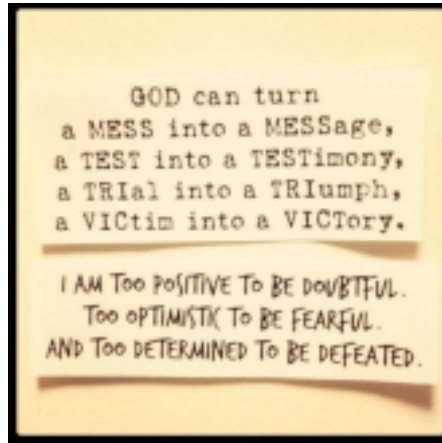


# Born Again Emmaus Community



*I am counting on Christ! Christ is counting on You!*

Join our Community at the next Gathering

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

Spring Creek United Methodist Church

9200 Dietz-Elkhorn Road, Boerne, Tx 78015

**For those who prefer to join us via Zoom use the following Link**

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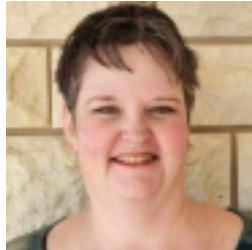
For those of you requiring **CHILDCARE** during the Gathering:

Childcare is provided for children between the age of 0 and 11 years of age

**RESERVATION REQUIRED** - PLEASE email us at [boerne.emmaus@gmail.com](mailto:boerne.emmaus@gmail.com)

*no later than Sunday, October 8th*

Provide the Child's full name and age (or grade)



**COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

**Lori Balensiefen, Executive Pastor**

**First United Methodist Church**



**COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR - Ralph Rodriguez**

Welcome to this month's Born Again Emmaus community Newsletter. I hope you will take a few minutes to catchup on what is happening in our Community and that you will plan on joining us at the upcoming Gathering slated for Oct 10th at Spring Creek United Methodist Church just outside of Fair Oaks Ranch. As has been mentioned in the past and at the Gatherings we will occasionally have a guest speaker that will share 2 things with us: What did your walk mean to you & What do you plan on doing with that meaning going forward!

If you have been present when we have these speakers it can be very powerful and very personal so pray you will make time to join us for that. If you have never been to a Gathering and not sure what it is, come join us for some general information about the community, a whole lot of uplifting music and a chance to share in Communion together! If we have not met directly please introduce yourself as I would love to meet you, and if you know of anyone is interested in the next walks, men or women's, be looking for that information as well. Hope to see you Oct 10th.

De Colores - *Ralph*

**GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE OCTOBER GATHERING**

**David Arringdale** will be our Guest Speaker during the upcoming Gathering on **October 10th** at Spring Creek United Methodist Church.

David will share his experience on Men's Walk #63 from the Luke Table using the 2 questions we all answered at the end of our Walk.

- 1) *What did this Walk to Emmaus mean to you?*
- 2) *What are you going to do with what you have learned?*

Please mark your calendars and join us at the October Gathering!

**WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO SPEAK AT THE GATHERINGS**

Back before COVID stopped us from meeting together on the 2nd Tuesdays at the Community Gatherings we would have random speakers come up to the front and share their Walk Stories with the Community.

Back in July of this year Larry Bader was our Guest Speaker and he shared his experience using the 2 questions we all answered at the end of our Walk.

- 1) What did this Walk to Emmaus mean to you?
- 2) What are you going to do with what you have learned?

Your time is limited to about 10 minutes and we would love to hear what you have to share. If you are interested in sharing with the Community please contact either Ralph Rodriguez or Dennis Kruse for more information.



### GATHERING COORDINATOR - Dory Martinez

As part of the Worship Service during our Community Gatherings every month there is a time to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

This gives us all an opportunity for Christian Action. The communion elements are provided by Volunteers each month. As of October 1st - ***no one has signed up to provide communion elements for October, November or December Gathering!!!***

If this is something you would like to do (being the hands & feet of Christ) please contact Dory Martinez via cell phone 210-412-4319 or send him an email at [dory\\_martinez84@yahoo.com](mailto:dory_martinez84@yahoo.com).

OR you can on to our website - on the Home Page you will see an Information Button - click on it - on the Drop Down you will see a choice "Gathering Volunteer" - once you click on it you will see "Communion Elements Needed for Monthly Gatherings" clicking on the **CLICK HERE** will direct you to a page with full instructions and Calendar options to choose from. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Dory!

