

Rainbow Bend

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Don't Forget

December 2, 2008 is our annual fall gathering. It will be held at FUMC Corpus Christi TX. It will begin at 6:30pm. There will be food, entertainment, music and lots of fun. Plan to be there.



Wanted

Someone to make new wooden table names. Needed by January 22, 2009. Contact Gail Anderson H (361) 854-6326 C (361) 816-6937 pga@agcm.cc

NOTICE

There will be an increase in fees for both team and pilgrims in 2009. The new fee will be \$170



Kairos Outside and the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community

Kairos Outside is a part of Kairos Prison Ministry International which is designed for women who have family members that are incarcerated. The women have to be 20 years old to attend a weekend but there is no maximum age. The women who attend may have loved ones in prisons in this area or in another state. These special women, whose lives have been adversely affected by the choices of others, need to see God's love to encourage them to make positive choices for their own lives.

Sometimes these women live two lives, a public life and a private life. Many times others do not even know they have someone incarcerated. They have feelings of failure, guilt, isolation, anger, despair, shame and depression. The goal of Kairos Outside is to provide a safe place in a Christian atmosphere for up to 30 women to talk out and deal with these emotions with others walking the same walk. They are amazed at the unconditional love the team gives them and that God has not forgotten or forsaken them. The participants are called guests and the motto of Kairos Outside is "Listen, Listen, Love, Love".

The weekend begins on Friday night and lasts through Sunday afternoon, much like the Walk to Emmaus but shorter. There are talks on subjects related to the circumstances these women face. The women are encouraged to trust others on the weekend and to share their experiences. Something they may not have been able to do in the past. Team members do not give advice nor try to solve problems – they only listen, listen, love, love and refer the guests to the spiritual directors if there is a major problem. The guests are encouraged to form support groups after the weekend to be able to continue to receive positive support from one another.

The Corpus Christi Kairos Outside community was started in 2004 by people who had been very active in the Walk to Emmaus community. Kairos Outside #1 was held February 13, 2006 and since that time, two weekends have been held each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The teams for the weekends are made up of 1/3 people who have attended 4th day weekends, 1/3 those who have not attended such a weekend, and 1/3 former guests on Kairos Outside weekends.

One of the impacts that the Emmaus/Journey has made on Kairos Outside, is the fact that when the founder of KO, Jo Chapman, was here giving training to the KO#1 team, she was invited to attend a Candlelight service on Saturday night. She was so impressed with the service that she allowed KO-CC to put together a similar service that fit within the bounds of Kairos Outside. After attending the KO-CC #1 weekend, she incorporated the "Walking In Love" candlelight service into all the KO weekends held internationally.

Many of the women who have worked in Kairos Outside are now working in the Kairos Inside ministry that holds weekends at the McConnell Unit in Beeville. We are grateful to the Emmaus/Journey communities for providing leadership and support to the Kairos Outside weekends. The next weekend will be held at the Queen of Peace Retreat Center on November 14-16, 2008 with Marila Colunga as the leader. Please keep the Kairos Outside community and our future guests in your prayers.

For more information or application forms go online to www.kairosprisonministry.org and click on Kairos Outside in the left hand column.



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM



COASTAL BEND
EMMAUS COMMUNITY





Walk to Siloam #6, February 26th – March 1st, 2009, Camp Zephyr



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the longing of my heart and my prayer is that the homeless men might be saved. For the scriptures tell us that no one who believes in Christ will ever be disappointed.

The Walk to Siloam focuses on teaching men how to live a Christian life within the homeless community, while spiritually nurturing them toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. We thank the community for your past support and appreciate future assistance since each Walk to Siloam is responsible for meeting its own agape and financial needs. We are especially hopeful of your prayers and your letters as the homeless men are estranged from their families in many cases. This year we are hopeful for assistance in the following areas:

- All traditional agape – crosses, sayings, emblems, knickknacks
- Food agape – the men love individually packaged snacks, healthy snacks
- Drinks – bottled water, canned or bottled sodas, tea, lemonade etc.
- Pilgrim sponsorships – approximately 35 pilgrims - \$125/man
- \$ 5 Whataburger Gift Cards
- Printing costs - \$200
- Socks, tshirts, undergarments
- Sanitary kits – soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, comb etc. – 35 sets
- Candlelight Attendance on Saturday, February 28th, is greatly appreciated!!!!!!!
- You can obtain directions at zbcamp.org (Camp Zephyr's website).

Blessings to all of you.

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Randy Finch, Head Cha 361-533-0091

You may deliver agape if you wish to:

- 1) Stewart Strayer, Ashmore Paint Co., 1736 S. Staples St., (near 6 Pts.) ,CC,Tx.,78404
- 2) Mark DeKoch, Burkett Law Firm, 538 S. Tanchua, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.



Journey to Damascus News

The Journey to Damascus Board of directors elected Maury Jarrell to serve as Vice-President for 2008/2009.

