

Rainbow Bend

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Community Interfaith Ash Wednesday Service

A community interfaith Ash Wednesday service will be held Wednesday, February 6th, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. at the Corpus Christi State School gymnasium at 902 Airport Road. Bishop Edmund Carmody will be presiding in his 8th service here and the "CrossTide" praise team from First United Methodist Church will be leading in worship. Additionally, Dr. Bill Allen of Praying Servant Ministries will be sharing and the residents of the Corpus Christi State School will lead in scripture readings. The "Silent Angels" deaf choir will also sign to music and Celia Mendez will be interpreting the service for the deaf and hard of hearing.

The vision for this service is to provide an Emmaus and Journey type of worship experience for our community and State School disabled who are not able to attend regular services. We welcome everyone from the Emmaus, Damascus, Chrysalis, Cursillo and Kairos communities to join with us in this united worship experience. We hope you will be able to join us. Please contact Chaplain Tom Dowdy at the Corpus Christi State School (361) 844-7656 for more information.



Notes from the Journey . . .

Interested in being more involved in the Journey to Damascus?

The Board of the Journey to Damascus is in the annual process of collecting information on interested candidates for serving on the Board or serving on a Committee for the Journey to Damascus.

This call for volunteers is open to everyone who has attended a three day weekend such as those sponsored by the Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Cursillo, and Journey to Damascus communities.

We need to hear from you. So please contact us and let us know how you would like to serve. Please call, email or write to:

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WANTED :

Member of the community with a good computer and printer plus a desire to communicate with the Body of Christ around the world. The Journey to Damascus is in need of community agape letter coordinators for the Corpus Christi and Houston communities. This is a wonderful ministry collecting letters from around the world and sending out the JTD community letter to our Christian brothers and sisters of other 3 day weekends. To ask questions or to volunteer please call or e-mail:

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EMMAUS NOTICE

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Men's Walk to Emmaus # 1420, scheduled for February 21-24, 2008 has been canceled. If you were sponsoring a pilgrim on this walk please contact the registrar in San Antonio to transfer your pilgrim to another walk. We regret any inconvenience this has caused the pilgrims or sponsors. Contact information for the registrar is:

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Kairos Outside # 4

March 7-9, 2008

"COME TO ME, ALL OF YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND CARRY HEAVY BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

MATTHEW 11:28

- ◆ "I have felt unloved."
- ◆ "I have felt alone."
- ◆ "I was ashamed for anyone to know that I have a loved one incarcerated."
- ◆ "After this weekend I feel loved for the first time in my life."
- ◆ "I feel accepted."
- ◆ "I no longer feel alone."

When you hear these comments and can sense the hurt, fear and rejection these guests have felt before this weekend, you cannot help but get tears in your eyes and a lump in your throat. At the end of the weekend you realize that you have been blessed by God as you ministered to these women who just needed someone to listen, listen, listen and love, love, love.

The Kairos Outside weekends are possible only through the generosity of the community. We depend on your "GREEN AGAPE " and without your donations, these weekends would not be possible. Since the Emmaus, Chrysalis & Damascus Community in this area is so large, if each member would send \$1.00 or more to: KAIROS OUTSIDE OF CORPUS CHRISTI, P. O. BOX 773, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78403, we would be able to cover all our expenses. All traditional AGAPE is also welcomed for the weekend.

We invite you to join us for the **Walking In Love** at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center on March 8, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. so our guests can have the same experience we had as Pilgrims. This 'candlelight type' service is held in the dining room of the retreat center.

Matthew 25:40 (NIV) 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

We thank you for supporting us and enabling us to minister to these deserving women. MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH EACH OF YOU!

Coastal Bend Emmaus Community - Silver Anniversary

The Coastal Bend Emmaus Community is almost 25 years old! Wow - how time flies!

As part of our 25th anniversary celebration, Gail Anderson, the current community ALD, has been compiling our Coastal Bend Walk to Emmaus History. This enormous undertaking will be available soon on our web page. (www.coastalbendemmas.org) Gail states this project is still "a work in progress and we hope you will want to help us fill the missing gaps. We are missing Community Lay Director and Spiritual Director names prior to 1992 and some Board Rep names from 1983-1998. Also missing are the number of pilgrims and the scripture references

for some of the Walks.

This history [site will] also provide an additional link to the Team and Pilgrim lists for each Walk by clicking on the Walk # ...,however, at this time we have only collected data for 75 out of 130 Walks. Our goal is to have the Walk History completed by year end ... We have [also] included other ecumenical events that started in our community during the last 25 years. We welcome any additional comments that you think are pertinent to our Walk to Emmaus history." Please send any data you have for our Walk history to Gail Anderson, email: pga@agcm.cc or postal mail: 409 Grant, CC, TX 78411). Team and pilgrim

data can be in the form of a Candlelight bulletin, 4th Day packet pilgrim and team list or excel spreadsheets.

