

Rainbow Bend

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MESSAGE FROM EMMAUS

You may or may not know that the Walk to Emmaus as we know it now was born in 1981. The Upper Room fashioned it after Cursillo but adapted it to a primarily Protestant audience. Since that time, countless lives have been transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit through the Walk. It is really amazing to me how He works through this event. I often ponder what the early fathers expected to happen when they said, "we will have them listen to 15 talks, do projects, and eat unending food, then they will be changed forever!" It has to be the Holy Spirit; it just doesn't make sense any other way!

I also am amazed that God has allowed the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community to flourish as it has in the past 25 years. We are one of the largest Emmaus Communities in the WORLD! Gail Anderson, the Assistant Lay Director, for this community has been working on our history for our 25th anniversary. So many people before us have given their service to Emmaus and it continues to "fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of His love".

Part of the success over all these years has been the consistency of each an every Walk all over the world. We all enjoy the same Walk, everywhere! That is the way the Upper Room, our governing board has designed it. In fact, each year the Coastal Bend Emmaus Board signs a covenant with the Upper Room to uphold the model for how the weekend is conducted. Each Lay Director, Spiritual Director and Board Representative sign a covenant for each Walk saying they will follow the model. We have as a community strayed off the model from time to time but your local board for several years now has been making a conscience effort to return

to full compliance. I guess all that needs to be said here is God is always good to keep His covenants, should we do less?

Another thing our board has been making happen in the last two years is updating the database for our community. We have made every effort to collect team experience sheets from all the teams, we have added pilgrims from each Walk and we have asked people from the community to update their information in our files so that we have current names, addresses and service. We originally built this database from old files and now have several thousand entries in the database. We use this information for team selection. Unfortunately, there is a lot of information handed to new Lay Directors which is out of date. In order to be sure we have the best and latest information we are going to limit our team selection to recent database entries. If you have not been on a team or filled out a form in the last year and you want to be on a team, you must fill out a team service form which can be located on the website, www.coastalbendemmasus.org.

For 25 years in the Coastal Bend folks have surrendered to self in order to serve others. That's a tradition worthy of continuing. "If you have any encouragement from being untied with Christ,comfort from his love....fellowship with the Spirit....tenderness and compassion, than make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Philippians 2:1-2

I am so grateful, as are many of you that I have been given the gift of serving and to be served by this community. "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the

gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil 1:3-6.

God bless you and God bless this community.

DeColores, Terri



WEB SERVANT FOR THE COASTAL BEND EMMAUS COMMUNITY

- ◆ Do you have a desire to give back to the community?
- ◆ Do you like to work from your home?

Have we got the job for you!

Our current web servant, Nancy, has decided to retire after many years of faithful service. We need someone with a servants heart who is computer and web knowledgeable to take over the web page.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Terri Shook for more information.

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Walk to Emmaus THE UPPER ROOM



COASTAL BEND EMMAUS COMMUNITY



The Beginning of The Journey

The Journey to Damascus Community greatly appreciates the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community, which has been instrumental in the Journey's creation and success.

The origin of the Journey To Damascus (JTD) dates back to 1996. A number of Catholics were actively involved in the Walk to Emmaus (WTE) having been pilgrims on Walks, involved in Reunion Groups, served on Emmaus teams and on the local Emmaus board. However, they missed having the Catholic Mass and Communion during the weekend. Ironically, the Walk to Emmaus possibly came about because the Catholic Cursillo did not permit open Communion on their weekends.

With the approval of the local Emmaus board a Sunday Mass was tried during the Walk, but didn't prove feasible. A number of alternate ideas were also tried, but were not successful. Finally a group of Catholic and Methodist clergy and laity worked for more than a year to develop a movement that would be an ecumenical complement to the Catholic Cursillo and Walk to Emmaus. Bishop Roberto Gonzalez supported the effort. Several Catholic priests attended Emmaus weekends, either as Pilgrims or observers. Then, with the assistance of the Board of the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community, a number of Methodist ministers and Catholic clergy, the Journey to Damascus was formed in 1998.

Members of the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community as well as past WTE Board members have served on the JTD Board since its inception.

Two men's and two women's Journeys took place in 1999. The team members, sponsors and Candlelight attendees were almost all members of the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community. Because of



Note from the Journey

Are you interested in being a Lay Director for the Journey to Damascus?

