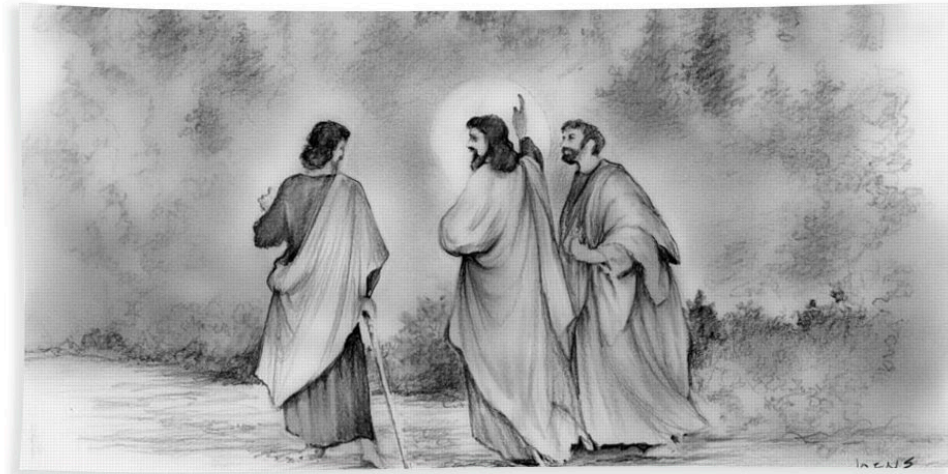


Born Again Emmaus Community
April - 2026



**While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15**

I am counting on Christ!

Christ is counting on You!

**Join our Community
at the next Gathering**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Spring Creek United Methodist Church

9200 Dietz-Elkhorn Road,

Boerne, Tx 78015

Spiritual Director



Dinah Shelly

My name is Dinah Shelly and I have been a United Methodist all my life. I grew up at First Methodist Midland and knew from an early age that sharing the story of God and loving the people of God was what I wanted to do.

The year I graduated from high school, I went to Texas A&M and my parents moved to Boerne. In 1992, I graduated from college and worked as an intern at Boerne First United Methodist Church that summer.

That same summer, Keith and I were engaged and we were married in the old sanctuary of Boerne First United Methodist Church in 1993.

We moved to Atlanta so I could attend seminary (and lived there when the Olympics came to town!). In 1997, I graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and also began serving as an associate pastor at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church.

During this time, pastoral care, teaching classes, leading women's ministry, and designing worship have been important to me. Most recently, I have had the privilege of leading worship in a community that defines itself as contemplative, casual and welcoming to all people.

I love church, reading, long walks, and digging in the dirt. Keith and I have three wonderful children. Claire is working on a master's degree at University of Pennsylvania, Alice is a senior at Baylor University, and Daniel is a freshman at Boerne Champion High School.

Community Lay Director



Ralph Rodriguez

One last time to come help us BLESS the Men's Team for Walk #69 so we hope you will join us this coming Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00p.m. As usual we will be gathering at Spring Creek United Methodist Church just outside of Fair Oaks and bring the little ones, they can hang out with us or child care is available.

The Men's team, led by Chris Hornburg, have been hard at work preparing their hearts and minds to bless the Pilgrims that God has called to participate in this walk. We still have room for more so if there is someone on your heart or you think it might be too late to participate as a Pilgrim, please go to our website and find an application, and don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the Board for assistance.

While our emphasis remains on supporting Chris and his team, we also will welcome a new Spiritual Director, Pastor Dinah Shelly of Spring Creek United Methodist Church who has taken the reins from our friend, Pastor Lori. Pastor Shelly has a heart for the Emmaus Community and will serve as our Spiritual Director while also serving as Clergy on the Men's and Women's walks as called upon to do. Please join me in welcoming Pastor Dinah, we are truly blessed to have her and look forward to serving with her in this Emmaus community.

Hope to see you all next Tuesday, 7:00!

Let's send the men off with Prayers & Praises for what is sure to be THE BEST WALK EVER!

De Colores!

Ralph

Community
Assistant Lay
Director



Dennis Kruse

Gathering Music
Coordinator



Carol Wilson

George and Verneda Fike
will be leading our music in
April



Reunion Group
Coordinator



Lee Carleston

Community
Trainer



David Arringdale

Dear Emmaus Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and walking closely with the Lord. As we move into spring, I'm excited to share that our next Men's Emmaus Walk is coming up at the end of April!

This is always a powerful weekend, and I want to invite every one of you in the community to be part of it in a special way. On the Saturday evening of the walk, we will be holding our traditional Candlelight Ceremony at First United Methodist Church, Boerne. I'd love for as many of us as possible to mark our calendars and join together there.

This is more than just a ceremony - it's a chance for our whole community to come together, show up strong, and visibly support the pilgrims and team. I encourage everyone to wear your Emmaus lanyards proudly and join us out in Boerne that night. Let's fill the place with familiar faces, warm smiles, and the love of Christ. When we show up together like this, it really makes an impact and draws attention to what our Emmaus community is all about - living out our faith in real, tangible ways right here in our town.

