



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

"Christ Is Counting On You"

October 4, 2021

OCTOBER GATHERING

Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, October 12 at 7pm. For those who prefer to meet via Zoom –

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgx2tZdnZM TFhodz09>

PASSWORD: 1cmHDg

CHILDCARE (ages 0-11 {5th grade}) RESERVATION REQUIRED at the Gathering – PLEASE email the following information no later than Sunday, SEPTEMBER 12 (boerne.emmaus@gmail.com): Child's full name, age or grade.

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COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – *Ginny Stricklin*

DeColores Brothers and Sisters!

Many things have happened this year; a new president of the United States was inaugurated, an attack on the United States Capitol, wildfires on the west coast, devastating hurricanes, and COVID-19 continues. But the one thing that has remained constant and will continue is that our Lord, Jesus Christ is still KING of kings and LORD of lords.

The Walk to Emmaus story in Luke 24:13-35 is a story about a walk that comes from grief and trauma, from profound disappointment and sorrow. It is a story that starts with the slow steps of the depressed and cast down. But it ends with the excited running of the redeemed, and the joy of finding life transformed.

"We had hoped," people say, that they remember times when the church was powerful, when even governments listened to Christian voices, and when the churches were full. But now, in some of our churches, people just move slowly as they do what the church has always done, keeping buildings open and traditions going, sensing the irony of a church going on "retreat." The sea of faith is going out, the poet says, and the faithful are left slowed down by a kind of grief and sense of loss.

Some mourn and wonder who will now walk with them on the road. In some churches in some places, there is grief and loss, a sense of being exiled from the places of power and influence, and a sense of uncertainty about the future.

But this story speaks powerfully and movingly to grief and loss, and it offers hope for the future to those who think that hope belongs only in the past. And then the two travelers on the road to Emmaus found, as they listened to the stranger (Jesus) open the scriptures and as the bread was blessed and broken, that hope was returned to them. And this transformation happens because these two worn out pilgrims are returned to the source of faith and to the practices they had learned to cherish reading the scriptures and to breaking bread with the stranger. In those very ordinary things, grief was overcome and life renewed.

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR (continued)

Hopefully we today have, at least, the courage to do the right thing and to invite the stranger to dine with us. We have not forgotten, even in the depths of our loss and trauma, the courtesies of hospitality and the central practices of faith, to welcome the stranger. We will keep the rituals going and will do what followers of Jesus have always done. The accompaniment of Jesus in our lives can hold us through times of loss and grief.

I have learned that there is nothing so restoring to hope and so energizing as returning to the scriptures and sacraments, remembering the acts of faith through which God continues to come to us and restore us.

It is time for us to renew our lives and come and participate in our Emmaus Community. The Gatherings are for a time of fellowship, worship and to celebrate Holy Communion together; it is not just about the upcoming walks. Let's break bread with the strangers and walk with each other on this, the Road to Emmaus. Let's keep our community alive. 2021 has been a hard year but as faithful servants of God, HE will come and restore us.

Remember at the end of your Walk to Emmaus you were asked to answer two questions...

1. What did my walk mean to me?
2. **WHAT** am I doing about it now?

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2022 BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED NOW – Ginny Stricklin

We cannot do this without you. To keep our Emmaus Community alive, we have responsibilities. 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; and their time will end December 31, 2021. This is where we need your help. **BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR the class of 2022 – 2024.**

SAD NEWS...Due to unforeseen circumstances we are looking for two individuals to serve in the following positions. Lay Community Director and Assistant Lay Community Director – we must have these positions filled to have a Board.

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 – we NEED YOU, please email Ginny Stricklin at ginnystricklin@me.com or call me at 210.669.0205 to answer any questions. DeColores

FINANCIALS for 2021...as of September 30, 2021

Expenses : \$2,176.75
Deposits Received: \$1,529.15
Deficit of \$647.60

We **NEED** your financial support. If you are unable to attend the Gathering and want to provide financial contributions **please mail them to:** Born Again Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 292, Boerne, TX 78006

If you have questions about our expenses please contact our treasurer, Denise Vadnais, at mdvadnais@gmail.com

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

Speaker for October – ??? Communion provided by **Stricklin Family**

We need speakers and communion elements for the remainder of 2021 Gathering dates. The speaker guidelines are to answer the questions: 1) What did the walk mean to you and 2) What are you doing about it today. Speakers are asked to please limit their talk to 10-15 minutes. We know the Emmaus community would love to hear your story. If anyone wants to share their story or know someone who should share their story, please contact Dory Martinez at 210-412-4319 or email at dory_martinez84@yahoo.com or sign up at **SPEAKERS** and/or **COMMUNION**

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

Friends - Please continue to pray for all those incarcerated and for Kairos Prison Ministry to resume at full force according to God's will. For more information, I can be reached at tom@tpatterson.org or 210-573-5909. De Colores

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 - 2nd Tuesday of every month

Oct 12 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom
Nov 9 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom
Dec 14 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom

UPCOMING WALKS

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

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Ginny Stricklin	Lay Director, Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair
VACANT	Asst. Lay Director
Maurine Maloy	Secretary
Denise Vadnais	Treasurer
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
VACANT	Registrar
Steve Stricklin	LD Men's Walk #61
VACANT	Upper Room Liaison / Librarian
Kelly Young	Board Rep Men's Walk #61

