



# The Rooster's Crow

April 2014

I didn't come up with the phrase nor can I recall who did, but I am fascinated with end-beginnings. Our lives are so filled with such times – some pleasantly so, others, not so much. For example, those of you with children will recognize that at the birth of your first child you faced the end of your ability to go do whatever, whenever (including sleep!) and began an exciting new life as a parent. At the same time, the death of a loved one leads us through an equally, though different, transitional end-beginning.

When Mary Magdalene and the other Mary arrived at the tomb, they encountered a strange sight. The stone had been rolled away and an angel with a face lit like lightning with snowy white clothes was sitting on top of it. The guards, frightened by what had led to the open tomb, were “like dead men.” As the women arrived, the angel assured them Jesus had risen from the dead, as promised and was going ahead of them to meet the disciples in Galilee. They confirmed that the tomb was empty and hurried away to tell Peter and the boys. En route, Jesus himself met them and greeted them; he then gave them the same message to relay to the disciples.

It's an incredible – almost unbelievable – end-beginning. In fact, the guards, once they came to their senses, returned to the chief priests and were paid to report that Jesus' disciples had come and stolen the body. In a society based on honor and shame, it must have been some payment for them to willingly report that such a thing had happened on their watch! But, they did, and the report spread throughout all Judea.

But Jesus had told his followers what to expect, even if they didn't understand it until Easter morning. They recalled the predictions he had shared with them as they made their way to Jerusalem. They had witnessed his arrest, saw him crucified on the cross, and watched as he was buried in the tomb, sealed by a large stone. And they stood in front of the resurrected Christ...again, as promised.

The resurrection of Jesus is such a central part of our faith as followers of Christ. It brings us this understanding that even death cannot separate us from God. It is an end-beginning we celebrate with high fanfare – Sunrise services to mark the first glimpse of the empty tomb, followed by multiple worship services where we sing our alleluia's, flower the cross, and dress again in white. Children of all ages, awake with excitement and scramble to find multi-colored eggs after emptying the loot filling the baskets left for them by the “Easter Bunny.”

My guess is, by Tuesday or Wednesday, we've recovered from all the celebrations and gatherings packed into Easter day. And, generally, don't give much thought to what we have celebrated but focus instead on getting through the rest of the week or beginning our planning for Mother's Day and graduation and Memorial Day and the start of summer and...

I invite you to take some time with this upcoming end-beginning we call Easter. You see, not much about our faith makes sense without the empty tomb and the appearance of the risen Christ. It colors our understanding of everything Jesus revealed to us about God. We don't approach Christmas and the birth of the Christ-child without knowing what happens on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We read the opening verses of any of the four gospel accounts already knowing the ending. And, we see how that ending gave way to a new beginning for all of us...even these 2,000+ years later.

End-beginnings are a lot like mini-resurrections...an old way of being and living gives way to a new way of being and living. And so we trust. We have not been orphaned. Christ is risen and we have nothing to fear. There is indeed nothing that will separate us from God's love. May the hope and joy of Easter morning guide you through each of your end-beginnings to come.

Pastor Yvonne Coon

## CO-LAY DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:20, NIV).*

I read a devotional that really touched my heart and I want to share with you all ...Have you ever faced a tough circumstance and wondered, *God, where are You?* That was the situation with many of Jesus' followers after He was crucified and buried. Their hopes and dreams were sealed in the darkened tomb, and they didn't know where to turn.

The same day that Peter and John discovered the empty tomb, two other the disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. While discussing the tragic events of the past weekend, another man appeared and began to walk alongside them.

"What are you talking about?" the man asked. "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know about the things that happened over the past few days?" "What things?" the man asked.

Then the two disciples gave the **traveler, this "stranger"** a blow-by-blow account of Jesus' arrest, crucifixion, burial, and disappearance from the tomb. As they talked, their eyes were blinded by despair, and they didn't realize that hope was walking right alongside them. All they saw was the tragedy, but they missed seeing Jesus walking on the dusty road with them.

When they reached the village where they were going, they urged this "stranger" to join them for dinner. When He was at the table, Jesus assumed the role of host. He took the bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and passed it to the men. At that point, I am sure a flood of memories returned to the men...memories of another meal where Jesus broke bread with His followers.

But perhaps what opened their eyes to this man's true identity were the nail-scarred hands that held the bread. **"Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight" (Luke 24:31 NIV).**

Perhaps you've traveled down your own dusty road to Emmaus with circumstances leaving you confused, troubled, and depressed. If so, remember this friend: just because you cannot see Jesus or sense His presence does not mean that He is not there.