Revised by-laws enacted on June 1st of this year required the v-p to be elected instead of appointed by the president.

The board also completed the appointment of chairmen to all the standing

Committees. We thank all the chairmen for their gift of service to the JTD community. We are still in need of committee members. Please consider assisting the community by serving on a committee. Please contact the chairmen direct.

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JTD Gathering

Please plan to join us to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Journey to Damascus at the 2009 Journey to Damascus Pot Luck Gathering

Friday, January 23, 2009
at Most Precious Blood's Parish Hall

Praise and Worship Music
Fourth Day Speakers
(more details to come next month)

Please plan to join us for the celebration!



Thank you!

"I will rise up and return to my Father" -- Luke 15:18

On behalf of the team, pilgrims and families of Journey to Damascus #65, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the members of the community for their prayers, support, agape gifts and participation during Candlelight and Closing. After the delay caused by Hurricane Ike, Candlelight under the tent and the conflicts that prevented many from attending, this Journey weekend certainly faced its share of challenges. However, the Body of Christ rose to the occasion and the weekend was absolutely awesome. Our God is faithful and His Holy Spirit was powerfully present during the weekend. Many lives were touched and hearts were changed. I know the Pilgrims experienced an outpouring of God's love as never before, and all of us who were privileged to participate in this weekend have been forever changed.

May God Bless you all,
Steve Ellis

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord" Jeremiah 29:11

The team of JTD #66 wishes to thank the entire community who gave so generously of themselves for the success of this journey. Because of your support through prayers, agape, talents and love we as the Body of Christ have brought new pilgrims into a deeper understanding of their own personal relationship with God.

May we each keep the spirit of ecumenism and love burning in our hearts as we follow His divine agenda to love one another. May His plan and our prayers be all in the same as we answer to the call of our name.

De Colores and God Bless,
Jan Clark
LD JTD #66

"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1

God is good, all the time! The Holy Spirit was truly at work during JTD #67. It was a beautiful and exciting fall weekend way back in the woods of Circle Lake. I thank God for the blessings bestowed on us and for bringing a group of dedicated and spirit-filled team and pilgrims together for His glory! Special thanks to the entire Journey dream team! You served so happily and willingly, your joy was contagious. Thank you for all of your hard work and the love you showed to the pilgrims and to each other. It was awe-inspiring. Thanks also to the community who donated your time, talent and treasure in so many ways: your prayers, agape, sponsorship, letters, cleanup, and attendance at candlelight. It was an honor and privilege to grow closer to Christ along side each of you! Remember, Christ will travel down any road to find you! Hope to see you back in the woods again soon!

May the Peace and Love of Christ be with you in all your 4th days!
De Colores,
Joanne Krohn,
Lay Director, JTD #67

“NEVER WILL I LEAVE YOU; NEVER WILL I FORSAKE YOU” Hebrews 13:5.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: The Kairos Outside #5 team is blessed to have the support of the Coastal Bend Emmaus, Journey to Damascus, and Chrysalis Communities. At the present time, we have 27 guests. We are still in need of agape of all kind: please mail your “Green Agape” to: Kairos Outside of Corpus Christi, P. O. Box 773, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403, and please drop off your non-denominational agape gifts (35 count -- for guests only) at the retreat center on November 14. We would love to see you at our “Walking in Love” service [similar to candlelight] on Saturday evening, November 15, at 8:30 p.m., held in the **dining room** of the Queen of Peace Retreat Center. We want our Guests to feel the same love from our Communities as we did at our own candle light service. We also invite you to witness Christ’s love and join us for our closing ceremonies on Sunday, November 16 at 2:30,. Thank you so much for your prayers and support as we continue this new ministry to bring God’s love to women whose lives have been adversely affected by the choices of their loved ones. We pray that the Peace of Christ be with each of you. For more information, contact Marila Colunga, 857-6379, or marilac@grandecom.net

Kairos Outside #5 team

Leader: Marila Colunga

Advising Leader: Cheryl Deal

Observing Leader #1: Gaye Hensley

Observing Leader #2: Terri-Lynn Schofield

Advising Council: Patti Nance

Spiritual Directors: Pastors Molly Armstrong, Linda Morrow, Trudy Paul

Table Leaders: Michele Hoelscher, Marina Hays, Susie Davis, Grace Reyes, Lamar Saenz, Phyllis Stubbs, Sharon Reeves, Evon Kelly, Sandy Shake, Jackie Hernandez, Kay West, Rose Ann Lugo, Heather, Dixon, Hilda Gonzalez

Table Servers: Tracey Simpson, Dotty Lowe, Veronica Perez, Sandi Rodriguez, Diana Salinas, Jennifer Ostarch, Mari Colunga



Agape/Angels:

Ledezma Rodriguez, Laura Cantwell, Karolyn Wicke, Linda Anderson, Gracie Cooley, Loretta Pressly, Donna Monroe, Sheri Dorman, Delma Garza, Bonnie Hodge, Frances Garcia, Melissa Montgomery, Adela Ann Lopez, Yolanda Guerrero, Sandra McCutcheon, Bertha Gomez, Natalie Holder, Jackie Lee, Beckye Hesseltine, Theresa Arizmendi, Lisa Nunez, Deb Cartwright, Linda Gallagher, Linda Gilmore, Lorenza Gilmore, Paulette King, Mary Richards

Kitchen Team: Men from the Coastal Bend Emmaus, Damascus and Kairos Communities who volunteer to cook, serve and entertain.



