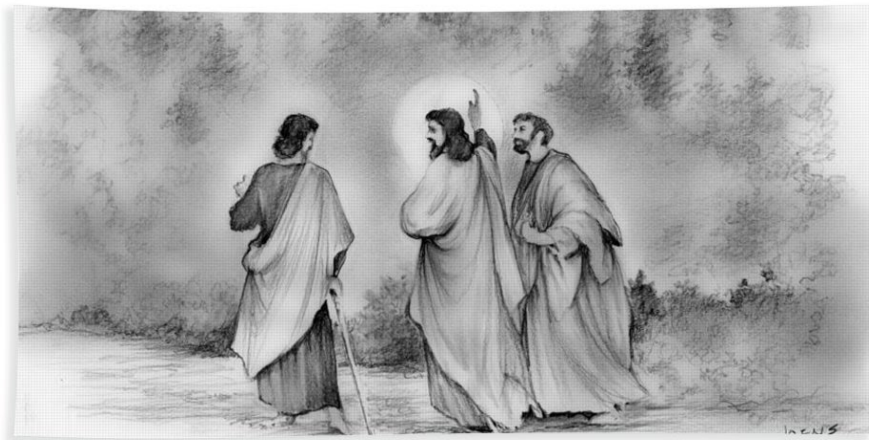


Born Again Emmaus Community
September- 2026



**While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15**

I am counting on Christ!

Christ is counting on You!

**Join our Community
at the next Gathering**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:00
pm**

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



**AS OF 4:44 AM THIS MORNING . . .
THE PRAYER VIGIL IS FULL !!!**

Spiritual Director



Dinah Shelly

I am studying the first few chapters of Exodus right now and quite taken with Pharaoh. You know how some people say they have a devil on one shoulder and an angel on the other - telling them what to do? And they continually struggle with which voice to listen to. I don't have that problem. Instead, I've got a tiny little Pharaoh that stands atop of my imaginary backpack filled with bricks. It's a heavy load to carry. Tiny Pharaoh has his fist raised in anger. He tells me to tighten my grip on power and get more control over the things that look like a mess.

Pharaoh was guided by fear. Fear has a prominent role in the first chapter of Exodus. There is so much evidence that Pharaoh lets fear influence his course of action. He fears the Hebrew people. He fears his political enemies. He fears the babies being born. He's simply a frightened mess. And that fear seems to guide his action - tells him what to do.

In a devotional I read this week, seminary professor and spiritual director Amy Oden wrote this:

When my husband was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia, my heart sank into fear. Would I lose everything? Would he become a stranger to me? Would all our savings be devoured in his care? I feared the unknown. The fear made me grip each day tightly, afraid of what I might lose next. Eventually this fear became its own prison. My fear kept me from surrendering our lives into God's keeping. My fear robbed me of the life right in front of me. As God invited me to simply surrender to the actual life before me, to let it unfold and live in it deeply, fear lost its grip. Here, I could behold the grace shot through every hour of every day. Here, in the flow of grief and awe, fear no longer ruled.

Then she recommended a spiritual practice: Make both hands into fists and grip them as tightly as you can. Then release them and feel the wave of relaxed energy flow through your body.

Power in and of itself isn't bad. It's how we use it that makes all the difference. Do we use it to gain control? And grip that control tightly for ourselves? (it's a fool's game)

Or do we let it flow, do we use power cooperatively, and allow life to flourish in partnerships and homes and community? I do think that's our task as the people of God — To allow life to flourish.

De Colores!

Community Lay Director



Ralph Rodriguez

September is here and that can only mean one thing

OUR WOMEN'S WALK #70 is less than 3 weeks away
and there is still time to get involved and to help if it is on your heart to do so.

Wanna help then ***PRAY*** for this team and the Pilgrims that God has called to participate. Wanna ***PRAY*** in a practical way directly impacting the team and pilgrims ... sign up for ***Prayer Vigil*** by going to our website and using the tab for sign-up-genius.

P.S. News Flash - The Prayer Vigil is Full!

Wanna get involved keep looking for ***Pilgrims*** as there is still room but space is getting limited so don't wait, sign up for ***Agape*** the walk will need.

Get involved by joining us for ***The Gathering on Sept 8th*** as we Bless this team and send them out to do what God has called them to do.

Plan on attending **Candlelight on Sept 19th 8:00** at First United Methodist Church - Boerne and/or the ***Closing Ceremony on Sunday the 20th at 3:30 pm.***

Support means everything to these teams and we exist as a community to not only do these walks but to love and support these efforts before, during and after!

If you are reading this, you are already apart of the Born-Again Emmaus Community and the community needs you to get involved and stay involved. Come join us at The Gathering and let's support this team doing God's Work.

De Colores!!

Ralph

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Community
Assistant Lay
Director



Dennis Kruse

Gathering Music
Coordinator



Carol Wilson

Please join us at our next Gathering on September 8th.

Emmaus Brothers & Sister - ***Delores Haines and John De La Hunt*** will be leading our worship music this month. If you haven't heard this Dynamic Duo - you are in for a treat! They are a husband and wife team and are amazing!!

We will be commissioning our Women's Walk Team #70, so you don't want to miss this Gathering!!

De Colores!

Carol Wilson

4th Day Gathering
Coordinator



Lisa Davenport

DeColores!

The best walk ever is coming up! The faithfulness that God has shown is such a blessing. But, that's God! The enemy has tried to weaken the team, the enemy has tried to take our eyes off of HIM, but because we have such mighty prayer warriors, we are prevailing. If anything, it has made our hearts and minds and spirits turn more towards God.

It is such a blessing to serve on the team for Walk #70!

