



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME

"Christ is Counting On You"

January 31, 2022

FEBRUARY 2022 GATHERING

Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, February 8 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, February 6 (boerne.emmaus@gmail.com): Child's full name, age or grade.

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COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – *Pastor Frank Ritchie*

Greetings my brothers and sisters,

I hope you have had an amazing month since I last wrote to you. We had an amazing January gathering with a wonderful turn out and very worshipful time of praise and music. I look forward to this month gathering and how the Holy Spirit is moving us forward as a community and seeing all your lovely faces. Plans are in the works as the teams will be forming for the upcoming walks in the fall. I pray we all will be in prayer for them and for how God can use each of us for his kingdom in the upcoming months and how we can serve.

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

These verses are from the Emmaus story and in thinking where we are as a community and as individuals walking the pilgrim's road, they come to my mind as a call to ministry for us now. I invite you to reflect on your Emmaus experience from Thursday night and the uncertainty of the weekend to Sunday afternoon with all its certainty that you are loved, and you are created for the kingdom and its work. I look forward to seeing many more faces this month and to visit with my brothers and sisters who have helped and continue to help me walk the pilgrim's road. May we continue to grow in our journeys of faith and the certainty that we are God's children. See you at the gathering. Remember God loves you and so do I.

DeColores my brothers and sisters,

Faithfully his Pastor Frank

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Denise Vadnais

What has your fourth day held for you recently? Has it been anything like you expected? Have you had to change more in your life than seems fair?

I don't think there are many of us, brothers, and sisters, that couldn't say yes to the last question. Over the last few years, we have all been expected to make changes that seemed almost unreasonable sometimes. Struggles have been many. We have dealt with depression, isolation, and disconnection. But now it's time for joy. It's time for happiness and excitement. It's time to rejuvenate our community. It is time to come together and plan some Walks! We have been blessed with a beautiful new location. Help us plan these walks.

Please join us as we sing, praise, and worship our gracious God. Join us for the gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

2022 WALKS

GET READY we will begin Walk mode soon.

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

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 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

BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Denise Vadnais

We still have a few positions that need to be filled, Community Lay Director, Assistant Community Lay Director, Agape Committee – Wall Agape, and Newsletter Editor. Feel free to contact me at mdvadnais@gmail.com to discuss the requirements.

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](#)

CHURCH EMMAUS LIAISONS NEEDED

Would you like to be an Emmaus Liaison for your church, or know someone who does? Due to the pandemic, many Emmaus members have stopped coming to the monthly gathering. We need your help in reaching out to your church's Emmaus members and invite them back to the gatherings. We would also like you to answer questions for those individuals who are interested in going on our next Walk. For more information contact Carol Wilson at 210.885.3658; email gwilson0630@att.net or Renee' Eby at 210.319.0347; email n2dzne@gmail.com

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

NEWSLETTER

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 the Web!

<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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm

Feb 8 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom
Mar 8 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom
Apr 12 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom

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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
VACANT Agape Committee - Wall Agape
Darryl Reid Database
VACANT Newsletter Editor
Dale Schweers Website Content
Ginny Stricklin Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair
Upper Room Liaison / Librarian / Board Rep Women's Walk #62
Dory Martinez 4th Day Gathering Coordinator
Renee Hernandez Member

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