



# BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: MARCH 9, 2021, 7PM - ZOOM

ALL ARE WELCOME

## MARCH GATHERING VIA ZOOM

### ZOOM LINK:

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

PASSWORD: 1cmHDg

## MARCH HOLIDAYS

<b>MARCH 1</b>	National Peanut Butter Lover's Day
<b>MARCH 10</b>	National Hug Your Dog Day
<b>MARCH 14</b>	Daylight Saving Time Starts
<b>MARCH 19</b>	National Let's Laugh Day
<b>MARCH 28</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>MARCH 28</b>	Respect Your Cat Day
<b>MARCH 30</b>	National I Am In Control Day
<b>MARCH 31</b>	National Crayon Day

## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Ginny Stricklin

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you but I am so glad that February 2021 is over. It was a "CRAZY" week (during SNOVID) families without heat, water, etc. But God was there through it all. We were blessed to help our neighbors (family of 9). As we have a gas stove and gas fireplace - they are 100 percent electric. Dealt with a busted water line at their home and gave firewood to two other families. Definitely huge God moments to serve others in need even in our own turmoil.

During this season of Lent it's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this time of reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but also through the sharing of our time and talents.

## DEADLINE TO UPATED YOUR INFORMATION – MARCH 31, 2021

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Over the last few months – I have been talking with you about the concern that our Board has of not being able to reach those who want to be connected to the Born Again Emmaus Community – using our current email provider.

I am personally asking you...IF you **HAVE NOT** already done so please complete the form now. We currently only have 175 individuals who have provided us with your information. March Newsletter is the last newsletter to be sent out through the old email provider. [CLICK HERE](#) Just fill in the info that is all there is to it. THANK YOU!

If you have any questions or concerns; please feel free to contact me, at [gimmystricklin@me.com](mailto:gimmystricklin@me.com) or 210.669.0205.

## GATHERING SPEAKERS STILL NEEDED FOR 2021 – Dory Martinez

Even during COVID 19 – our Gathering is still meeting and we need speakers for 2021. Please go to Sign-up Genius and choose a date. Let's keep Emmaus alive during these trying circumstances. Christ is counting on you!

Go to Sign-up Genius [HERE](#) If you have any questions please contact me at [dory\\_martinez84@yahoo.com](mailto:dory_martinez84@yahoo.com)

*"Christ Is Counting On You"*

February 28, 2021

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## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Mary D D'Alessio

Take a look at your calendar and note that Easter is coming! Sunday, April 4 will be the big day when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I don't know about you, but I'm ready to celebrate—joy and life winning out over despair and death! I'm ready and I would wager that you are, too. But before we can get to the celebration, we have a journey ahead of us, a journey with Jesus, a journey toward Jerusalem and the cross. We still have much to learn as we travel, following him. All four gospels recount Jesus' final days as he resolutely turns his face to Jerusalem, but I particularly like John's account with its unique perspectives and nuances. The first three verses of John, chapter 12 say this: "Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raise from the dead.<sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.<sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume." Those verses are dear to me because they remind me of gentler days. My husband Dave and I lived in Cambridge, England in the late 1980's to study as exchange students at a theological college. Our flat (apartment) was one of three crammed into a small space in the attic of the college president's home. Often, we

joined other students in Ruth and Andrew's flat which was next door to ours. We'd all squeeze into their tiny lounge (living room) to read scripture, pray, share and sing. Because we gathered to fellowship it didn't matter that the furniture was sparse, the carpet threadbare, and the room drafty. I remember the night we first sang May the Fragrance of Jesus Fill This Place, a song written by Graham Kendrick who'd also given the Church Shine Jesus Shine and Knowing You Jesus. I remember that night because something mystical happened. As we joined our voices in song, the small attic apartment became holy, for the fragrance of Jesus, the fragrance of Jesus filled that little lounge, filled us, filled me! Love came down and Jesus blessed us with the knowledge of his presence.

To powerfully be reminded that Jesus is with us—well, it's an extraordinary gift, isn't it? That night his presence was experienced as a sweet, sweet fragrance, surely surpassing that of the costly perfume Mary poured over Jesus' feet and spread with her hair as an act of extraordinary love.

Truth be told, I yearn for such miraculous moments—moments when the presence of Jesus startles me, moments akin to those many of us shared as we walked the road to Emmaus, moments that can lift us into a place of blessed assurance, assurance that Jesus IS with us, always with us, moments when our full attention is turned to Jesus

so we, like Mary, can extravagantly and unashamedly pour out our priceless love for him.

As you and I head toward Easter, I encourage us all to embrace the journey, and to journey well as a testament to our devotion to our Lord, remembering that we, who call ourselves disciples, do not travel alone. Think on these words from Hebrews, chapter 12 so that you might steer clear of discouragement and fear: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart." In Christ's love,

**Prayer:** *Sweet Lord Jesus, in these challenging days of the Pandemic we long to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and together worship you. In our yearnings, help us remember that your presence has no bounds, and that even while physically separated one from another, we can share in your fragrance as we keep our eyes, our thoughts, and our hearts turned to you. May your extraordinary, sweet, sweet love fill us. Amen.*

## KAIROS – Tom Patterson

Brothers and sisters - unfortunately we are still locked out of the prison system. As of Feb 24th, there are zero active inmate Covid cases and 12 active employee cases. The recent blizzard conditions created another horrible situation for our brothers in the Torres unit. The buildings and cells are not energy efficient or properly heated. The inmates were not issued any additional blankets or clothing. With temperatures dropping into the single digits, the inmates struggled to stay warm. I also heard there has been an outbreak of violence inside. Please pray for all those incarcerated to feel God's love and for Kairos to have the ability to get back inside the Torres unit. Please contact me if you would like more information about Kairos Prison Ministry. De Colores, Tom Patterson [tom@tpatterson.org](mailto:tom@tpatterson.org)

## 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)

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

Mar 9 Gathering (Zoom)  
Apr 13 Gathering (TBD)  
May 11 Gathering (TBD)  
June 8 Gathering (TBD)

## UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk 61 – TBD 2021  
Women's Walk 62 – TBD

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Ginny Stricklin	Lay Director, Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair
Tim Hickman	Asst. Lay Director
Maurine Maloy	Secretary
Denise Vadnais	Treasurer
Dory Martinez	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Gathering Coordinator
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