Please continue to pray for the pilgrims and the team. God's got this!

I'm sure there are those "pesky" sign up sheets still not filled all the way, so what can you sign up for?

Christ is counting on YOU! Blessings!

DeColores!!

Lisa Davenport

Reunion Group
Coordinator



Lee Carleston

Reunion Groups

Reunion groups provide a natural launching pad for the Emmaus mission in the community. They are a support base for Team Selection and for acts of agape for Emmaus weekends. Shared engagement in service to others deepens friendships and opens up avenues for Christian Action.

Some groups, where members are associated with the same church, find a shared ministry within their church congregation.

Other groups choose to serve as a team to provide meals, agape items, or assisting with support activities during Walk weekends.

Some Emmaus groups take on ministries in their local community.

As valuable as group activities and a sense of common mission can be, Reunion Groups must remember that those efforts are “extracurricular.”

The primary work of the group is to review individual progress towards the service sheet, support each other, and to reflect on Christ’s presence and call in the lives of the members.

DeColores! Lee

Community Trainer

David Arringdale



Kairos Liaison

Tom Patterson



Friends,

Kairos is alive and well at the Torres prison in Hondo. Praise God!

July we had our first ever full weekend event at the Ney Unit next door. In October we are having our second weekend this year at Torres. In December, we are finally able to kick start our Continuing Ministries every month.

With God's help we will serve our brothers inside every Wednesday and the second weekend of every month just like we did for more than 20 years prior to covid!

Our goal is to fulfill God's plan through Kairos. ***Listen, listen, love, love. That is our moto. That is our goal.*** Please join us in prayer for God's will to be done 🙏

De Colores and God bless you my friends

P.S. - on a personal note, please also pray for God to remove the cancer and tumor from my body so I can go back to prison. In Jesus name 🙏

De colores,

Tom Patterson

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Women's Walk Lay
Director



Jennifer Click

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

It is almost here!
THE NEXT BEST WALK EVER!
Women's Walk #70!!!
September 17th thru 20th
at Hermann Sons Hilltop Retreat Center
in Comfort, Texas.

We will have Candlelight at First United Methodist Church Boerne on
September 19th at 8 pm and ***Closing will be at 3:30 pm on***
September 20 at Hermann Sons in Comfort.

God's Team for His Walk #70 is so very grateful for your ongoing
prayers and support to make this the next Best Walk Ever!

Right now we have 29 pilgrims,
and we still have room for a few more!!!
But not very many, so hurry!!

What we do need from our community is for all of you who can to **PLEASE** go sign up on the sign up genius for the **Prayer Vigil**. We cannot hold a walk without every slot filled.

NEWS FLASH - WE JUST GOT THE NEWS

THE PRAYER VIGIL IS FULL !!!

Our team has overcome a few hurdles so far and we are ready for the race set before us. We thank you for every prayer, every encouraging word, every sign-up, every act of love and for letting us get to be a part of this amazing gift, the Walk to Emmaus.

De Colores

Jennifer Click

Team & Pilgrim Applications

Men's Walk #71

Lay Director

Josh Senneff



***Last month I handed you a countdown clock.
It's still ticking... 198 days to Walk Seventy ONE-derful
(March 18–21, 2027, Hermann Sons Hilltop Camp)
– but this month,
I need your eyes on a much closer date.***

***Women's Walk #70 is September 17th thru 20th.
That's THIS month, friends.***

Right now, pilgrims are saying yes, and a well-versed, well-prepared team is getting ready to serve them.

Here's what that weekend needs from the rest of us: ***prayer vigil slots filled, agape provided, and a candlelight crowd that shows those women just how big this family is.***

**FRESH OFF THE PRESS - WE JUST GOT THE NEWS
THE PRAYER VIGIL IS FULL !!!**

Pick one. Pick three. Just don't watch this one from afar.

And about that question I asked in August – is this your week? If you had that conversation, I'd love to hear how it went. If you haven't yet, good news: it's still your week! Walk #71 is officially moving and servant and pilgrim applications will be ready for a name this month! Hopefully yours and the man's name God keeps whispering to you.

Pray for Walk #70's pilgrims and team. Say yes when your moment comes. And I'll see you at candlelight!

Christ is counting on you... and you can count on Christ!

De Colores!

Josh Senneff

Team Selection Chair



Kathy Hubbard

When We Pray -

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2 NIV

When God made the universe, He made two dimensions of reality. There is heaven and earth. There is the spiritual and the physical.

Colossians 1:16 says, "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible . . ."

Similarly, 2 Corinthians 4:18 says, "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

There is one time when we can step into the spiritual realm and venture into the invisible - and that's when we pray. When we pray we are pulling aside the curtain and making contact with the spiritual realm. Prayer is accessing the unseen kingdom and drawing near to our heavenly Father.

John Newton wrote: "Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring; For His grace and power are such, none can ever ask too much."

We're closer than we know to the invisible realm of the spiritual, and we

have access whenever we say, “Our Father who art in heaven.” What a privilege to do that right now!

Continued Prayer Requests - thy will be done -

Tom Patterson - battling cancer

Holly Garza - mourning the loss of her husband - Heliodoro Garza Jr

Lori Balensiefen - continued healing from surgery

Jennifer Click - continued healing after seizure

Houston Cable - complete healing after tubing accident

Denise Vadnais - continued healing and pain relief of broken toes

Sherri Richards - healing from a hiking accident and TIA

Kelly & Joella Young's daughter - battling cancer

Women's Walk #70 - September 2026

Men's Walk #71 - March 2027

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full, in his wonderfull face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace

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If you see any of these individuals, thank them for everything they have done for our community and will continue to do.

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