



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

"Christ Is Counting On You"

DECEMBER GATHERING

Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, December 14 at 7pm. There is "NO" mask requirement at the Gathering.

This Gathering will be "Family" friendly and full of Christmas music, communion, and a Dessert potluck. **BRING** your favorite holiday goodies to share. Items should be finger food desserts - such as cookies, Rice Krispie treats, brownies, etc. **PLEASE do not** bring anything that requires a utensil to eat with.

For those who prefer to meet via Zoom –

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1OkdqBHgxc2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

PASSWORD: 1cmHDg

December 4, 2021

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COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Ginny Stricklin (SURVEY RESULTS)

DeColores Brothers and Sisters!

Thank you to those who participated in the Born Again Emmaus survey.

1. Why you have not attended the Gathering in person this year
 - a. Covid (mask) requirements (**The mask requirement was ended in August 2021 when Spring Creek notified us it was no longer required. This information was removed from the newsletter that month**)
2. December 14 Gathering - What type of service of function would you like to attend
 - a. Christmas theme
 - b. Dessert pot-luck
3. What would you like to see differently at the monthly Gatherings?
 - a. Would occasionally attend if Gathering were on a Saturday or Sunday
 - b. Consider going back to Boerne
 - c. More in person attendance
 - d. No announcements
 - e. More announcements
 - f. More worship
 - g. Less worship – more devotions and testimonies
 - h. Put together Agape
 - i. Hard boundaries on time. I think we should keep the Gatherings to last one hour only.
 - j. Less programming and strict schedules. The focus of our Gatherings should simply be on worship, prayer, communion, and fellowship. That is what creates and grows God's community not preprogramed prayers, mantras, announcements, and speakers!
4. What questions would you like to see answered by your Board?
 - a. Information on the upcoming men and women's walks, location, plans that are being made. (**The Men's Walk #61 – Walk LD is Steve Stricklin, ld.walk61@gmail.com is scheduled for August 25-28, 2022, and the Women's Walk #62 - Walk LD is Nikki Decker, nikki.decker@hotmail.com is scheduled for November 17-20, 2022. The walks will be held at Camp Capers in Waring, TX; both Leadership teams are working on training dates and team/pilgrim applications will be out soon. (continued)**)

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR (Survey results continued)

- b. If Omega center is shut down, why don't we go elsewhere? (It took the Board members and Walk Lay Directors a while to find a location that could house the number of pilgrims and team we have and had available facilities for conference room, chapel area, and a price that would be affordable and most importantly available dates)
- c. Tell me more about walks will look like going forward. – (Our plans are to keep the walks the same only difference will be the location – we will continue to follow the guidelines presented to us by Emmaus International. Our hope is to resume the April and September schedule in 2023)
- d. Is the Board willing to change the format of our monthly Gatherings and then promote those changes to the community more effectively? Is the Board willing to tell the community there is NO mask mandate at all future Gatherings? (The Board is willing to make changes to the Gatherings as we are able considering date, time, and location – remember your Board is just a small part of the community; we need your suggestions and to volunteer. AGAIN – there are no mask requirements at Spring Creek UMC.)
- e. What are the local communities around ours in the South Texas within proximity to San Antonio and how are they during this season of hardship?
- NWSA Emmaus Community – is having their 1st Post-Covid Gathering on January 22, 2022. Their Men's Walk is in January 2022 and their Women's Walk is in March 2023
 - Care Bexar Emmaus Community – There is currently no Gatherings scheduled for this community. They are planning to hold their Gatherings in conjunction with scheduled walks. They are meeting in December to discuss this
 - Diakonia Emmaus Community - currently has no Gatherings or Walks scheduled
- f. Do we have the drive, dedication, commitment of our community to continue scheduling walks? (This is up to the community members)
Should we consider merging with one or more of the communities in our area? (As the Community Lay Director, I have been in touch with these communities, and we are working out a possible time to meet)
- g. Expense report and budget (Due to Covid we did not have a budget for 2021 – we were dealing with just required expenses)
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| • Zoom - \$16 per month for 11 months | \$176.00 |
| • Insurance (Annual) | \$1302.00 |
| • CCLI - Church Copyright License (Annual) | \$243.00 |
| • Website (annual) | \$142.89 |
| • Webhosting (Quarterly \$24.17) | \$96.68 |
| • Amazon (Individual communion cups) | \$68.99 |
| • Post Office Box (Annual) | \$118.00 |
| • Purchase checks for account (as needed) | \$30.05 |
| • Sign-up Genius (Annual) | \$107.89 |
| • Spring Creek UMC (AV personnel: \$60 per month for 9 months) | \$540.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$2825.50</u> |

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

Communion provided by **Stricklin Family**

We need speakers and communion elements for 2022 Gathering dates. The speaker guidelines are to answer the questions: 1) What did the walk mean to you and 2) What are you doing about it today. Speakers are asked to please limit their talk to 10-15 minutes. We know the Emmaus community would love to hear your story. If anyone wants to share their story or know someone who should share their story, please contact Dory Martinez at 210-412-4319 or email at dory_martinez84@yahoo.com

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 - 2nd Tuesday of every month
 Dec 14 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom (Dessert Potluck)

UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk 61 – August 25-28, 2022
 Women's Walk 62 – November 17-20, 2022

COMMUNITY 2021 BOARD MEMBERS

Ginny Stricklin	Lay Director, Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair
VACANT	Asst. Lay Director
Maurine Maloy	Secretary
Denise Vadnais	Treasurer
Nikki Decker	Community Trainer / LD Women's Walk #62
Carol Wilson	Reunion Group Liaison
Jennifer Click	Agape Coordinator
Freddie Loeber	Wall Agape Co-Coordinator
Karen Loeber	Wall Agape Co-Coordinator
Darryl Reid	Database
Michelle Reid	Newsletter Editor
Chris Hornburg	AV Gathering Coordinator
Dale Schweers	Website Content
Renee Hernandez	Member

Mary D D'Alessio Spiritual Director

Non-Voting Members

Tom Patterson	Kairos Liaison
VACANT	Registrar
Steve Stricklin	LD Men's Walk #61
VACANT	Upper Room Liaison / Librarian
Kelly Young	Board Rep Men's Walk #61

