



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022
ALL ARE WELCOME

"Christ is Counting On You"

August 1, 2022

AUGUST 2022 GATHERING

Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, August 9 at 7pm. For those who prefer to meet via Zoom –

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgxzc2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

PASSWORD: 1cmHDg

CHILDCARE (ages 0-11 (5th grade)) RESERVATION REQUIRED at the Gathering – PLEASE email the following information no later than Sunday, July 10 (boerne.emmaus@gmail.com): Child's full name, age, or grade.

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2022 WALKS

GET READY we have begun Walk mode.

- Men's Walk 61: August 25-28, 2022, Pilgrim Apps available on the [website](#). Lay Director: Steve Stricklin, 210-379-3349, ld.walk61@gmail.com
- Women's Walk 62: November 17-20, 2022, Team, and Pilgrim Apps available on the [website](#) Lay Director: Nikki Decker, 210-274-7757, nikki_decker@hotmail.com

MEN'S WALK #61

Team commissioning will take place at the August Gathering, Let's make every effort to attend this Gathering and pray for the team members and pilgrims. Family and friends are invited.

MEN'S WALK #61, August 25-28, 2022 – Steve Stricklin, Walk LD

(Contact me at 210.379.3349 or by email at ld.walk61@gmail.com)

Pilgrim applications are available on the web page. ([Born Again Emmaus Community](#)). Send those pilgrim applications ASAP to Jeri Willis including the fees to secure their position. Jeri's address is on the pilgrim application. We have 18 pilgrims. Please get those apps to Jeri Willis ASAP.

Go to Sign-up Genius [CLICK HERE](#) and give of your time and items still required for the Walk (**66 PRAYER slots, 35 FOOD Agape slots and 20 GENERAL Agape slots are needed to be filled.**) Please help us complete all these slots before the August Gathering.

We need two (2) large vehicles (Suburban, Van, etc.) for transport to and from Candlelight. Contact Dennis Kruse at ppidennis@aol.com

Our final team training is August 6 and Team Commissioning is at the Gathering on August 9, Spring Creek UMC, at 7PM. Please attend the commissioning to pray over the team, for the walk, pilgrims, community, and Camp Capers.

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Denise Vadnais

Over the past several weeks I have been working on 400 tie-dye t-shirts for a special needs program. There are so many ways to do it. Different knots and ways to tie. Different things to tie it with. Then there is a variety of ways to dye the fabric.

As you remove the string or rubber bands from the shirts you start to expose the beauty. The intricate detail of spirals, splatters, waves, and stripes are each special and unique.

All these differences remind me that we are all different. From different backgrounds and different religions. From economic and family situations. But we all come together to produce something amazing. The Walk to Emmaus is just like those t-shirts. There is no one way to do everything we do but the outcome is beautiful.

I am asking you to participate in one of our upcoming Walks. Serve on a team. Help with Agape. Sign up to pray. Come to our Gathering this month as we dedicate our men's team. There is so many ways to be part of the beauty. DeColores.

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Pastor Frank Ritchie

Greetings my brothers and sisters,

I pray this newsletter finds everyone well. Walk preparations are under way and the teams are forming and beginning to gel. The Holy Spirit is alive and well and working, praise God. We are continuing to take team apps for the women's walk, I would encourage you if you have not served on a team before or even if you have, it is a wonderful spiritual experience as well as a terrific way to practice the spiritual discipline of service to others.

As we move forward in our journeys with Christ and in our walks of faith, I find it helpful for me to 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 you have not 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 with each other. I hope to see everyone at the next gathering.

DeColores my brothers and sisters.

Faithfully his Pastor Frank

WOMEN'S WALK #62, November 17-20, 2022 – Nikki Decker, Walk LD

(Contact me at 210.274.7757 or by email at nikki_decker@hotmail.com .)

Team and Pilgrim applications are available on the web page. ([Born Again Emmaus Community](#)). On the Team application are the dates for the team meetings.

I first want to recognize that this is the month of the Men's Walk. Please be in prayer for this team and the pilgrims. How exciting is it to be having an official Walk to Emmaus after so long? The Women's Walk is also quickly approaching. Please, if you are not serving on the team, consider what other ways you may be of service to this walk, the team, and the pilgrims? We have a small team assembled but could still use more hands-on deck on the support side, especially considering we are operating under a new venue which will bring about some change and we all know that change can sometimes be a challenge.

I was reminded of how important it is to be in this together last week. I am one of those people that finds it hard to ask for help or to ask for a need of sorts. I know those that really know me may laugh at this statement, but I am a little shy when it comes to confrontation. I clam up. I get nervous. I feel afraid of saying the wrong thing or coming off un-likeable. I need help from others, I just don't know how to ask. All that to say, I am asking for your help. Help me find more team members. Help me seek out willing pilgrims. Help me remember that I am one part of a whole piece and that I am not alone.

Please prayerfully consider how you may help us with this upcoming Walk.

Love you. Mean it.
DeColores

KAIROS – Tom Patterson

Thank you thank you thank you for your prayers over Kairos 42 in Hondo! Despite all the spiritual attacks, God answered your prayers, and His will was done. Our hope is to have another Kairos weekend in January. Please join us in prayer for that event and for your possible participation. Call me if you would like more information about Kairos Prison Ministry 210-573-5909. God bless you, my friends. DeColores

REUNION GROUPS – Carol Wilson & Renee' Eby

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 210.885.3658; email gwilson0630@att.net or Renee' Eby at 210.319.0347; email n2dzne@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

CURRENT BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Denise Vadnais

We still have a few CURRENT positions that need to be filled, Community Lay Director, Newsletter Editor and a general position. Feel free to contact me at mdvadnais@gmail.com to discuss the requirements.

2023 BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Denise Vadnais

We cannot do this without you. To keep our Emmaus Community alive, we have responsibilities. We are in August and before we know it 2023 will be right around the corner. Without a Board we cannot do what we love to do the most – which is our annual walks. Many of our current Board Members have served our community for the past 3 – 6 years; their time will end December 31, 2022. 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 mdvadnais@gmail.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 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>

Monthly Gathering Location

Spring Creek UMC
9200 Dietz Elkhorn Rd
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

We're on Facebook!
Born Again Emmaus Community

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm

Sep 13 SCUMC & Zoom
Oct 11 SCUNC & Zoom
Nov 8 SCUMC & Zoom
Dec 13 SCUMC & Zoom

UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk 61 – August 25-28, 2022
Women's Walk 62 – November 17-20, 2022

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS - 2022

Denise Vadnais	Interim Lay Director
Bill Walker	Asst. Lay Director
Maurine Maloy	Secretary
Chris Hornburg	Treasurer
Larry Bader	Community Trainer
Carol Wilson	Reunion Group Liaison
Renee' Eby	Reunion Group Liaison
Jennifer Click	Agape Coordinator
Steven Eby	Agape Committee - Wall Agape
Dale Schweers	Website Content
Ginny Stricklin	Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair
	Upper Room Liaison / Librarian / Board Rep Women's Walk #62
Dory Martinez	4 th Day Gathering Coordinator
VACANT	TBD
VACANT	Database
VACANT	Newsletter Editor

Frank Ritchie **Spiritual Director**

Non-Voting Members

Nikki Decker	LD Women's Walk #62
Tom Patterson	Kairos Liaison
Steve Stricklin	LD Men's Walk #61
Jeri Willis	Registrar
Kelly Young	Board Rep Men's Walk #61