If the Lord is stirring your heart to serve during the walk, whether by helping with setup, providing agape gifts, or anything else, please reach out and let us know. Every act of service and every expression of agape makes a difference. And if you're not able to serve in a hands-on way this time, that's perfectly okay - the most important thing you can do is stand with us in prayer. Please keep the team and all the pilgrims steadily in your prayers as they encounter Christ in fresh ways that weekend.

Let's make this Candlelight a beautiful expression of our community's love and support.

I can't wait to see many of you there with lanyards on, hearts open, and ready to celebrate what God is doing.

In His grace,

David

Kairos Liaison

Tom Patterson



Friends,

We are currently in the middle of Kairos 48 at Torres. The dates are April 9th to 12th. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to transform hearts and minds to God's perspective in the name of Jesus.

Our next Kairos weekend will be in Hondo on July 9th to 12th. We are still in need of men for the inside team. Please give prayerful consideration to joining us. We need you and God wants you. Thank you for your prayers.

If you would like more information about Kairos prison ministry, feel free to reach out to me anytime at tom@tpatterson.org

De Colores

Tom Patterson

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God is good!

Men's Walk Lay Director



Chris Hornburg

Men's Walk # 69 April 23-26, 2026

We just got to celebrate the risen Christ during Easter this past weekend and now we are full steam ahead for Walk 69! We have our final team meeting this Saturday and then we will commission the team at our monthly Emmaus gathering next Tuesday before beginning the Walk on Thursday, April 23rd.

We currently have 22 Pilgrims confirmed for the Walk! We know there are applications in various stages of completion . . . please do not delay getting those in to our Walk Registrar, Jeri Willis. I would love to allow 36 men to experience the amazing experience that is the Walk to Emmaus . . . if it is on your heart to sponsor someone, now is the time.

We still have some requests for the community. By far our biggest priority is getting our Prayer Vigil filled and you can find the link below. We can't begin the Walk until all of our prayer slots are filled. We also have some general and food agape needs . . . those links are also below. We are still in need of meals for our meeting this weekend if anyone can help.

I can't wait for the Pilgrims of Walk #69 to experience the outpouring of love from this community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you all do and will continue to do.

Chris Hornburg

Lay Director, Walk 69

Team & Pilgrim Applications

Women's Walk Lay Director



Jennifer Click

Women's Walk # 70 September 17-20, 2026

Psalm 45:7b-9a

"Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad; daughters of kings are among your honored women."

De Colores!

The upcoming Women's Walk is only four months away, and I am excited to share that we already have our first pilgrim! However, we currently have only 10 team members - unfortunately not enough to support a successful walk.

The deadline to submit team applications for Women's Walk #70 is April 14 at the next Gathering, and we still need more applicants to form a complete team.

Please take time to pray: is God calling you to serve the pilgrims of Walk #70? If so, I encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at 210-863-8744 or jentfur@gmail.com.

Our goal is to build a team strong enough to support 36 women in experiencing what could be the best walk ever. We are blessed with an EMMAZING Emmaus community - one that loves deeply and supports faithfully. I ask you to prayerfully consider being part of this mission.

I understand the hesitations - we all have them. Life gets busy. Time feels limited. Energy and resources can feel stretched. Many of us have already served multiple times. I've felt those same things myself. But if we don't step forward and make a sacrifice, we risk others missing the same life-changing encounter with God that we were given.

Your Emmaus experience likely left a lasting impact on your life - that's why you're still part of this incredible community today. Now is an opportunity to help create that same experience for someone else.

I can't promise there won't be challenges along the way. But I can promise that I will serve alongside you with prayer and a full heart as we prepare for this walk. And most importantly, I believe that if we simply show up and serve as Jesus did, these pilgrims will experience the "Best Walk Ever."

De Colores!

Jennifer Click

walk70ld@gmail.com

Team & Pilgrim Applications



This email comes to you today - April 8th instead of the first of April . . .

Seems that the first day of April . . .

{the date our Newsletter should have been in your email box}

Mixed in with the preparations of Holy Week . . .

{Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday}

made it difficult to gather all the information needed to put together the April Newsletter . . . sigh !

Please accept my apology to all of you . . . Thank you for your patience with me !

Know that you are loved! Maurine

PSALM 23

The LORD is my Shepherd: THAT'S A RELATIONSHIP
I shall now want: THAT'S SUPPLY
He makes me lie down in green pastures: THAT'S REST
He leads me beside the still waters: THAT'S REFRESHMENT
He restores my soul: THAT'S HEALING
He leads me in the path of righteousness: THAT'S GUIDANCE
For His Name's sake: THAT'S PURPOSE
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death: THAT'S TESTING
I will fear no evil: THAT'S PROTECTION
For Thou art with me: THAT'S FAITHFULNESS
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me: THAT'S DISCIPLINE
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: THAT'S HOPE
You anoint my head with oil: THAT'S CONSECRATION
My cup runs over: THAT'S ABUNDANCE
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life: THAT'S BLESSING
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD: THAT'S SECURITY
Forever: THAT'S ETERNITY !!



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If you see any of these individuals, thank them for everything they have done for our community and will continue to do.

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