



# BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

## SEPTEMBER GATHERING

Face-to Face Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, September 14 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 {5<sup>th</sup> grade}) RESERVATION REQUIRED at the Gathering – PLEASE** email the following information no later than Sunday, SEPTEMBER 12 ([boerne.emmaus@gmail.com](mailto:boerne.emmaus@gmail.com)): Child's full name, age or grade.

*"Christ Is Counting On You"*

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

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## FINANCIALS for 2021...as of August 31, 2021

**This month's financials unavailable at this time**

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](mailto:mdvadnais@gmail.com)

## 2022 BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED NOW – Tim Hickman

We cannot do this without you. To keep our Emmaus Community alive we have responsibilities. We are in September and before we know it 2022 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, 2021. This is where we need your help. **BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR the class of 2022 – 2024.**

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 email Tim Hickman at [thickman@satx.rr.com](mailto:thickman@satx.rr.com) Come to the Gathering – September 14 at 7pm. Your Lay Director and Assistant Lay Director will be there to talk with you and answer any questions. See you there. DeColores

## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Mary D D'Alessio

In these perilous "Covid days" the Spirit calls us into the Word of God to find relief for our deep distress and pain which seem to intensify daily. If the disease in and of itself were not terrifying enough, now we must contend with those, many of whom we love, who hold strongly divergent opinions from our own. What can be trusted? Who can be trusted? Well, I think we all agree: God can be trusted. So, I have ventured into God's Word and found wisdom in the face of the angst, (i.e. fear or anxiety), among us concerning whether to receive or not to receive the vaccine.

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## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – CONTINUED

From chapter 21 of the *Book of Numbers*, (*New International Version*) we read: “<sup>4</sup> They [the Israelites] traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!’ <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, ‘We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.’ So, Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.’ <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.”

The wisdom God revealed to me is found in the last sentence of those verses: “Then when anyone was bitten by a snake ***and looked at*** the bronze snake, they lived.” The people had TO LOOK UP at the snake of bronze to live. The story makes me wonder. Were there Israelites in the camp suffering from the snakes’ venom who refused to look up and thus live?

In *John* 3:14-15 Jesus refers to this *Numbers* account in his conversation with Nicodemus. [There Jesus says,] “<sup>4</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” We surely KNOW that there are many people who choose NOT to believe, who choose not to “look up at the cross” to see the Son of God dying there to bring life to all who would believe.

We ask God to help us and God comes to rescue us. Will we humble ourselves and look up, trusting God? Will we accept what he offers?

Be blessed and stay safe. DeColores!

## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Ginny Stricklin

DeColores Brothers and Sisters!

The familiar story of the woman at the well has an element, however, may not be well-known. In those days, a stone or rock lid was placed over the well. Together, the women would have had to remove the lid so they could dip into the cool well water for their families’ daily supply. The heavy lid not only kept people from taking more water than their share, but it was a team effort to benefit all the families. So, the Samaritan woman came to the well alone. Did she have to wrestle the lid off her-self? If so, no easy task.

Like the woman at the well, the Body of Christ needs its members working together to accomplish necessary tasks in our churches, community and the world. Without cooperation at the right place and the right time, and without vision to see God’s peoples’ needs, many ministries may go undone.

What part do you play in the Body of Christ for your Emmaus community? Monthly speaker, provide communion bread, financial, music or just attending and lifting our prayers and concerns and singing praise to our Heavenly Father. All are important. De Colores and Be Blessed!

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

Speaker for September– **Dale Schweers** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
Tim Hickman	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
<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Registrar</b>
Steve Stricklin	LD Men's Walk #61
<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Upper Room Liaison / Librarian</b>
Kelly Young	Board Rep Men's Walk #61

