



# BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022  
ALL ARE WELCOME

*"Christ is Counting On You"*

October 30, 2022

## NOVEMBER 2022 GATHERING

Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, November 8 at 7pm. For those who prefer to meet via Zoom –

**ZOOM LINK:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgxc2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

**PASSWORD: 1cmHDg**

**CHILDCARE (ages 0-11 (5<sup>th</sup> grade)) RESERVATION REQUIRED at the Gathering – PLEASE** email the following information no later than Sunday, November 6 ([boerne.emmaus@gmail.com](mailto:boerne.emmaus@gmail.com)): Child's full name, age, or grade.

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## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Denise Vadnais

It is allergy season! My favorite time of the year (in case you missed it, that is sarcasm). I struggle to do just about everything due to lack of energy and focus. Between home, work, community service and Emmaus, I struggle. I know I am not the only one and the issues that everyone is dealing with are as diverse as we are. Through those struggles we gain (hopefully) a unique perspective on life.

The Lord never said life would be easy. He never said that while we were doing His work all would go well or without difficulty. As we are finalizing the team training for a Women's Walk that is just weeks away, we must use that perspective. I assure you that all the women (and men) on that team are doing just that. Even in all the ups and downs there is joy and goodness. We are seeing that. We are seeing growth. And we are seeing love. We ask you to join us in prayer as we get closer. Prayers for leadership. Prayers for the team. Prayers for our community. Prayers for the Pilgrims we know of and those still coming.

Please join us at the Gathering on November 8, 2022, at Spring Creek UMC for fellowship, worship, and Team Commissioning. Let's gather as a community as we send this group of women and men on the pathway ahead in the full armor of the Lord. DeColores!

## WOMEN'S WALK #62, November 17-20, 2022 – Nikki Decker, Walk LD

(Contact me at 210.274.7757 or by email at [nikki\\_decker@hotmail.com](mailto:nikki_decker@hotmail.com))

Greetings Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,

This is the month of the Women's Walk! I can hardly believe that it is almost here. We have had 2 fantastic team meetings, where we have heard talks, made agape, prayed, taken communion, laughed and prepared our hearts and minds for the upcoming weekend. Our next team meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup> at Spring Creek United Methodist Church. I am so thankful for all the amazing people who have already given agape, signed up for something, brought a meal to a meeting and have helped fulfill needs. Thank you! We still have room for more pilgrims. If you know any women that are interested in going on the walk, let them know we would love to have them. Please keep the team, the pilgrims, the families of both and the community in daily prayers. Also, please consider going to [Sign-Up Genius](#) and taking some prayer vigil slots, signing up to help with pilgrim scholarships, agape or food.

We want the Community to be a major part of this walk – just like the Men's Walk. We will need community members to lead Candlelight (setting up before and cleaning up afterwards) there is a line item on the General Agape to sign up.

Please prayerfully consider how you may help us with this upcoming Walk.

Love you. Mean it.  
DeColores

## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Pastor Frank Ritchie

Greetings my brothers and sisters,

I pray this newsletter finds everyone well. Walk preparations are under way and the teams are forming and beginning to gel. The Holy Spirit is alive and well and working, praise God. We are continuing to take team apps for the men's walk, I would encourage you if you have not served on a team before or even if you have, it is a wonderful spiritual experience as well as a terrific way to practice the spiritual discipline of service to others.

Having attended the team meetings for the upcoming women's walk, they have reminded me of the importance of community, service, and commitment of being a disciple. I am also reminded of the joy of fellowship that comes along with being on a team and the love that flows so freely from one and all. May you be so blessed in your fourth days that your discipleship shines brightly for all to see.

I reflect on where I was and where I am now! Wow what a difference but it also reminds me of how important and fundamental Emmaus was and is for me. If you have not been connected or served in a while, I encourage everyone to come and be reminded of our pilgrim walks and how we continue to walk the pilgrim's road with each other. I hope to see everyone at the next gathering. DeColores my brothers and sisters.

Faithfully his Pastor Frank

## MEN'S WALK #63, April 27-30, 2023 – Dwane Brown, Walk LD

(Contact me by text at 210-643-4779 or by email at [walk63ld@gmail.com](mailto:walk63ld@gmail.com))

There are only five months until the next Men's Walk, which will again be at Camp Capers near Comfort. "This is my commandment, that each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-13. Prayerfully consider how you can fulfill this commandment by serving on the team and sponsoring men in your circle of influence (including your pastors). Applications are available on the [Born Again Emmaus Community](#) webpage. Support Team roles are still available and can be sent to me (Dwane) by mail or email. Send pilgrim applications to Jeri Willis including the fees to secure their position. Jeri's address is on the pilgrim application.

