



Suddenly, Jesus himself came along and joined them and began walking beside them. (Luke 24:15 – NIV)

EMMAUS COMMUNITY FOURTH DAY GATHERING

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2020 (CANCELLED)

ALL ARE WELCOME

April 4, 2020

Do you know your NEW OFFICERS for the Born Again Emmaus Community?

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| Mary Kruse | Lay Director |
| Hal Hornburg | Asst. Lay Director |
| Tim Hickman | Secretary |
| Denise Vadnais | Treasurer |
| Steve Stricklin | Community Trainer |
| 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 |
| John Politi | Upper Room Liaison / Librarian |
| Kelly Young | Member |
| Darryl Reid | Member |
| Michelle Reid | Member |
| Maurine Maloy | Audit Committee |
| Stephen Sanders | Spiritual Director |
| Mary D D'Alessio | Assistant Spiritual Director |

Ex Officio Members

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month

May 12 Gathering (To Be Determined)

Jun 9 Gathering

Women's Walk 62 Team Meetings:

Apr 15 APPLICATIONS DUE

Jul 10 Team Orientation

Jul 25 1st Team Meeting

Aug 8 2nd Team Meeting

Aug 22 3rd Team Meeting

Sep 12 4th Team Meeting

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores Brothers and Sisters! I hope that you and yours are well. If you have been touched by the COVID19, I pray that it was a mild touch. For any who have been touched in a serious way, I pray that you feel the strong hands of God holding you and giving you exactly what you need. If there is anything that I, the Board, or any member of the Born Again Emmaus Community can do to help, please, please, reach out. We are the hands and feet of Christ to each other.

These are curious days. I am leaning into Jesus more than ever. My faith is strong, but the fears and uncertainties still creep into my mind. I'm not sure what tomorrow holds, much less next week, or for Easter, or the next scheduled Gathering. We usually have a big family Easter... probably not this year. But, does that change anything? Does that mean anything different for us as Christians? Did Jesus not take on our sin and die, just because we don't celebrate it? Did Jesus not conquer death out of love for us, if we don't gather in recognition? I think we have all realized by now that, thankfully, it is not what we do that saves us! It is the work of Jesus! So, we can still celebrate! Find new ways to celebrate our gift of life eternal. Seek out and recognize the life and gifts we already have... take a nature walk and praise God for all the new life springing forth; take stock of the people, pets, plants and possessions He has given you to care for, and value them. Raise a Hallelujah in celebration of Christ's victory and gift to us all on Easter. Be the light of the truth and the promise and the hope that is OUR GOD.

I don't know what will have changed by the time you read this... things are changing every day... but at this point, based on the current declarations, we will not have our April Gathering. This doesn't let you off the hook for fellowshiping or worshipping, instead I ask you to participate in a 24 hour Prayer Vigil that day; for our community, for our country and for the world. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. We are fortunate to be in an age where we don't have to practice "social" distancing. To be sure, I am practicing "physical" distancing, but we are created for community and communion! Use the tools we have to be social. Reach out to people you haven't connected with in a while, make time for a phone or video call. Text, tweet, post and like – but, please, be gracious and merciful. Use these amazing tools for good: to connect, to build up, to encourage, to shine light in the world, to share the Good News.

I miss you all. You are in my prayers. Keep God in the center. He is your strong foundation! Be Blessed!

WOMEN'S WALK #62 (Sep 26-29, 2020)

Greetings! We are still accepting team applications. If you are interested in being a part of the team **please send in your team application no later than April 15.** CONTINUED on Page 2

WEBSITE and FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out our website at <http://www.bornagainemmaus.org> for information, Walk applications, Prayer Vigils, and more. Our Facebook page is Born Again Emmaus Community. Join today.

WOMEN'S WALK #62 (Sep 26-29, 2020) Continued

Also keep in mind that it takes more than a few to put on these events. We need prayers, food for the Walk itself, as well as angel volunteers. If your heart is telling you to help in anyway contact Nikki. The entire leadership team members are looking forward to an amazing Walk. Applications are available on the website ([CLICK HERE](#)). Contact Nikki Decker at nikki_decker@hotmail.com

MEN'S WALK #61 (Apr 23-26, 2020 - CANCELLED)

It is with regret that due to the COVID-19 threat that we are postponing Men's Walk #61 that was planned for April 23-26, 2020 at the Omega Center. Know that we are **not** being fearful. We are being **responsible**. This is what **love requires of us** in this season. This was not taken lightly – there was much prayer and consideration taken in this decision by myself as Lay Director, Mary D as our Spiritual Director, and the governing Board of our Community. The bottom line is that we wanted to ensure the safety of all of the pilgrims and team members. Due to the uncertainty of when we will be out of the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order the Team's Leadership along with the Omega Center decided that our next Men's Walk **will not be until April 22-25, 2021**. Although this is very disappointing, it is one way of showing our love and concern for one another. Questions email Steve Stricklin at ld.walk61@gmail.com or call 210.379.3349

KAIROS

What a strange and trying time we are in! Our boundaries are being moved and our faith is being tested. In the end, I pray that we all have a greater trust in our Lord and Savior. Just like most other ministries, Kairos has to adapt to the crisis. All the prisons in Texas are basically in lock down mode. No visitors and no volunteers are allowed in. We are unable to meet in person for our next Kairos 42 team meeting on April 18th but we are not giving up. We will conduct the first ever Kairos team meeting online to keep everyone safe. We trust in God's plan for defeating the virus and therefore we will do our best to be ready on July 8th for Kairos 42. Please join us in prayer that the crisis will end very soon, that we all stay safe and that our brothers inside feel God's presence and unending love. Tom Patterson can be reached at 210.573.5909 or tom@tpatterson.org. De Colores

REUNION GROUPS

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 contact ...Carol Wilson at gwilson0630@att.net

STAY CONNECTED DURING SOCIAL-ISOLATION

There are now so many ways that you can keep in touch with friends, family, and colleagues. These moments can be a time to take your mind off of current affairs. Check in on people's wellbeing but remember to have a laugh and discuss other topics too. Make use of social media, text, instant messaging, phone, and video messaging as ways of keeping connected.

NOTE: If you do not wish to stay connected to the BORN Again Emmaus Community, simply e-mail: directory-unsubscribe@boerneemmaus.org



Gathering Location: Spring Creek United Methodist Church, 9200 Dietz Elkhorn Rd, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

Mailing Address: Born Again Emmaus Community P.O. Box 637 Boerne, TX 78006

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