



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

APRIL GATHERING

This month we will meet in person at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, April 13 at 7pm. The CDC guidelines continue to recommend the wearing of masks, washing hands and maintaining a safe distance. Spring Creek will continue to adhere to these guidelines, and so shall we when we use their facilities.

For those who prefer to meet via Zoom – we will attempt to do that also.

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgx2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

PASSWORD: **1cmHDg**

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – *Ginny Stricklin*

HAPPY APRIL!

This is the month that we remember the Lord's ultimate sacrifice and celebrate the eternal gift we are given.

It is so easy to feel bombarded by all of the bad, the evil, and the sadness in this world we live in- especially right now when things still are so uncertain. It is easy to feel discouraged and completely down and depressed by it all. The one thing that has stood out to me above everything else is the crazy lavish kindness I have seen displayed.

Because the news is so full of unknowns and terrible statistics and frightening predictions, it is so refreshing and encouraging reading and watching stories that show you the good that is still in this world. The kind of stories that make you want to be better, to do more, and to be the good in the world.

So, this month let's focus on what God's word says about kindness and pray for God to help us live in a way that reflects His nature to others!

WANT TO BE A PART OF THE GATHERING?

Speakers for April – Tammy and Brett Allen

We need speakers for the Gathering dates in 2021. 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](#)

"Christ Is Counting On You"

APRIL 3, 2021

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Thank you and God Bless.

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Mary D D’Alessio

I sat in a chair by Shirley’s hospital gurney waiting with her for the orderly to come and wheel her to surgery. Though at first we quietly chatted about mundane things it wasn’t long before she moved to a level of reflection, sharing intimate thoughts with me. (You know how that is after they give you what I call the La-la medicine! As your body relaxes, your mind wanders and your tongue gets loose.) As Shirley talked, her face took on a peaceful glow as she shared with me how blessed she was to have grown up living on the inlet near the sea. There was so much life there. There was so much water there. It was beautiful.

She was grateful she had spent her life in that place and that her children had grown up there, too. She was grateful for her husband; he was such a good man, a good spouse, and a good dad. She was grateful he had taught her children how to swim, for she never could have done that, she confessed, for she herself had never learned to swim.

As her mind went back to her childhood days, she lowered her voice to almost a whisper and shared a family secret. “You know,” she said very seriously, “Momma was terrified of the water. She wouldn’t let us get in water deeper than the tops of our feet. She was so fearful we would drown.” And then a startling truth came out of her mouth: “You know, Mary D, it’s hard to learn to swim when you won’t get in water that’s deeper than your feet.” *It’s hard to learn to swim when you won’t get in water that’s deeper than your feet.*

As we approach Easter and move into the days beyond, remember Shirley, who by the way, came through her surgery with flying colors. Remember Shirley and how she lived on the sandy shore of the beautiful waters of the inlet as you reflect on the Easter stories—so much to remember, so much to be thankful for, so much to rejoice over, yet so much to be challenged by.

Long ago on the first Easter night, the Gospel of John (20:19-23) lets us sit behind locked doors with the terrified disciples. We can imagine their muffled conversations and the strained, worried looks on their faces. What was to become of them?

Before they knew we know, because we have the script! Jesus found them and came to them, passing right through the locked doors, announced peace to them not once but twice, commissioned them to be sent into the world as the Father had sent him, and breathed on them, saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

“It’s time, friends,” I hear him saying. “The River of Life is surging and the waters are deep. Step into the current and trust me. Let no fear keep you from the joys of a life lived with me. Receive the Holy Spirit; it’s time to learn to swim!”

Happy Resurrection Day! May our lives bring glory to our heavenly Father.

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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

Brothers & sisters - Praise God! TDCJ has finally started letting volunteers back into the prisons with strict covid restrictions. At this point we are still planning on and praying for our next Kairos weekend to happen in July. Currently the covid restrictions are such that we could not execute any form of a normal Kairos weekend event. There have also been reports of riots and violence over the last few months, more so than normal. Prayer is still in great need! Please continue to pray for all those incarcerated and for God to open the doors for Kairos Prison Ministry to get back to the Lord's work inside those prison walls. Please let me know if you have any questions about Kairos. 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

Apr 13 Gathering Spring Creek UMC
& Zoom
May 11 Gathering (TBD)
June 8 Gathering (TBD)

UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk 61 – TBD 2021
Women's Walk 62 – TBD

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

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