The Board of the Journey to Damascus is in the annual process of collecting information on all interested candidates who are qualified and want to serve as a Lay Director with the Journey to Damascus.

To serve in 2009 the following qualifications should be completed by the end of 2008:

- ◆ service as a Cha/Angel
- ◆ service as Table Leader or Assistant Table Leader
- ◆ service as an Assistant Lay Director on a Journey weekend
- ◆ given two talks, at least one of which was on a Journey weekend or at a Journey Gathering.

If you are qualified or close to being qualified to serve as a Lay Director for the Journey to Damascus, please call, email or write to:

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Corpus Christi, TX 78411
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their continued support, the Journey has taken root and flourished. As of April 2008, there have been 59 Journey weekends with eight more scheduled for the rest of this year. Three of these are scheduled to occur in Houston, which now has its own Journey to Damascus Community.

The cooperation of the Coastal Bend Emmaus and Journey to Damascus Communities continues to this day. We not only share a newsletter, but through our mutual efforts we have a facility where the weekends can be held. Some problems still remain, since a Journey member cannot sponsor a Pilgrim nor serve on the 'inside team' on the WTE. However, what is critical remains the continued mutual support, cooperation and respect between the Coastal Bend

Emmaus and Journey to Damascus Communities.

Editor's Note: The preceding article was submitted by the Journey to Damascus Board as part of our on going series on the History of the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community in celebration of our 25th Anniversary. Please contact Gail Anderson at pga@agcm.cc if you would like to share your own reflections on the history of the Coastal Bend Emmaus community.





Women's Journey to Damascus # 59

April 3-6, 2008



"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly father" Matthew 5:16

You've all heard the saying "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called." Well I said yes and what a blessed journey it's been so far. The power of the Holy Spirit has been truly at work. God has sent me a team of some of the most amazing, dedicated and "spirit filled" women. I am overwhelmed at the outpouring of support and willingness to help that we have received from the community. Thank you all. Please continue praying for the team and pilgrims that God will send us. I can't wait for the pilgrims to see Christ's light shining through you at candlelight. Let us be a light to each other.

De Colores, Hilda Gonzalez, LD

TEAM

Lay Director: Hilda Gonzalez

Asst LD's: Gracie Martin, Jenny Sehy, Desda Tansey

Spiritual Director: Fr. Eduardo Montemayor

Clergy: Rev. Billy Storms, Sr. Angela Murdaugh, Cherie Hopkins

Board Reps: Betty Garcia, Melissa Ricard

Observing LD: Diana Salinas

Music Team: Jo Fern Thomas, Mandi Gonzalez, Michele Gonzalez, Yolanda Hominick

Table Leaders: Kathy Borhauer, Susie Davis, Laura Garza, Rose Mary Garza, Rebecca James, Lisa Porshe

Asst. Table Leaders: Liz Buckley, Lisa Langton, Rose Ann Lugo, Ninfa Lopez, Lydia Romero, Barbara Moretich

Head Angel: Delma Garza

Co-Head Angel: Mary Ann Gonzalez

Angels: Delma Cantu, Diane Estringel, Diana Garcia, Marina Hays, Christina House, Jessica Lugo, Ramona Martinez, Monica Moore, Sylvia Mulinix, Penny Pacheco, Angie Quiroz, Grace Reyes, Ledezma Rodriguez, Norma Rodriguez, Nellie Serna, Desiri Soliz-Lerma, Angela Wendel

PRAYER CHAPEL

Friday, April 4

8:35 am	Priorities	Delma Garza
10:30 am	Grace	Rev. Billy Storms
1:10 pm	Priesthood of all Believers	Gracie Martin
2:35 pm	Faith	Sr. Angela Murdaugh
6:50 pm	Life in Piety	Yolanda Hominick

Saturday, April 5

8:20 am	Growth through Study	Desda Tansey
9:40 am	Sacraments	Fr. Eduardo Montemayor
1:30 pm	Christian Action	Ledezma Rodriguez
3:00 pm	Obstacles to Grace	Cherie Hopkins
6:30 pm	Discipleship	Jo Fern Thomas

Sunday, April 6

9:15 am	Changing Our World	Jenny Sehy
10:15 am	Body of Christ	Angie Quiroz
11:15 am	Perseverance & 4 th Day	Hilda Gonzalez