He is walking the path with you. Jesus assured us with these words: **"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:3 NIV).** **"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20 NIV).**

WOW...AWESOME to know that is Jesus is with us always, to the very end! THANK YOU, Jesus! Please remember this as we celebrate Easter ...He gave His word. He gave His life. Join us every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 5:30PM so that we can pray with you and for YOU and for your prayer requests! We will meet alternating First United Methodist Church of Georgetown and St John's United Methodist Church. Emmaus Community at <http://www.georgetownemmaus.org/> and we also have Emmaus Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgetownEmmaus>

**DeColores** Mary Jane and Polly



## From the last gathering!!!

**Peggy Blair** (Team Selection) They had team selection March 11 for Walk 401 which is October 16-19, 2014. Barb Hunsberger is the Board Rep, Wendy Stork is the Lay Director, and Lara Whitley Franklin is the Spiritual Director.

**Anne Castle** (Agape Coordinator) Please let Anne know if you have agape, or have a Pilgrim on a Walk so that she can get agape to them.

**Ken Sommerville** (webmaster): He is now the webmaster for the Central Texas Emmaus Community. Congratulations Ken!!! He also asked that if anyone has anything special going on that they think the Community would be interested in, let him know.

**Barb Hunsberger** (Board Rep) passed around changes to the By-laws to have them read and either approve or disapprove them. Walk status is when you are sponsoring someone when they are filling out their application, please have them think about an alternate date as Walks are filling up faster since we have less Walks. There is no actual place for it, but please have them add it to their applications. If you are interested in serving on a team, go to the website and update your information. The website is [www.ctcemmaus.org](http://www.ctcemmaus.org) There is an opening for one man from our area on the Board. It is an at-large position and can come from anyone in the area. The position would be for three years. There is also a Leadership Conference on May 3 at FUMC Mansfield from 9-3:30 pm CTC Emmaus is trying to re-ignite the Chrysalis movement here in Central Texas. There will be one in Oklahoma this summer and one in Austin in the future. Chrysalis is for teenagers.

**Crystal Jackson** (Newsletter Editor & Kairos Team Member) asked for contact/email information to new people. Kairos: #17 at Lane Murray in Gatesville, April 23-26. Thanks you for the donation. Please remember if you signed up for the prayer chain to pray for Kairos #17. Another way to get involved is to purchase a \$5 meal ticket for a meal for an inmate. They get a ticket with a scripture on it. You can go to [www.georgetownemmaus.org/images/pubnews/HowToPrayForKairos.pdf](http://www.georgetownemmaus.org/images/pubnews/HowToPrayForKairos.pdf)



# Leadership Development

Equip  
Empower  
Educate

A PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR STRENGTHENING  
Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis Boards and Communities

**May 3, 2014**

**LOCATION:** First United Methodist Church  
777 W. Walnut Creek Drive  
Mansfield TX 76063

OPEN TO ALL EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**TIME: 9AM – 3:30PM**

LUNCH: Furnished by Mansfield Fourth Day Group  
(Love Offering Taken)

Training provided by Upper Room Emmaus/Chrysalis

Rev. Carl Westbrook ([carlew777@yahoo.com](mailto:carlew777@yahoo.com))

Pat Miller/Chrysalis ([emiller@yahoo.com](mailto:emiller@yahoo.com))

Carleen Alderman/Walk to Emmaus (see below)

Questions: [carleena@tmumc.org](mailto:carleena@tmumc.org) and/or [cookie@hpcserv.com](mailto:cookie@hpcserv.com)

# Prayer Requests



Pray for the Country

For all the prayer requests spoken and unspoken

Jan Evans - loss of brother; mother in hospital

Fort Hood

If you have any prayer needs please let me know and I will add it to the list so we can be praying for you.

You can email it to [jacksoncrystal78@gmail.com](mailto:jacksoncrystal78@gmail.com) or call me at 512-639-2352



Balance at December 31, 2013:	\$2,230.85
Deposits:	
1/21/14 Gathering:	47.00
2/19/14 Gathering:	52.00
3/16/14 Gathering:	52.00
	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <b>\$151.00</b>
Expenses:	
3/11/14 Kairos #17 Scholarship	100.00
3/11/14 Kairos #17 Team	125.00
3/11/14 Newsletter Postage	9.80
<b>Balance at March 31, 2014:</b>	<b>\$2,147.05</b>

*Team Scholarship of \$150 for Men's Walk #396 was not used, team member was unable to attend Walk.*



Women's Walk #398, April 24-27, has 42 pilgrims.

Women's Walk #399, May 15-18, has 23 pilgrims.

Men's Walk #400, Sept. 4-7, has 6 pilgrims.

