston) Journey to Damascus #56
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