### ***De Colores - Dory***



### KAIROS - TOM PATTERSON

Friends - the state of the prison system in Texas is not good. In September, TDCJ locked down ALL the prisons in Texas at the same time. That has never been done! Prior to that, there were 16 murders inside Texas prisons this year. The drug problem inside is a major issue. TDCJ is still under staffed state wide. The chapel at Torres continues to be closed more often than not due to staffing issues and a lack of support from the warden. Despite all of that, we are still planning Kairos 44 for March of 2024 at Torres. Our God is bigger than all these concerns. He hears our prayers and He answers our prayers. Please pray for God to resolve these concerns in a way that His loving Son can take root in the hearts of the incarcerated. Let me know if you would like more information about Kairos Prison Ministry. De Colores, Tom Patterson 210.573.5909



#### 4th Day Reunion Groups - Bill Walker

Fourth Day - Your 3 day Walk is over, every day thereafter for the rest of our lives is our 4th Day. This is Emmaus's purpose, a lifetime of discipleship, bringing new life to our churches and conveying grace where we live.

We are called to be the leaven in the dough . . . the salt of the world . . . the light in darkness . . . how do we do this?

*1st - we stay in touch with Christ*

*2nd - we stay in touch with friends who share our priorities*

*3rd - we stay in touch with people whom God has given us to influence*

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 open the Born Again Emmaus Community Website @ [www.bornagainemmaus.org](http://www.bornagainemmaus.org).

On the Home Page you will see an Information Button - click on it - on the Drop Down you will see a choice "What is a 4th Day Reunion Group" - once you click on it you will see 4th Day Reunion Group Information. You will also see 2 buttons you can click on for information on Women's Groups and Men's Groups.

If you have questions or need help with anything, please contact Bill Walker at [billwa1@outlook.com](mailto:billwa1@outlook.com)

*De Colores - Bill Walker*



Greetings brothers and sisters,

Men's Walk #65 is now actively building a team.

This year's walk will be starting the week after Easter on April 4th and it will be held at the Omega Center in Boerne, Tx. The [team applications](http://www.bornagainemmaus.org/walks-weekends) are online at the following link.  
[www.bornagainemmaus.org/walks-weekends](http://www.bornagainemmaus.org/walks-weekends)

If you are interested in joining the team please get your applications in soon so that we have time to form the team. The **deadline** for team applications is **October 15th**.

I am looking forward to a great walk and looking forward to seeing all of you.

*Thank you, John Decker - Walk #65 Lay Director.*

*De Colores - John*

### Team Application

#### **Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi**

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may no so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in the giving that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

#### **2023-2025 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR the class of 2023 – 2025**

We are still looking for volunteers to be a part of the Board. We cannot do this without you. To keep our Emmaus Community alive, we have responsibilities. This is where we need your help.

*Database Coordinator - Agape Coordinator - Agape Committee , Wall Agape*

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 [halhornburg@mac.com](mailto:halhornburg@mac.com) to discuss the requirements. See you there. *De Colores - Hal*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING GATHERINGS**

**2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm**

**October 10th**

**November 14th**

**December 12th**

*Call - Email - Text your friends and family - Invite them to join you!*

### **UPCOMING WALKS - 2024**

**Men's Walk #65 - April 4th thru 7th**

**Women's Walk #66 - September 19th thru 22nd**

### **BORN AGAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ralph Rodriguez - Community Lay Director

Dennis Kruse - Community Assistant Lay Director

Maurine Maloy - Secretary & Newsletter

Chris Hornburg - Treasurer

Lori Balensiefen - Spiritual Director

Dory Martinez - 4th Day Gathering Coordinator

Lawrence Bader - Community Trainer

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William (Bill) Walker - Reunion Group Liaison

Casey Purvis - Member

Vipul Gupta - Member

Hal Hornburg - Member

*VACANT - Database Coordinator*

*VACANT - Agape Coordinator*

*VACANT - Agape Committee - Wall Agape*

### **Ex Officio Members**

Tom Patterson - Kairos Liaison

Ginny Stricklin - Upper Room Liaison

Ginny Stricklin - Walk Coordinator

Ginny Stricklin - Team Selection Chair

Ginny Stricklin - Database Entry

Jeri Willis - Walk Registrar

Dwane Brown - Men's Walk #65 Board Rep

John Decker - Men's Walk #65 Lay Director

Ginny Stricklin - Women's Walk #66 Board Rep

Denise Vadnais - Women's Walk #66 Lay Director

Visit our website



**They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:32**

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