Women's Walk #401, Oct. 16-19, 2014, has 9 pilgrims.

Men's Walk #402, Oct. 23-26, has 3 pilgrim.

**NO GATHERING IN APRIL!!! I encourage each one of you to participate in the Holy Week services.**

**If you feel led to give a Fourth Day talk at one of the gatherings we are looking for the months of May thru October!!!**

## Upcoming Walks

### WOMEN

4/24/14—Latham Springs

5/15/14—Lake Brownwood

10/16/14— Greene Family Camp

### MEN

9/4/14 --Latham Springs

10/23/14--Gl en Lake



4/17/2014 - Maundy Thursday

4/18/2014 - Good Friday

4/20/2014 - Easter Sunday

4/27/2014 - Taize Service @ First Presbyterian Church @ 7:30 pm

5/18/2014 - **Emmaus Gathering @ 5:30 pm @ St. John's UMC**

## REUNION GROUPS

If you are not active in a reunion group--how about looking here?

# WOMEN REUNION GROUPS

DAY	Time	Location	Name	Contact	Phone	Status
Monday	7:00 AM	Varies	Morning Glories	Tina Lawhon	512-863-3759	Full
	4:00 PM	Wellspring UMC	Wellspring Women	Judith Carver	512-863-7667	Open
(2nd & 4th)	5:30 PM	Lindell's Home	Pass It On	Linda Lindell	512-863-8161	Full
Every Other	7:30 PM	Cianfrani's		Ellen Reyes	512-635-0464	Open
Tuesday	4:00 PM	Juanita Mason's	SonSet	Juanita Mason	512-863-3522	Open
	4:00 PM	Sun City Homes	Joyous Angels	Liz Offord	512-864-0918	Open
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Member's Homes	Morning Chicks	Peggy Blair	512-863-7778	Open
	4:30 PM	FUMC Room 301	Grace Galore	Nancy Marsh	512-863-9181	Open
Thursday	6:45 AM	FUMC	Rainbow Connection	Jeannine Fairburn	512-863-5962	Open
	1:15 PM	FUMC Room 303	Joyful Noise	Terry France	512-309-1934	Open
	3:00 PM	Wesleyan Estrella	Glory Gals	Virginia Davis	512-863-7869	Open
	6:15 PM	Wesleyan Estrella	Legacies Sisters	Amber Nickerson	512-636-6386	Full
	7:00 PM	Barbara's Home	Lifeline	Barbara Knorre	512-863-9708	Open
Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market-Sun City	Saturday Sisters	Polly Nelon	512-930-5091	Full



# MEN REUNION GROUPS

Day	Time	Location	Name	Contact	Phone	Status
Monday	7:00 AM	Wesleyan Assisted Living	Hombres de Colores	Bill Marsh	512-635-0035	Open
(2nd & 4th)	3:15 PM	FUMC Parlor	Bill's Group	Karl Poorter	512-864-0155	Open
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Horizon House	Journeymen	Clint Fraser	512-863-9242	Open
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Daylight Donuts	The Pilgrims			Open
	6:15 PM	FUMC Library	Fourth Day Guys	Stephen Benold	512-863-8467	Open
Friday	6:30 AM	Taco Cabana	Sunrise Guys	Jim Wilson	512-863-6244	Open
	10:00 AM	St. John's Library	Fishermen	Don Nedrud	512-869-2852	Open
Saturday	7:30 PM	Mariachis de Jalisco	Eye of the Storm	Ken Sommerville	512-810-3848	Open
1st, 3rd, 5th						





# Emmaus Links

Check these Emmaus links out:

**Georgetown Emmaus:** [www.georgetownemmaus.org](http://www.georgetownemmaus.org)

Georgetown Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/GeorgetownEmmaus](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgetownEmmaus)

Round Rock Emmaus: [www.roundrockemmaus.org](http://www.roundrockemmaus.org)

Central Texas Emmaus: [www.ctcemmaus.org](http://www.ctcemmaus.org)

Kairos: [www.kpmifoundation.org](http://www.kpmifoundation.org)

Epiphany: [www.epiphanyministry.com](http://www.epiphanyministry.com)

Chrysalis: [www.chrysalis.upperroom.org](http://www.chrysalis.upperroom.org)

Upper Room: [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)



## Gathering Dates

May 18, 2014

**St. John's UMC**

June 15, 2014

First UMC

July 20, 2014

**St. John's UMC**

August 17, 2014

First UMC

September 21, 2014

**St. John's UMC**

October 19, 2014

First UMC

November 16, 2014

**St. John's UMC**

December 21, 2014

First UMC



# 2014

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	Rainbow Connection	512-863-5962
	St. John:	
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