

# BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023,  
ALL ARE WELCOME

April 5, 2023

## APRIL 2023 GATHERING

Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm. For those who prefer to meet via Zoom –

**NEW ZOOM LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgxZ2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

**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, April 9 ([boerne.emmaus@gmail.com](mailto:boerne.emmaus@gmail.com)): Child's full name, age, or grade.

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*"Christ Is Counting On You"*

## MEN'S WALK #63 TEAM COMMISSIONING

At this month's gathering, we will commission and prayer over the team members of Walk #63. Please join us. Family members and friends are all invited to join us.

## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Hal Hornburg

As you read this, please accept my prayers for you and your loved ones, especially during these days as we anticipate celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. I very much hope that you will join our Gathering on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

I came across an anonymous poem in a daily devotional last week that I would like to share with you: "Two passions beat within my chest; one is cursed, the other blessed; the one I love, the other I hate; the one I feed will dominate".

Just let that sink, in and allow the spirit of love, compassion and grace dominate in your lives, and mine.

Shalom and DeColores

## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Pastor Frank Ritchie

I hope and pray that everyone is well. As we head to the cross during this Lenten season, we should be preparing our hearts and minds for how the Lord and the kingdom can use us. In just under a week, we will come to the cross in remembrance of what Christ did for us and all the world. Are you preparing yourself for what it means to pick up your cross and work for the kingdom?

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and give his life as a ransom for many." Brothers and sisters, we are part of that many! Your ransom has been paid! Now that we are free, what are we going to do with our freedom? Shall we spend it serving ourselves or others? Jesus came to serve and so should we. I hope we all are ready and willing to be the servants that Christ went to the cross for. I hope to see everyone at the next gathering!!! Also, if God has placed an invitation on your heart to sponsor a pilgrim the time is now, the men's walk has open spots. May others see Christ in us as we pick up our crosses as we do our part!!!

DeColores my brothers and sisters.

Faithfully his Pastor Frank

## **MEN'S WALK #63, April 27-30, 2023** – Dwane Brown, Walk LD

(Contact me by text at 210-643-4779 or by email at [walk63ld@gmail.com](mailto:walk63ld@gmail.com))

Walk 63 is coming up in just a few weeks! We kick off at 6PM on Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30 at 5PM. As of this writing, the team is prepared, but we have only **12 pilgrims** and are missing many sign-ups for prayer, food, and general Agape. Please, please, please, please support your community by providing pilgrims ([click here](#)), signing up for Agape (see below) and attend Sponsor's Hour and Closing at Camp Capers, and of course attending Candlelight on Saturday, April 29 8PM at First United Methodist Church Boerne.

Food, General Agape, and Prayer sign-ups can be found [here](#).

## **WOMEN'S WALK #64, SEP. 28 – OCT. 1, 2023**

– Denise Vadnais, Walk LD

(Contact me by text at (830) 446-1950 or by email at [ld.walk64@gmail.com](mailto:ld.walk64@gmail.com))

God calls us to be the hands and feet of Christ by serving our brothers and sisters, but what does that mean to you? Since we are all human, I am sure there are as many different answers to that question as there are people represented. I believe that the Emmaus Walk is a perfect example of that service. We give our time to others. Sacrificing time from work or family and friends while probably using our vacation time to serve. We give financially to the betterment of individuals we may not know by supporting a community that has given so much to us over the years. Some people are prayer warriors that can always hold the community up, not just at Walk time but year-round. There are those who provide for needs during training, sending agape to the Walks, and supporting without question wherever it is needed. We put ourselves, our wants, and desires behind those of 36 individuals God has called us to take care of for 3 days.

When I first started volunteering at the Walk to Emmaus someone explained the roles of the team members by pointing out that during these 3 days the Support Team cares for the Conference Room Team and then the Conference Room Team cares for the Pilgrims. It has taken me many years to question that because it leaves a lot of holes. I have come to realize that the correct way to say it is this. The Support Team feeds and nurtures each other and the Conference Room Team. The Conference Room Team feeds and nurtures each other and the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims feed and nurture each other and feed the Conference Room Team. And the cycle continues. What a wonderful thing to be a part of this movement and to give of ourselves in such an unselfish way. Ever since COVID our numbers are small, but we are still mighty. 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed how many people on the shore of the Sea of Galilee? Thousands! Thousands were fed 12 baskets left over. God can do amazing things with small numbers.

Please sincerely pray about serving on the upcoming Women's Walk. Pray about potential pilgrims for the Men's Walk in April and the Women's Walk. God is calling us to be His hands and feet. Please listen.

Team **UPDATED** application can be found [here](#).

## **REUNION GROUPS** – Bill Walker

We are so happy to introduce our NEW Reunion Groups' Coordinator. Bill has been around the community for a while. If you are looking to get connected or want to start your own group, please contact Bill at [billwa1@outlook.com](mailto:billwa1@outlook.com). Fourth Day groups (a.k.a. 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. If you would like to view the lists of both women's and men's reunion groups please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the current groups we have.

## 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>

### 2023 BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Hal Hornburg

We still need volunteers to be a part of the Board. We cannot do this without you. To keep our Emmaus Community alive, we have responsibilities. This is where we need your help. **SIX 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 [halhornburg@mac.com](mailto:halhornburg@mac.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 2023 Gathering dates. Please contact Dory Martinez at 210-412-4319 or email at [dory\\_martinez84@yahoo.com](mailto:dory_martinez84@yahoo.com) or sign up at [COMMUNION](#)

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<https://www.bornagainemmaus.org>

We're on Facebook!

Born Again Emmaus Community

#### Mailing Address

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

#### Monthly Gathering Location

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7pm  
Apr 11 SCUMC & Zoom

## UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk 63– April 27 – 30, 2023  
Women's Walk 64 – September 28- October 1, 2023

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS - 2023

Hal Hornburg	Lay Director
Ralph Rodriguez	Asst. Lay Director
Maurine Maloy	Secretary
Chris Hornburg	Treasurer
Larry Bader	Community Trainer
Carol Wilson	Community Worship Coordinator
Bill Walker	Reunion Group Liaison
Dale Schweers	Website Content
Dory Martinez	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Gathering Coordinator

VACANT	TBD
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VACANT	Database
VACANT	Newsletter Editor
VACANT	Agape Coordinator
VACANT	Agape Committee - Wall Agape

Frank Ritchie      Spiritual Director

#### Non-Voting Members

Tom Patterson	Kairos Liaison
Jeri Willis	Registrar
Ginny Stricklin	Walk Coordinator / Team Selection
	Committee Chair / Upper Room Liaison / Librarian
Dwane Brown	LD Walk #63
Steve Stricklin	Board Rep Walk #63
Denise Vadnais	LD Walk #64
Ginny Stricklin	Board Rep Walk #64