



# BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

## JUNE GATHERING

We will meet in person at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, June 8 at 7pm. The CDC guidelines continue to recommend the wearing of masks, washing hands and maintaining a safe distance. Spring Creek will continue to adhere to these guidelines, and so shall we when we use their facilities.

**CHILDCARE RESERVATION REQUIRED at the Gathering** – Effective at the June 8 Gathering reservations for childcare (ages 0-11 {5<sup>th</sup> grade}) will be required. PLEASE email me ([boerne.emmaus@gmail.com](mailto:boerne.emmaus@gmail.com)) the following information no later than Sunday, June 6: Child's full name, age or grade.

**ZOOM LINK:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgx2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

**PASSWORD:** 1cmHDg

*"Christ Is Counting On You"*

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## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Ginny Stricklin

DeColores Brothers and Sisters! I pray that you are healthy and finding the joy in each day. As more and more things are opening up and people are getting vaccinated, I hope you will consider coming back to the Gathering. June will be our last month to do the simultaneous Zoom Gathering due to cost and the limited number of people who are using it. Your Born Again Emmaus Community. We are here for you, to pray for you, to support you.

**BORN AGAIN EMMAUS FINANCIALS** – I hate to bring this up but with the limited number of in persons Gathering and those who are attending our expenses are higher than our income. Just like your household – we have fixed expenses: insurance, web hosting, etc. If you are unable to attend the Gathering and want to provide financial contributions please mail them to: Born Again Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 292, Boerne, TX 78006  
De Colores and Be Blessed!



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### STAY CONNECTED TO THE BORN AGAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Please click on the link provided and complete the information.

[Born Again Emmaus](#)

Thank you and God Bless.

## WANT TO BE A PART OF THE GATHERING?

Speaker for June –**Lawrence Bader**

We need speakers for the Gathering dates in 2021. 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](mailto:dory_martinez84@yahoo.com) or sign up at

[SPEAKERS](#)

## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Mary D D’Alessio

Though its intensity is waning, we still live in the wake of a global pandemic. Yet, after months of being held at bay from in-person gatherings, the classroom, the marketplace, sporting events, and life lived out in the open we’re now being called forth to embrace communal living once again and take up those old routines, some of which we realize we’ve actually missed. Yet, perhaps some of us feel that we don’t have within us the “good old life” that once was and we’re not ready to “move up and out.”

I don’t think our hesitancy to embrace life in its fullness is due to laziness, however, but is the result of a kind of malaise, which *Oxford Languages* defines as “a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or uneasiness whose exact cause is difficult to identify.” We might equate malaise with melancholy, despondency, uneasiness, or anxiety to name a few. It’s understandable that malaise might just be coloring our worlds, tricking us into thinking we’re safer and more comfortable staying hidden away.

I think it’s a fair parallel as we think about this to consider the world of florae—our plants, trees, and shrubs who were first assaulted by what some are calling “Snowmageddon,” and that, closely followed by hungry oak leaf roller caterpillars and then record-breaking torrential rains and hail. Those phenomena of nature brought destruction and sometimes death, and initially stole the hope of many gardeners. But, wonder of wonders, life prevails and often startles.

As I look around my yard, I’m surprised, encouraged and delighted to see so many signs of emerging life from the plants and trees I’d chalked off as “goners.” From many hardened mounds of brown, silky green shoots are pushing up. Almost denuded oak branches are sporting tender new leaves. Green waxy leaves are popping out from once bare branches on shrubs. I’m certain that over the long haul, not all will be restored to their pre-freeze grandeur, but some *will* surprise me with healthy growth and flowers and fruit better than before. So, I will be patient and stay my hands from the garden shears and clippers. I will persevere in hope that more surprising life is on the way, and I will trust God.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ let us not give up. Let us not fail in our striving to be the people of God that God has created us to be—out in the world revealing the Father’s glory through our living. Let us push through the malaise and the fear, and live to the full, persevering in all that we do.

Perhaps Paul, in his Second Letter to the Church at Corinth, sums it up as he writes: <sup>7</sup>“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed... <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 *Corinthians* 4: 7-9,18, *NIV*). Let’s take off all that hinders us from running the race set before us and let us bear much fruit! In Christ’s Joy

## 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 - the good news is that we are slowly moving back to normal at the Torres prison. I was blessed to go inside recently for the first time in over a year. Praise God!! Our brothers inside are eager for Christian fellowship and anxious for Kairos activities to return to normal. Unfortunately, Kairos 42 has been rescheduled again from July to October this year. Please continue to pray for our brothers inside to feel God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Feel free to contact me if you want more information about Kairos Prison Ministry. I can be reached at 210-573-5909 or [tom@tpatterson.org](mailto:tom@tpatterson.org). De Colores

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

June 8 Gathering Spring Creek UMC  
& Zoom  
July 13 Gathering Spring Creek UMC  
Aug 10 Gathering Spring Creek UMC

## UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk 61 – TBD 2022  
Women's Walk 62 – TBD

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Ginny Stricklin	Lay Director, Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair / Board Rep Women's Walk #62
Tim Hickman	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
Terri Politi	Registrar
Steve Stricklin	LD Men's Walk #61
John Politi	Upper Room Liaison / Librarian
Kelly Young	Board Rep Men's Walk #61