



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

FEBRUARY GATHERING VIA ZOOM

ZOOM LINK:

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

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BLACK HISTORY MOMENTS – Michelle Reid

1. FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN BRIGADIER GENERAL BENJAMEN O. DAVIS SR. Oct 25, 1940
2. FIRST SUCCESSFUL OPEN HEART SURGERY DR. DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS July 9, 1893
3. FIRST 3 WAY TRAFFIC LIGHT GARRETT MORGAN Nov 20, 1923
4. ELECTRIC LAMP WAS PATENTED BY LEWIS HOWARD LATIMER AND JOSEPH V. NICHOLS Sept 13, 1881

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Ginny Stricklin

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that February is here. In this new year the one thing we can count on is God's love for each of us. No matter what is going on God has, is, and will continue to love his children.

As we approach Valentine's Day this year, Valentine's Day originated as a church holiday on February 14th to honor martyrs of the faith - saints whose names were Valentine or Valentinus. While the meaning and celebrations of Valentine's Day has changed, it has remained as a special day to shower with love those we hold close.

Valentine's day can create a variety of emotions for different people. For some it creates great satisfaction celebrating the love you have between you, your spouse, and your friends & family. For others it can cause feelings of loneliness. No matter your age or stage in life, Valentine's Day can be celebrated because of God's great love. Let this Bible verse encourage you to celebrate, for God has unconditional and indescribable love for us.

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

One last thing please update your information at [Born Again Emmaus](#)

GATHERING SPEAKERS 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

"Christ is Counting On You"

February 2, 2021

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Thank you and God Bless.

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Mary D D'Alessio

Words have always fascinated me, so when I started receiving unsolicited daily emails from wordgenius.com. I wasn't perturbed. I enjoy their "Word of the Day." Along with the definition comes a short blurb about the word's origin, a graph showing its rising and falling popularity over time, and interesting examples of its use. You can also hear the word spoken, which today I really appreciated because the word was *anagnorisis*. I'd never before seen this word or heard it being used. I learned that *anagnorisis*, from the Greek, is a combination of *ana*, meaning back and *gnorisis*, meaning to make known. It literally means *recognition*. So, in today's use, *anagnorisis* is defined as "the point in a play, novel, etc. in which a principal character recognizes or discovers another character's true identity or the true nature of their own circumstances (my emphasis)." The site noted that the *anagnorisis* is important in many stories—and some reveals are particularly surprising, such as when in "The Empire Strikes Back" Darth Vader's identity is revealed to be Luke Skywalker's father.

That the word of the day—*anagnorisis* popped up in my emails as I was contemplating sharing a dream with you was no coincidence. It was affirmation to share, for I think the dream unveils pertinent truths even though the dream came many years ago. It was vivid, though it played out in black and white and gray images. Somehow, as happens in dreams, I was mysteriously transported to a train station in Nazi Germany. It was nighttime. The train platform was crowded with would be passengers and their families,

Nazi soldiers, and railroad personnel. It was noisy. I was nervous. I was supposed to board the train that would cross the border into safety that night. It was risky to try, and I wondered if I'd make it before the borders were closed. The train whistle blew.

There was great commotion as steam came up from beneath the cars and people hurriedly jostled for position to board. Suddenly a stranger came up to me and handed me a topcoat. "Here," he said, "put this on and don't take it off. Everything you need is tucked inside, just under the lining, right above where your heart is. Remember." So, I put on the coat.

Just as quickly as he'd appeared, he disappeared into the crowd. I got in line and stepped up into the train car. There was standing room only. I could feel the fear as the train began to move slowly forward. It had not traveled far when Nazi soldiers began moving through the car, their automatic weapons slung over their shoulders. Stopping in front of each person, they'd tersely say, "Papers, please. Your papers." As a soldier came nearer, my heart raced; I didn't have traveling papers! I'd be thrown off the train, or worse yet arrested! Then I remembered the stranger's words. "Everything you need is tucked inside. Keep the coat on."

A soldier stood in front of me, his sneering face very close to mine. "Papers, please." Trembling, my hand slipped inside the coat and miraculously my fingers found a slit in the lining; there was something there.

"Papers! I need your papers," the soldier demanded loudly. I handed him what I'd found, not knowing what was printed there. He read them carefully, glancing from the papers to my face and back down again. I tried to look calm and confident. Finally, he handed them

back to me and said with a smirk, "Have a nice trip." I woke up, still feeling the rocking motion of the train, still feeling my heart racing. It was a dangerous journey in dangerous times. Yet, I'd been given a covering that provided all I needed to make it safely to my destination.

So, now is when that word *anagnorisis* (appearing when it did), began to make sense. I'd been remembering that long-ago dream and considering sharing it with you, or not. Suddenly I realized it's filled with "reveals", with *anagnorisis*. We—you and I and everyone in the Born Again Emmaus Community, are on a journey in perilous, fearful times. Though all the changes in the world have been coming gradually, it seems as though everything has changed overnight. Much of what we hold dear is threatened. Our values are being assaulted. We don't recognize the land where we live. However, God knows his plans for this land and for us, and God is sending us out, across all sorts of borders. God has covered us with his protective power, providing everything we need, hiding his treasures close to our hearts. When we remember to listen to God's Holy Spirit, we WILL BE told what to say and what to do. We WILL BE told when not to speak and when not to act. With the enemy sneering in our faces we can be courageous and victorious!

Check out these scriptural references and you'll see: God promises to go with his people and accomplish his purposes:

(*Exodus 3:12; Genesis 26:2-4, 31:3; Deuteronomy 31:23; Joshua 1:5, 9, 3:7; Judges 6:16; 1Chronicles 17:8, 28:20; Isaiah 41:10, 43:2,5; Jeremiah 1:8;46:28; John 14:16-17; Hebrews 13:5*).

To God be the glory indeed!

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

KAIROS – Tom Patterson

Brothers & sisters - it now seems like an eternity since we have been inside the prison. As of now our plan is to have a full Kairos weekend in July inside Torres. Unfortunately, the Torres unit just had another COVID-19 outbreak. Please continue to pray for those incarcerated, for their families and for Kairos Prison Ministry International. Please contact me if you would like information about Kairos tom@tpatterson.org or 210-573-5909. De Colores, Tom Patterson

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

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Boerne, TX 78006

We're on Facebook!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month

Feb 9 Gathering (Zoom)
Mar 9 Gathering (TBD)
Apr 13 Gathering (TBD)

UPCOMING WALKS

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

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

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