Due to confidentiality issues, the Guests names are not published. Christ knows the women He is calling to this healing weekend. Please lift them in our prayers, that they will be open to His healing touch.



Enkindling the Fire of Love Your Opportunity to Enhance Lives



Just about a half hour west of Corpus Christi in the city of Bluntzer rest several peace-filled acres awaiting the hearts and hands to enrich the earth to grow a harvest of renewed spirit and life. The development of the Bluntzer Spirit Center is a wonderful journey for establishing a site destined for spiritual education and social development for youths and adults who will prosper through spiritual regeneration.

While the Bluntzer Spirit Center nurtures the soul of the individual it also will nurture the land through the good stewardship of natural resources. The environmentally friendly architecture will be set within native trees and flowers as a protected preservation which can provide enjoyment for nature walks and meditation.

This natural beauty will open hearts as people build their relationships with God, family and community. With so much to gain, we invite retreat groups and faith-based organizations to form a lasting relationship in advancing the mission of the Bluntzer Spirit Center through material and spiritual support.

More Than a Park

The greater South Texas community calls for a place to renew the spirit and enkindle the fire of love, and a non-profit group was formed to create interest, gain guidance and establish commitment toward the construction of the Bluntzer Spirit Center. The Center will encompass sleeping quarters, dining areas and presentation spaces. The design of the building ensures a tranquil respite while providing facilities for expanding the minds and spirits within those who come to enjoy their renewal.

When completed, the Center will accommodate 96 people for an overnight stay, 250 at tables for workshops, and around 400 for conference presentations. There will be a full-size kitchen, a place for candlelight services and additional meeting rooms for breakout sessions. The centerpoint will be the beautifully created Chapel where one can worship under the light of God in all His nature.

Involvement in Strategic Planning

With the design well underway, we look now to integrating the community in helping formulate the strategic direction for the Bluntzer Spirit Center. The Board is preparing to conduct a strategic planning session with more than 100 community leaders in February 2009. From this session we will review our progress and plan the next stages that will lead us to the project's completion. While there are many phases in the project that will take the efforts of many, it is our desire that the facility be open for occupancy by January 2011.

You can join in this journey to help us confirm where we are today and outline our next steps through completion to daily operation. We ask that you assist us by becoming involved in the work ahead.

Questions?

Please call us or visit our Web site.

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(361) 877-0188
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The Spirit Center's image, originally designed by Chispa Bluntzer, embodies the Trinity: creation represents the Father, the sun represents the Son of God, and the dove signifies the Holy Spirit. Nature and conservation are symbolized through the colors yellow and green, with the historic Fannie Bluntzer Nason cattle brand at its base.





Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2008
KAIROS #27
 Tom Moony Rector

Nov. 14-16
KAIROS Outside #5
 Marila Colunga Leader

KAIROS OUTSIDE #5
November 14-16, 2008
“NEVER WILL I LEAVE YOU;
NEVER WILL I FORSAKE YOU”
 Hebrews 13:5.

“I have felt unloved.” “I have felt alone.”
 “I was ashamed for anyone to know that I
 had someone incarcerated.” These are
 such comments heard from the Guests
 before a Kairos Outside weekend. When
 you hear “I feel loved for the first time in
 my life,” “I feel accepted,” and “I no
 longer feel alone” by these same women
 after a weekend, you know you have
 been blessed by God as you ministered
 to these women who just needed some-
 one to listen to them and love them.
 Kairos Outside weekends are possible
 only through the generosity of the

community. We depend on your
 \$GREEN AGAPES\$ and without your do-
 nations, these weekends would not be
 possible as Guests are not charged tui-
 tion. If every one from the 6,000+ strong
 Emmaus, Damascus, and Chrysalis
 Coastal Bend Communities sent a dollar,
 we would be able to cover all our ex-
 penses for a weekend full of love for
 these special women. Please send your
 donations to **KAIROS OUTSIDE OF**
CORPUS CHRISTI, P. O. BOX 773,
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78403.

Thank you for your past support and
 know your donations will continue to help
 serve these women who need all of us.
 Mark your calendars now to show these
 special women your support and love by
 attending the **“WALKING IN LOVE”**
 service on November 15, 2008, at 8:30
 p.m. in the St. Joseph’s Hall dining room
 of the Queen of Peace Retreat Center;
 it’s a beautiful service similar to the can-
 dle light service.
 May the Peace of Christ be with each of
 you.

Marila Colunga Team Leader
 Kairos Outside #5



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