

# Rainbow Bend

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## Reunion Groups

Would you think for a moment about your most valuable asset . . . the thing that is most precious to you aside from your love of God, your salvation and your family. Think about it a moment and I'll wait, I have plenty of time. . . . Got it? Now, is there anything you would give it up for? If it really means that much to you, I'm sure you said "no". Well, that's how I feel about the women in my reunion group. They are an amazing, eclectic group of women who are beyond description. The older I get, the more I realize how important these women are to me and how much I've come to depend on them. And after all these years of being with them, they are no longer my reunion group, they are my reunion sisters because we are truly family.

Now before you start thinking that if these women can be so much to me, why do I need God? Let me just make it abundantly clear that no one, not even these incredible women, can take God's place in my life or in my relationship with Him. The only reason these girls are so great . . . and they would be the first to admit it . . . is because they allow God to use them as He wishes. They count on Him to guide and direct them. They are His instruments and don't kid themselves about their limitations and weaknesses. Their significance to me is two-fold: 1) the fact that I can depend on them and 2) that I learn and grow by watching them . . . by letting them be a witness to me. I admire each of them and love them because they have set their minds and hearts on living a life in God's grace.

You know the saying "anything of value will cost you something"? Well, that's the way it goes with reunion groups. You can think of your regular meeting as the premium you pay for the benefit you get. And to be an effective group, you must be serious (at least SOME of the time anyway) and honest. You must meet regularly and remember, the most important thing about a reunion group . . . is what is said in the group STAYS in the group. It is NOT a time for gossip or spreading rumors!! Whatever someone shares, it is of utmost importance that it is not shared with anyone outside of the group - including spouses or significant others.

The group should consist of no more than about six people to allow time for everyone to share without feeling rushed and so they can be done in about an hour. Many reunion groups also take part in activities outside of the regular meeting. Some groups perform acts of agape in the community.

On the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community website ([www.coastalbendemmaus.org](http://www.coastalbendemmaus.org)), there is a list of existing reunion groups. Call about joining one of those. If it's not a good fit for you, try another. Better yet . . . start your own. Maybe you know some people in the Emmaus community you are comfortable talking with. Call them up. Ask them if they are involved in a group already or would consider starting one with you.

Now if some of you are thinking, "I went on my Walk years ago. It's too late. It's been too long", let me assure you, it is NEVER too late. It was nine years after my Walk that I finally joined a group and I now wonder how I ever got along without them. Don't wait until you get around to it. Don't wait another week . . . contact someone today. I promise that when you get with a group that fits you, you will wonder why you hesitated.

DeColores,  
Janice Bailey

## Emmaus Community Needs

The Walk to Emmaus Community is currently updating it's resource list. We are looking for members of the community who have golf carts, or mules that can be used during a walk weekend and/or pickups that can be used Saturday for setup or return of materials. If you have access to these resources, please contact Scott Sherman at (361) 991-2279 [ordrwsco@sbglobal.net](mailto:ordrwsco@sbglobal.net)

## Thank You

Brothers and sisters in Christ -- on behalf of the entire team and pilgrims of JTD #69, I would like to express a heart-felt THANK YOU! Your agape and prayers helped the women of JTD #69 realize the presence of Christ is all around us all the time. Thank you, God, for your Grace, thank you for this community, and thank you for this ministry and for allowing us to serve you. May God continue to bless you all with His Grace and Peace.

Laura Cantwell,  
Lay Director for JTD #69

# Men's JTD #70

April 2-5

Hector Salinas LD

**“Though we are many with many purposes,  
we are one Body in union with Christ”**

**Romans 12:4-5**

This weekend has come together through much discernment on my part and countless of prayers from our team and community. I give all thanks and praise to the Holy Spirit for blessing this team with an extra ordinary group of men and Sister Angela committed to doing HIS work and acknowledging the truth of HIS word. Our weekend scripture truly speaks of this team and our journey as one. This team is comprised of a diverse group of men, all with one common goal, who are willing to come together as brothers in Christ, to serve God and bring the light of Christ to the men who the Holy Spirit will lead to us on the glorious weekend. We ask that you join us in prayer for our pilgrims and team throughout the weekend and most especially on Sunday as our pilgrims leave us on Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy Week. May we all listen for Jesus call to serve as disciples and the humility to which we are all called in following the Lord.

