Born Again Emmaus Community

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They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

Join our Community at the next Gathering

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Spring Creek United Methodist Church 9200 Dietz-Elkhorn Road, Boerne, Tx 78015

For those who prefer to join us via Zoom use the following Link

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?

pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgxc2tZdnZMTFhodz09

Password: 1cmHDg

For those of you requiring **CHILDCARE** during the Gathering:

Childcare is provided for children between the age of 0 and 11 years of age **RESERVATION REQUIRED** - PLEASE email us at boerne.emmaus@gmail.com

no later than Sunday, September 10th

Provide the Child's full name and age (or grade)

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR - Ralph Rodriguez

Hello and welcome to FALL (sort of) and to this Emmaus Community. I know it has been a hard hot rough summer for many of us. In some cases that has meant loss of community, loss of loved ones or difficulties at work or with family members. We live in a time of division and strife and this Emmaus community has not been immune to it.

As your Community Director one of my many prayers for this body of believers is that at least once a month we can come together, help each other, love each other and get back to the mission of this Emmaus community, to continue helping you strengthen your work with Jesus and to make Leaders in your respective churches.

We can't do this without you, so we hope to see you at the September Gathering! If I have not met your personally, please help me get to know you by introducing yourself. We were created to be in Community so I pray you will join us in this endeavor.

De Colores - Ralph

GUEST SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE GATHERINGS

Back before COVID stopped from meeting together on the 2nd Tuesdays at the Community Gatherings we would have random speakers come up to the front and share their Walk Stories with the Community.

Back in July of this year Larry Bader was our Guest Speaker and he shared his experience using the 2 questions we all answered at the end of our Walk.

- 1) What did this Walk to Emmaus mean to you?
- 2) What are you going to do with what you have learned?

Your time is limited to about 10 minutes and we would love to hear what you have to share. If you are interested in sharing with the Community please contact either Ralph Rodriguez or Dennis Kruse for more information.

GATHERING COORDINATOR - Dory Martinez

As part of the Worship Service during our Community Gatherings every month there is a time to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

This gives us all an opportunity for Christian Action. The communion elements are provided

by Volunteers each month. This month Denise Vadnais has graciously offered to provide the bread and the grape juice. **Thank you Denise!**

As of this past Wednesday - no one has signed up to provide communion elements for the October, November or December Gathering.

If this is something you would like to do (being the hands & feet of Christ) please contact Dory Martinez via cell phone 210-412-4319 or send him an email at dory_martinez84@yahoo.com. OR you can on to our website - on the Home Page you will see an Information Button - click on it - on the Drop Down you will see a choice "Gathering Volunteer" - once you click on it you will see "Communion Elements Needed for Monthly Gatherings" clicking on the CLICK HERE will direct you to a page with full instructions and Calendar options to choose from. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Dory!

De Colores - Dory

<u>KAIROS - TOM PATTERSON</u>

Friends - Kairos 43 at Torres was an amazingly Spirit filled weekend! It was one of the best weekends in recent memory in my humble opinion. Praise God for answering our prayers and for His Spirit that filled us and led us that weekend. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for all those in this prison. Immediately after the weekend, the warden locked down the chapel again so there is no access for faith based services. Please pray for them and let me know if you have questions about Kairos Prison Ministry.

De Colores, Tom Patterson tom@tpatterson.org

KAIROS - CAROL WILSON

I was blessed to serve on Kairos #43 Weekend, August 16-20. This weekend was cancelled three times due to circumstances at the prison. BUT, with the perseverance of the 45 plus team members our 42 Brothers-in-White had their bodies and hearts fed for four days. This was my first experience with Kairos and I'm fairly certain will not be my last!!

I was amazed at the dedication of all the team members - they worked together beautifully, when they finished their job, they helped their neighbor with a smile on their face! I highly recommend joining a Kairos team, Howard Grove will be leading the next weekend which will most likely be in March 2024.

De Colores - Carol Wilson

Fourth Day - Your 3 day Walk is over, every day thereafter for the rest of our lives is our 4th Day. This is Emmaus's purpose, a lifetime of discipleship, bringing new life to our churches and conveying grace where we live.

We are called to be the leaven in the dough . . . the salt of the world . . . the light in darkness . . . how do we do this?

1st - we stay in touch with Christ
2nd - we stay in touch with friends who share our priorities
3rd - we stay in touch with people whom God has given us to influence

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 open the Born Again Emmaus Community Website @ www.bornagainemmaus.org. On the Home Page you will see an Information Button - click on it - on the Drop Down you will see a choice "What is a 4th Day Reunion Group" - once you click on it you will see 4th Day Reunion Group Information. You will also see 2 buttons you can click on for information on Women's Groups and Men's Groups.

If you have questions or need help with anything, please contact Bill Walker at billwal@outlook.com

De Colores - Bill Walker

LAY DIRECTOR Men's Walk #65 - April 4-7, 2024

Greetings brothers and sisters,

Men's Walk #65 is now actively building a team.

This year's walk will be starting the week after Easter on April 4th and it will be held at the Omega Center in Boerne, Tx. The <u>team applications</u> are online at the following link. (<u>Emmaus</u> Walks | emmaus(bornagainemmaus.org)

If you are interested in joining the team please get your applications in soon so that we have time to form the team. The <u>deadline</u> for team applications is <u>October 15th</u>.

I am looking forward to a great walk and looking forward to seeing all of you. *Thank you, John Decker - Walk #65 Lay Director.*

2023-2025 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR the class of 2023 – 2025

We are still looking for 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.

Database Coordinator - Agape Coordinator - Agape Committee, Wall Agape

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 hallows.com to discuss the requirements. See you there. *De Colores - Hal*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING GATHERINGS

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

Call - Email - Text your friends and family - Invite them to join you!

UPCOMING WALKS - 2024

Men's Walk #65 - April 4th thru 7th

Women's Walk #66 - September 19th thru 22nd

BORN AGAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ralh Rodriuez - Communit La Director

Dennis Kruse - Community Assistant Lay Director

Maurine Maloy - Secretary & Newsletter

Chris Hornburg - Treasurer

Lori Balensiefen - Spiritual Director

Dory Martinez - 4th Day Gathering Coordinator

Lawrence Bader - Community Trainer

Dale Schweers - Website Content Manager

Carol Wilson - Gathering Music Coordinator

William (Bill) Walker - Reunion Group Liaison

Casey Purvis - Member

Vipul Gupta - Member

Hal Hornburg - Member

VACANT - Database Coordinator

VACANT - Agape Coordinator

VACANT - Agape Committee - Wall Agape

Ex Officio Members

Tom Patterson - Kairos Liaison

Ginny Stricklin - Upper Room Liaison

Ginny Stricklin - Walk Coordinator

Ginny Stricklin- Team Selection Chair

Ginny Stricklin - Database Entry

Jeri Willis - Walk Registrar

Dwane Brown - Men's Walk #65 Board Rep

John Decker - Men's Walk #65 Lay Director

Ginny Stricklin - Women's Walk #66 Board Rep

Denise Vadnais - Women's Walk #66 Lay Director

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