



# BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023  
ALL ARE WELCOME

*"Christ is Counting On You"*

May 31, 2023

## JUNE 2023 GATHERING

Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, June 13 at 7pm. For those who prefer to meet via Zoom –

**ZOOM LINK:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgxc2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

**PASSWORD: 1cmHDg**

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

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## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – *Hal Hornburg*

Some of you are aware of the painful decision to postpone Walk 64 for a year. Denise Vadnais and I jointly reached the decision despite her gallant efforts to build a team. It became evident that we were within a single point of failure with the first training date looming a few days ahead, and too many "what ifs" to deal with along the way.

This is heart breaking for so many reasons, but pressing ahead didn't seem the best course, despite constant prayer. We all know that sometimes what we, alone, decide is God's will is actually our will in His name. It is my belief that God sent us numerous signals to consider a pause and take the time to rebuild the strong community we have come to take for granted.

We will pause, regroup, hopefully heal any ill feelings, and scar tissue in the community and make Walk 64 in 2024 the best walk ever.

See you on June 13 at the next Gathering.

## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – *Pastor Frank Ritchie*

Greetings my brothers and sisters,

I pray this newsletter finds everyone well. Being the community spiritual director these past two years has reminded me of the importance of community, service, and commitment of being a disciple. I am also reminded of the joy of fellowship that comes along with being part of this amazing community and the love that flows so freely from one and all. May you be so blessed in your fourth days that your discipleship shines brightly for all to see.

As I reflect on where I was and where I am now! Wow what a difference but it also reminds me of how important and fundamental Emmaus was and is for me. If you have not been connected or served in a while, I encourage everyone to come and be reminded of our pilgrim walks and how we continue to walk the pilgrim's road.

Some of you may already have heard and some of you may have not. But I felt a call to serve and lead in a different way over the past several months and in doing so I ran for the office of Mayor for the City of Boerne. I won and was sworn in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. In taking on this new role, it has caused some conflicts with my other commitments and that is why I am stepping down as the spiritual director of the community. A new spiritual director will be coming in soon and I will let them make their announcement when they are chosen until then I will still serve and be a part of our Emmaus community as it is so dear to my heart but in a different way. I am looking forward to where this calling from God will lead, and how I can make a bigger impact in our community as I assume this role, and lead as Christ leads. May we all be willing to step out of our comfort zones and serve where Christ calls us. Be blessed everyone and remember God loves you and I love you. DeColores my brothers and sisters.

## WOMEN'S WALK #64, POSTPONED UNTIL 2024

– Denise Vadnais, Walk LD

It saddens me greatly to let you all know that Women's Walk # 64 has been postponed until 2024 due to circumstances beyond our control. We have worked hard to ensure that everything we need for this Walk is in place but have been unable to accomplish that currently. We will take a short break then return to planning. We hope that you will all remain in prayer for the walk, your sisters, and brothers on the team and for the pilgrims of this Walk.

### KAIROS – Tom Patterson

Brothers & Sisters - our patience has been tested but praise God I think we are actually going to have a Kairos Weekend at Torres soon. The Chapel has been reopened after 6 months and dates have been changed yet again. The new dates are August 17th to 20th with the Closing Ceremony on the 20th. Please let me know asap if you want to attend the Closing Ceremony. Please pray for God to keep the Chapel open and for our brothers in white to feel His presence. DeColores, Tom Patterson [tom@tpatterson.org](mailto:tom@tpatterson.org)

### REUNION GROUPS – Bill Walker

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 [CLICK HERE](#) to see the current groups we have. If you have questions or need help with anything, please contact me at [billwa1@outlook.com](mailto:billwa1@outlook.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

### 2023 BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Hal Hornburg

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. [BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR the class of 2023 – 2025.](#)

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. DeColores

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

We need communion elements for the 2022 Gathering dates. Please contact Dory Martinez at 210-412-4319 or email at [dory\\_martinez84@yahoo.com](mailto:dory_martinez84@yahoo.com) or sign up at [COMMUNION](#)

## NEWSLETTER...STAY CONNECTED

Do you have friends who do not receive our newsletter? Please forward this link and have them register today. <https://bornagainemmaus.churchcenter.com/people/forms/193695>

We're on the Web!  
<https://www.bornagainemmaus.org>

**Mailing Address**  
Born Again Emmaus Community  
P.O. Box 292  
Boerne, TX 78006

**Monthly Gathering Location**  
Spring Creek UMC  
9200 Dietz Elkhorn Rd  
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

We're on Facebook!  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Gathering - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7pm**

Jul 11 SCUMC & Zoom  
Aug 8 SCUMC & Zoom  
Sep 12 SCUMC & Zoom  
Oct 10 SCUMC & Zoom

## UPCOMING WALKS

Women's Walk 64 – TBD 2024  
Men's Walk 65 – April 2024

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS - 2023

Hal Hornburg	Lay Director
Ralph Rodriguez	Asst. Lay Director
Maurine Maloy	Secretary
Chris Hornburg	Treasurer
Larry Bader	Community Trainer
Carol Wilson	Community Worship Coordinator
Bill Walker	Reunion Group Liaison
Dale Schweers	Website Content
Dory Martinez	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Gathering Coordinator
Casey Purvis	Member
Vipul Gupta	Member

**Roles to be filled:** Database  
Newsletter Editor  
Agape Coordinator  
Agape Committee - Wall Agape

Frank Ritchie Spiritual Director

### **Non-Voting Members**

Tom Patterson	Kairos Liaison
Jeri Willis	Registrar
Ginny Stricklin	Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair / Upper Room Liaison / Librarian
Denise Vadnais	LD Walk #64
Ginny Stricklin	Board Rep Walk #64