Hector Salinas

## JTD #70 Team

### St. Elsewhere

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Chaplain TomDowdy	
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Rudy Martinez  
Marvin Myska  
Richard Ramirez  
Raul Reyes, Jr.  
John Roman  
Abel Saucedo  
Mike Vento

## TALK SCHEDULE

### **April 3, 2009**

8:30 a.m. Priorities L.A. Elizondo  
10:30 a.m. Grace Rev. Billy Storms  
1:10 p.m. Priesthood of all Believers  
Rene Bocanegra  
12:30 p.m. Faith Chaplain Tom Dowdy  
6:50 p.m. Life in Piety Tim Cullen

### **April 4, 2009**

8:00 a.m. Growth through Study  
Jesse Bert Quintanilla  
1:45 p.m. Christian Action Joel Valdez  
3:05 p.m. Obstacles to Grace Sister Angela

### **April 4, 2009**

6:25 p.m. Discipleship Santos Ronje  
8:15 p.m. Love Unity Diana Salinas  
9:40 a.m. Sacraments  
Mgsr. Roger Smith

### **April 5, 2009**

9:15 a.m. Changing Our World  
Rick Carreon  
10:15 a.m. Body Of Christ  
Oscar Ramos  
11:25 a.m. Perseverance & 4<sup>th</sup> Day  
Hector Salinas

## **COMMUNITY SCHEDULE**

Thursday, April 2, 2009  
Sponsor's Hour  
6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 4, 2009  
Candlelight Service  
8:00 p.m.  
Sunday April 5, 2009  
Closing  
2:00 p.m.



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Brothers and sisters in Christ -- on behalf of the entire team and pilgrims of JTD #68, it is my honor and pleasure to say THANK YOU! Your agape and prayers helped the men of JTD #68 realize that the Holy Spirit led this Journey and remains with all of us, all the time. May God continue to bless our community and allow each of us to share the gifts we have been given.

Our God is an awesome God.

Steve Hanshaw, Lay Director for JTD #68.

On behalf of Walk to Siloam # 6, I would like to thank the 4<sup>th</sup> Day community for its very generous support of Walk to Siloam.

Whether you participated by giving agape, praying or attending Candlelight, you made a real difference in the spiritual life of the men attending Walk to Siloam as pilgrims.

This year's Walk to Siloam had a record number of Pilgrims - 32. As a result of all your prayers, the real success was bringing these less fortunate men into a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Thank you for your very generous gifts to Walk to Siloam.

May God continue to bless all of you.

Mark DeKoch

Lay Director Walk to Siloam #6

# Future Events

W Walk #1494  
April 16-19  
Alene Snodgrass LD

W JTD #71  
April 23-26  
Jennifer Sehy

W H-JTD #72  
Apr.30 - May 3  
Sandy Steffes

## Prayer Vigil

Your prayers for the team and pilgrims are an essential part of each Walk weekend. In fact, we will not start a Walk until all 72 hours are covered in prayer! You may pray from your home, work or where ever you are during your time slot. Praying the Prayer Vigil will be located on the website in the near future.

## Team Service

If you are interested in serving on a team and have not done so in a while, please fill out a team service form, found In the newsletter or at <http://www.costalbendemmas.org> Mailing directions are on at the bottom of the form.

## WANTED

### **People With a Servants Heart**

The Coastal Bend Emmaus Community is needing a couple of willing servants. We are in need of a person to take on the job of Prayer Vigil Coordinator and Data Base Coordinator these people will also need to be willing to serve on the Emmaus Board. If God puts one of these opportunities to serve on you heart please contact Gail Anderson at H (361) 854-6326 C (361) 816-6937 or by e-mail [pga@agcm.cc](mailto:pga@agcm.cc)

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