### Training Dates:

Team Meeting 1 & Orientation	<b>January 21, 2023</b>
Team Meeting 2	<b>February 25, 2023</b>
Team Meeting 3	<b>April 1, 2023</b>

**Note:** Team trainings will be approximately **7:30am-4:30pm** with breakfast and lunch provided. *All team members (conference room and support team) are expected to attend all three team meetings.*

Please keep our Women's Walk in your prayers, consider sponsoring pilgrims, and finding ways to serve the team through your Agape gifts and volunteering your time.

## KAIROS – Tom Patterson

Friends - our next Kairos weekend is January, and our next team meeting is November 19th. Please pray that God's team is assembled as He wants. Please pray about your support as in serving, praying, or donating. Each Kairos weekend costs more than \$20,000 and is funded by private donations only. Please also pray for more correctional officers to be hired. The prison is grossly understaffed which causes ministry obstacles. If you want more information about Kairos Prison Ministry, I can be reached at 210-573-5909. Thank you for your support. DeColores

## REUNION GROUPS – Renee' Eby

We are so happy and blessed to welcome the new pilgrims of Walk #61 to the Born Again Emmaus Community. Fourth Day groups (a.k.a. Reunion groups), are a vital part of your Emmaus experience. These small groups meet on a regular basis to keep each other accountable in their daily walk with Christ. If you would like to view the lists of both women's and men's reunion groups please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the current groups we have. If you have questions or need help with anything, please contact me at [n2dzne@gmail.com](mailto:n2dzne@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

### 2023 BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Denise Vadnais

We cannot do this without you. To keep our Emmaus Community alive, we have responsibilities. We are in August and before we know it 2023 will be right around the corner. Without a Board we cannot do what we love to do the most – which is our annual walks. Many of our current Board Members have served our community for the past 3 – 6 years; their time will end December 31, 2022. This is where we need your help. **BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR the class of 2023 – 2025.**

The love of Jesus shows through us all if we allow it. God's work in our world has no limits. Participate wholeheartedly. If you are interested in serving on the Emmaus Board, please talk with one of our current Board members or come to the Gathering. Your Board Members will be there to talk with you and answer any questions. Feel free to contact me at [mdvadnais@gmail.com](mailto:mdvadnais@gmail.com) to discuss the requirements. See you there. DeColores

### WANT TO BE A PART OF THE GATHERING? – Dory Martinez

We need communion elements for the 2022 Gathering dates. Please contact Dory Martinez at 210-412-4319 or email at [dory\\_martinez84@yahoo.com](mailto:dory_martinez84@yahoo.com) or sign up at [COMMUNION](#)

## NEWSLETTER...STAY CONNECTED

Do you have friends who do not receive our newsletter? Please forward this link and have them register today. <https://bornagainemmaus.churchcenter.com/people/forms/193695>

We're on the Web!  
<https://www.bornagainemmaus.org>

**Monthly Gathering Location**  
Spring Creek UMC  
9200 Dietz Elkhorn Rd  
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

**Mailing Address**  
Born Again Emmaus Community  
P.O. Box 292  
Boerne, TX 78006

We're on Facebook!  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Gathering - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7pm

Nov 8 SCUMC & Zoom (Walk 62 Team Commissioning)  
Dec 13 SCUMC & Zoom

## UPCOMING WALKS

Women's Walk 62 – November 17-20, 2022  
Men's Walk 63– April 27 – 30, 2023

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS - 2022

Denise Vadnais  
Bill Walker  
Maurine Maloy  
Chris Hornburg  
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Carol Wilson  
Renee' Eby  
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Steven Eby  
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Reunion Group Liaison

Agape Coordinator

Agape Committee - Wall Agape

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Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair

Upper Room Liaison / Librarian / Board Rep Women's Walk #62

4<sup>th</sup> Day Gathering Coordinator

**TBD**

**Database**

**Newsletter Editor**

**Spiritual Director**

### **Non-Voting Members**

Nikki Decker

Tom Patterson

Steve Stricklin

Jeri Willis

Kelly Young

LD Women's Walk #62

Kairos Liaison

LD Men's Walk #61

Registrar

Board Rep Men's Walk #61