



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

AUGUST GATHERING

Face-to Face Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, August 10 at 7pm. For those who prefer to meet via Zoom – we will attempt to do that also.

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgxc2tZdnZM TFhodz09>

PASSWORD: 1cmHDg

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

Income: \$649.00 Expenses: \$2167.58

Deficit: \$1518.58

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

"Christ Is Counting On You"

JULY 30, 2021

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COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – *Mary D D’Alessio*

When I was a grade school child in the early 1950’s in the days before vaccines were available for mumps, measles, chickenpox, influenza, and the likes, it was not uncommon to get sick and have to miss school for two to three weeks at a time. In the early days of a bout of illness I longed to be back with my friends at school, to be on the playground, to be out of the house; but strangely, when I began to feel better, I dreaded going back. It was so much easier to stay in my pajamas and watch TV. Thank goodness my momma was not undone by my crying and pleading to stay home; otherwise, I would have missed so much—not only getting an education but missing out on having lots of fun and making deepening friendships.

Those childhood memories arose as I thought about our Emmaus Community, for Gatherings are ill attended, Fourth Day groups struggle to continue, and excitement for upcoming Walks has waned. It’s so easy, isn’t it? Easy to fall away. Easy to let the flame of communal life sputter and dim. Easy to “stay in our pajamas” when it’s time to get up and out and back to tending the call God has issued to each and to all of us to stay on the Road to Emmaus and invite others to join us there.

The writer to the Hebrews gives us this call to persevere: “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (10:24-25). So, my friends, I write to encourage you; it’s time to arise and get back to the business at hand: the business of love and joy, the business of faithful discipleship. The one who is faithful desires our faithfulness. Christ is counting on you.

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Ginny Stricklin

DeColores Brothers and Sisters!

I don't know where to begin – let's get the business stuff out of the way first...**CHILDCARE (ages 0-11 {5th grade}) RESERVATION REQUIRED at the Gathering** – PLEASE email me the following information no later than Sunday, August 11 (boerne.emmaus@gmail.com): Child's full name, age or grade.

2021 has been a very tough year for our community. Started the year with only Zoom meetings, then we were able to start in person Gatherings with Zoom in April, and then no walks this year at the Omega Center due to COVID. They have a restriction of a total of only 70 people who can be housed on campus with even tighter capacity restrictions in the conference room and chapel. All of this is compiled with the extremely low attendance at the Gatherings and through Zoom. We are still holding on and praying that our Community will come through this while remaining strong.

PLEASE consider coming back and joining us for a time of worship together as brothers and sisters of Christ at our August Gathering – get back into the routine and bring your friends, family and reunion groups with you.

I know that the Delta variant of COVID 19 is real. But if you are fully vaccinated the CDC report that as of July 22, there were 65,000 breakthrough cases (or people who are vaccinated but got COVID-19) among the 160 million people who are fully vaccinated. That's 0.04% of vaccinated people reporting breakthrough cases.

Stay tuned for some exciting news in AUGUST. Also consider leading us into the future and becoming a member of the board in 2022.

De Colores and Be Blessed!

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

Speaker for August – **Dakota Flores** 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 - I am very disappointed to say that Kairos 42 at the Torres prison unit has been canceled for October 2021. We are working toward our first Kairos weekend in the Ney unit next door and hope the warden will allow that sometime this year. Until then we continue to have Prayer & Share meetings on Saturdays, as this is the only Kairos event currently allowed. 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

Aug 10 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom
Sept 14 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom
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 – TBD 2022
Women's Walk 62 – TBD 2022

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Ginny Stricklin	Lay Director, Walk Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair
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