



# BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 (Zoom)

ALL ARE WELCOME

*"Christ Is Counting On You"*

September 26, 2020

## OCTOBER EMMAUS GATHERING VIA ZOOM

We miss each of you and with the daily changes in this world, we are unsure of when we will meet again in person as a Community. BUT we want to see your smiling faces. We have decided to try doing a Zoom Gathering! The details are listed here.

**DATE/TIME:** Oct 13, 2020 07:00 PM **Every month on**

**the Second Tue, until Dec 8, 2020, 3 occurrence(s)**

Oct 13, 2020 07:00 PM

Nov 10, 2020 07:00 PM

Dec 8, 2020 07:00 PM

**LINK:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHhxc2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

**PASSWORD:** 1cmHDg



## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – *Mary Kruse*

Happy October sisters and brothers in Christ! I really miss seeing you guys. I'm sending mental-virtual hugs...and praying that we may soon see each other in person.

Allllthoooouuugh, I can "see" you at the next virtual Gathering! If you haven't tried it out yet, give it a chance this month. It has been spiritual, moving, and, you get to, at least, see your brothers and sisters!

Your Born Again Emmaus Board has been meeting virtually, and our Community is staying strong as we navigate the new norms. But, we still need help getting things done. In this virtual time, it is hard for us to know who is interested in helping. If you are curious at all, reach out to me ([mpkkruse@aol.com](mailto:mpkkruse@aol.com) or 210.274.0542 to find out more!

Keep being the light... Christ is counting on you!

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## BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for some experienced Emmaus people to join the Board. Each year, five Board terms end, and we need to fill them. It is so wonderful to serve with these amazing individuals who all have a passion for the Emmaus Ministry. If you are a person who has a heart for Emmaus and has Emmaus Team experiences, we need you! Training and materials will be provided, along with fellowship!

For more information contact Hal at [halhornburg@mac.com](mailto:halhornburg@mac.com). May your days be filled with joy!

Be Blessed!

Board Position descriptions can be found on our website at:

<https://www.bornagainemmaus.org/board-positions>



## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Mary D D’Alessio

“How much longer, daddy? Are we almost there?”

“Mommy, I’m tired of riding. Will we ever get to Grandma’s?”

Perhaps you remember as a child saying such things on road trips. You wanted to get to “where you were going” and you wanted to be there NOW! Cramped in the back seat of the car, tired of playing silly road games, irritated by your siblings who were trapped with you, your whining cry was, “How long?”

I think that’s our cry as the pandemic rages and we’re trapped on a journey that seems to have no end. “Will this ever be over? How long? How long, O Lord?”

The cry is not new to us, however. It is one heard throughout scripture, for cries to God for relief arise. “I am sick at heart. How long, O Lord, until you restore me?” [Psalm 6:3]. “How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me [Psalm 13:1].

“How long, LORD, will you look on? Rescue me from their ravages, my precious life from these lions” [Psalm 35:17]. “Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants” [Psalm 90:13]. “How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save?” [Habakkuk 1:2].

We cry, “Help us, God. We are tired. We are afraid. Our hope wanes. Grief overtakes us. Fear stalks us. We are homesick for the way life used to be.” We cry, “How long, Lord?” and God listens. Yes. He listens, but are we listening, too?

For scripture lets us overhear God asking us, “How long?”.

“The LORD asked Moses, ‘How long will these people refuse to obey my commands and instructions?’ [Exodus 16:28].

“The LORD said to Moses, ‘How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will

they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them?” [Numbers 14:11] “How long will you wander, unfaithful Daughter Israel?” [Jeremiah 31:22a].

You see, it works both ways: we ask God, “How long?” and God asks us, “How long?”

Do you see the raw beauty in all of this? There is longing and pain on both sides—ours and God’s. We wait on God to rescue us. God waits on us to run to him, believing in him, trusting him.

My Emmaus friends, we are on a journey, and we are making that journey together, joined through our love of Christ. We don’t know how long this pandemic will last or if it might have no end at all, but we, like Christ, are to live knowing that we have come from God and will be returning to God, and while we are here, we, like Christ, are to serve one another (see John 13:3-5). Serve one another and love one another, trusting the One who holds our future, trusting the one who is the Way and the Life.

## REUNION GROUPS – Carol Wilson

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. Are you in a REUNION GROUP? If not, please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the groups we currently have. If you need more help to make contact, etc, please let me know. I want to help you...if you have questions, please email [gwilson0630@att.net](mailto:gwilson0630@att.net)

## KAIROS – Tom Patterson

Friends - unfortunately I cannot report on upcoming Kairos activities in the Torres Unit because we are still locked out and unable to plan or confirm future events due to Covid. Our brothers in white are still unable to have visits from family or volunteers after more than 6 months. The good news is that as of 09/25/2020 there are NO active Covid cases within the residents and they are no longer under lock down rules. Praise God!! There are 12 active cases within the employees. Please pray for all the residents and employees of the Torres Unit to stay healthy and safe. Please pray that we are able to resume Kairos activities again very soon. If you would like more information about Kairos Prison Ministry, please contact me at 210-573-5909 or [tom@tpatterson.org](mailto:tom@tpatterson.org). De Colores and God bless you my friends

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!

Born Again Emmaus Community

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Kruse	Lay Director
Hal Hornburg	Asst. Lay Director
Tim Hickman	Secretary
Denise Vadnais	Treasurer
Steve Stricklin	Community Trainer / LD Men's Walk #61
Ginny Stricklin	Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair / Walk #62 Board Rep. / Newsletter Editor
Dennis Kruse	Member
Carol Wilson	Reunion Group Liaison
Freddie Loeber	Member
Karen Loeber	Member

Darryl Reid	Member
Michelle Reid	Member
Maurine Maloy	Audit Committee
Empty	Member
Empty	Spiritual Director
Mary D D'Alessio	Interim Spiritual Director

### *Ex Officio Members*

Tom Patterson	Kairos Liaison
Terri Politi	Registrar
Curtis Lang	Website
Nikki Decker	LD Women's Walk #62

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Oct 13	Gathering (Zoom)
Nov 10	Gathering (To be determined)
Dec 8	Gathering (To be determined)

## UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk 61 – April 2021  
Women's Walk 62 – September 2021