PILGRIMS

Diane Vajdos
 Judy Olds
 Nelda Gonzalez
 Miranda Mireles
 Gloria Praesel
 Kathy Schulz
 Laurie Tyra
 Jeanette Mendoza
 Laura Karkoska
 Denise Villarreal
 Judy Cable
 Elva Rodriguez
 Christine Montez
 Sylvia Perez
 Linda Avila
 Peggy Smith
 Debbie Gonzalez
 Belinda Hernandez
 Connie Torres
 Peggy Frost
 Scarlet Nerios
 Tammy Nichols
 Nicci Bassham
 Kathy Bassham
 Tiffany Nichols
 Holly Courts
 Belinda Gonzalez
 Samm Esquivel
 Marilyn Garcia
 Kathy Jo Overstreet
 Kelsey Rivera
 Brenda Olivarez
 Amanda Garcia
 Amy Suriz
 Elizabeth Flores
 Shanna Larson

SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 3
 6:30 pm Sponsor's Hour

Saturday, April 5
 8:00 pm Candle Light

Sunday, April 6
 2:00 pm Closing



Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1430
April 17-20, 2008



"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "plans to give you hope
and a future. Then you will call upon me and
come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29: 11-13



The Team of Walk 1430 are finalizing our plans with great enthusiasm. We are looking forward to the day we will meet each Pilgrim on this walk. While we have made preparations for Walk 1430, we know that none will compare to the plans of "hope and a future" declared by God. We thank the Communities for all prayers and gifts of agape for the Pilgrims. It will be the Best Walk Ever!

Love, Kelle Clark, Lay Director

TEAM

- Lay Director:** Kelle Clark
Spiritual Director: Gloria Lear
Asst LD's: Pam Cantu, Claudia Jackson-DeFries, Sue Vickers
Clergy: Steve Fieldcamp, Carol Pifer, Will Rice, Lee Romero
Board Rep: Marilyn Yankee
Observing LD: Sallie Ferrell
Music Team: Sue Bradley, Carol Scott, Deb Sewell
Table Leaders: Vicki Beck, Sylvia Garcia, Marche Kennedy, Kellie Page, Susan Pierce, Stacy Taylor
Asst Table Leaders: Sandra Brown, Sarah Chaffin, Lagina Grove, Lisa Hensley, Lisa Kayser, Sara Molina
Angels: Kay Aeby, Mary Babineaux, Traci Bellis, Nancy Bircher, Gale Bridgeman, Maggie Dalthorp, Marlys Gonzalez, Jane Hedrick, Tiffany Kayes, Anne Mosiman, Judy Nichols, Katy O'Callaghan, Ana Olivera-Hamm, Gayle Siebrecht, Norma Wilke
Prayer Chapel Coordinator: June Pearce

PRAYER CHAPEL

Friday, April 18

9:15 a.m.	Priority	Pam Cantu
11:15 a.m.	Prevenient Grace	Carol Pifer
1:45 p.m.	Priesthood of All Believers	Lisa Kayser
3:00 p.m.	Justifying Grace	Lee Romero
6:30 p.m.	Life of Piety	Lisa Hensley

Saturday, April 19

8:45 a.m.	Growth Through Study	Sandra Brown
10:15 a.m.	Means of Grace	Gloria Lear
3:00 p.m.	Christian Action	Sue Vickers
4:30 p.m.	Obstacles to Grace	Steve Fieldcamp
7:00 p.m.	Discipleship	Lagina Grove

Sunday, April 20

8:50 a.m.	Changing Our World	Sarah Chaffin
10:00 a.m.	Sanctifying Grace	Will Rice
11:00 a.m.	Body of Christ	Sara Molina
12:30 p.m.	Perseverance	Kelle Clark
1:10 p.m.	Fourth Day	Claudia Jackson-DeFries



PILGRIMS

- Cynthia Beaty
 Deana Carey
 Janice Cook
 Ruth Crough
 Elsa Diehl
 Bobbie Distefano
 Laura Falconer
 Evah Gonzales
 Amy Green
 Wilma Grupe
 Anita Gutierrez
 Erin Hanson
 Dorothy Hogue
 Caroline Mauger
 Brenda Petru
 Estella Rocha
 Heather Spragins
 Ora Lee Stevenson
 Nina Stone
 Carol Ward
 Mayme Wendland
 Joyce Wilcox