The Walk to Emmaus board is currently forming a committee to organize and prepare for our 25th Anniversary celebration. If you would be interested in being a part of this please contact Gail at pga@agcm.cc or 361-816-6937.





Men's Journey to Damascus # 58

February 7-10, 2008



"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . ."

Matthew 28:19

As we have prepared for this weekend, the team has focused on finding God in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Through that focus, we realize most of our contact with God takes place where our family, friends, work and affections are. There, we have our daily encounter with Christ. The team has relied on this close and daily contact with Christ in preparing for this weekend, knowing all along that our efforts are for Him, through Him and because of Him. I have been overwhelmed by the support and outpouring of love this team, my family and the community have made for this weekend. It truly is an example of how Christ wants us to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" On behalf of the Team of Journey to Damascus #58, I simply want to say "thank you". Simon Purnell, Lay Director

TEAM

- Lay Director:** Simon Purnell
Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Goodwin
Assistant Lay Director: Tom Chavez, Todd Muenster, Frank Pompa
Assistant Spiritual Directors: Rev. Billy Storms, Sr Angela Murdaugh, Fr. Richard Gonzales
Board Representative: David Walsh
Music: Ric Ricard, Julius Larrymore, Justin M. Kerr, Alex Ricard, Paul Towns
Table Leaders; Rene Bocanegra, Brent Chesney, Brian Cornelius, Maury Jarrell, Jesse Bert Quintanilla, Robert Ramirez
Assistant Table Leaders: Randy Cartwright, Ray Fleming, Reagan Johnson, Pat O'Boyle, Tom Sorrell, Kenneth Stanley
CHAs: Josh Smith, Oscar Ramos, Luis Aguilar, Joseph Cable, Andy Cardiel, Mark DeGaish, John Doherty, Jose Gomez, Tony Gonzalez, Brian Grunberg, Rudy Lerma, Joe Martinez, Jr., Doug Matthijetz, Samuel Shores, Rick Villarreal
Prayer Chapel Coordinator: Larry & Susan Patterson
Sponsors' Service: Theresa Chavez
Love and Unity Talk: Christina Purnell
Observing LD: Arthur "Bud" Colwell

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- Bill Banda
 Bill Bonawitz
 Steve Bryan
 Abel Canales
 Frank Cantu
 Paul Cardiel
 Nick Castillo
 Clinton Curry
 Danny Curry
 James Dowty
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 Rick Saenz
 Jason Schuette
 Joe Shockley
 Rey Tagle
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Talk Schedule

Friday, February 8th		
8:30 am	Priorities	Todd Muenster
10:30 am	Grace	Rev. Billy Storms
1:10 pm	Priesthood of All Believers	Thomas Chavez
2:30 pm	Faith	Father Richard Gonzales
6:50 pm	Life in Piety	Josh Smith
Saturday, February 9th		
8:20 am	Growth Through Study	Tom Sorrell
9:40 am	Sacraments	Father Tom Goodwin
1:30 pm	Christian Action	Patrick O'Boyle
3:00 pm	Obstacles to Grace	Sister Angela Murdaugh
6:30 pm	Discipleship	Reagan Johnson
8:00 pm	(candlelight) Love and Unity	Christina Purnell
Sunday, February 10th		
9:15 am	Changing Our World	Frank Pompa
10:15 am	Body of Christ	Randy Cartwright
11:15 am	Perseverance/4th Day	Simon Purnell



Future Events

February 7-10, 2008
Men's Journey to Damascus # 58
Simon Purnell, Lay Director

March 7-9, 2008
Kairos Outside # 4
Cheryl Deal, Leader

April 3-6, 2008
Women's Journey to Damascus # 59
Hilda Gonzalez, Lay Director

April 17-20, 2008
Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1430
Kelle Clark, Lay Director

May 8-11, 2008
Women's Houston JTD # 60
Sherri Brokmeyer, Lay Director

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

SWTX Conference Emmaus Celebration 2008

The SWTX Conference is sponsoring a 3 day Emmaus Celebration at Mount Wesley, Kerrville, Texas April 4-6, 2008. The conference includes: Worship, fellowship, training, music, and of course FOOD. Come and meet the Upper Room and Regional Emmaus and Chrysalis Leadership. Planned activities for children ages 3-15 are included as well. Various vendors will also be in attendance.

Information on all fees and registration is available online at www.umcswtxprograms.org/html/emmaus.html or you may contact the Emmaus Registrar at 888-349-4193. Registration deadline is March 28, 2008.



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