For late registrations and more information please call the Lay Director directly:

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 kelle@grandecom.net

COMMUNITIES

Thursday - April 17
 Sponsors Hour
 6:30 pm

Saturday - April 19
 Candle light & Communion
 8:00 pm

Sunday - April 20
 Closing
 3:30 pm



Houston
Women's Journey to Damascus # 60
 May 1-4, 2008



"It is the Lord your God who marches with you,
 He will never fail you or forsake you."
 Deuteronomy 31:6



I am so excited that Houston now has 4 Journeys a year. On May 1st we will have our first spring journey for women. We couldn't have done it without the help of our brothers and sisters in Corpus Christi and our brothers and sisters here in Houston, not only in the Journey to Damascus community but also those in the Emmaus and Acts communities. We thank you all.

The verse I have chosen really struck a cord with me. To be reminded that we are never alone, that God is with us no matter what is such a comfort to me to know that He is always at my side. Through all the trials and all we persevere He is at our side, never leaving, never forgetting us. This has been such an eye opening experience to me. To realize on a daily basis how strong our Lord is. He is in charge and we only have to be open to follow His lead. He is definitely leading the way for this journey.

I want to thank all those who have helped in so many ways and especially those who are praying for the team and pilgrims for JTD #60. Please join us on May 3rd for candlelight and be the Light of Christ to our new community members. If you can't make it please continue to pray for our team and pilgrims.
 God Bless, Sherri Brokmeyer LD

- PILGRIMS**
 Natasha Vandemerwe
 Cathy Finck
 Renee Ranalli
 Kiyomi Armistead
 Teresa Pennartz
 Sue Oswalt
 Gloria Tudor
 Janna Altmann
 Cynthia Landrum
 Julie Koch

PRAYER CHAPEL

Thursday, May 1st		
8:30 pm	Ecumenism	Rev. Brett Hurst
Friday, May 2nd		
8:30 am	Priorities	Chris Portillo
10:30 am	Grace	Rev. Brett Hurst
1:10 pm	Priesthood of all Believers	Karen Conner
2:30 pm	Faith	Rev. Jeff Rees
6:50 pm	Life in Piety	Nonie O'Toole
Saturday, May 3rd		
8:20 am	Growth through Study	Catherine Garza
9:40 am	Sacraments	Fr. Carl Tenhunfeld
1:30 pm	Christian Action	Amy Vincik
3:00 pm	Obstacles to Grace	Rev. Jeff Rees
6:30 pm	Discipleship	Trish Eramo
8:30 pm	Love and Unity	Suzanne Romano
Sunday, May 4th		
9:15 am	Changing our World	Anna Adrian
10:15 am	Body of Christ	Jennifer Hancock
11:15 am	Perseverance/4 th Day	Sherri Brokmeyer

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Music Team: Wendy Clark, April Clark, Camille Morrison, Valerie Ragusa, Belinda Scott
Angels: Mary Kaiser, Lori Erwin, Nonie O'Toole, Crystal Atkins, Julie Chovanetz, Cindy Doublesin, Mary Ann Duhan, Becky Elder, Jan Garza, Carmen Hanshaw, Cindy Huggs, Cristina Lara, Barbara Mackie, Cheri Merritt, Barbara Mingarelli, Dana Page, Beatriz Rodriguez, Laura Rooney, Fran Schaeffer, Roxanne Stanley, Cara Vann, Kim Walsh, Kellye Wilson
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SOLEMN

- Thursday, May 1st
 6:30 pm Sponsor's Hour
- Saturday, May 3rd
 8:00 pm Candle Light
- Sunday, May 4th
 2:00 pm Closing

Future Events

May 15-18, 2008
Men's Walk to Emmaus # 1440
Brian Calhoun, Lay Director

May 29—June 1, 2008
Women's Journey to Damascus # 61
Diana Salinas, Lay Director

June 5-8, 2008
Girl's Chrysalis
Julie Brown, Lay Director

June 19-22, 2008
Men's Journey to Damascus # 62
Bud Colwell, Lay Director

June 26-29, 2008
Boy's Chrysalis
Mitch Luna, Lay Director

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