

Rooster Crow August 2023



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!**

AUGUST 20: First UMC
SEPTEMBER 17: St John's UMC
OCTOBER 15: Wellspring UMC
NOVEMBER 19: First UMC
DECEMBER 17: St John's UMC

Emmaus Gatherings are held on the third Sunday
each month at 5:30 pm.

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

Sunday, August 20

At 5:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

410 East University Avenue

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Julie Dominguez

Join Georgetown Emmaus on August 20 for a time of worship and fellowship. First United Methodist Church will host for our gathering worship and pot luck.

Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers

Please consider presenting the 4th Day Talk at a gathering this year. See our Georgetown Emmaus Website for 4th Day Talk Information.

August 20	First UMC	Open
September 17	St John UMC	Open
October 15	Wellspring UMC	Open
November 19	First UMC	Open
December 17	St John UMC	Open

Please contact Rev John Clifford, Rev May Powell, Brenda Rumbellow or Carolyn Henry if you are willing to present your witness.

GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of April

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GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The Georgetown Emmaus Community is in need of a Music Director. This role is a simple way for someone who is musically inclined to support the community. The role requires selecting the music for gatherings, providing music to the musicians (all available on the community file storage site), leading the singing and doing the annual reporting on our license. There is already a list of musicians (guitars, pianos, flute, etc) that are willing to play at the gatherings. Since most are experienced musicians, they do not normally practice between gatherings. Linda Miles prepares the song slides for the gatherings.

Please consider this as a service opportunity and contact John Clifford, Carolyn Henry, or Brenda Rumbellow if you are interested or know someone who may be interested. God bless you for all you do and the joy of music you can provide to our worship.



From Spiritual Director, Who Have You Led to Christ?

When our pastors are interviewed by certifying boards they are often asked, "Tell us about a time when you led someone to Christ." How would you answer that question? How long has it been since you had the joy of sharing your testimony with someone who didn't know Jesus?

If you have served on an Emmaus team, you may have shared your testimony as part of a talk you have given or while sharing as a table leader or assistant leader. However, there are often opportunities in our everyday life that open the conversation to spiritual sharing. You may have worked at VBS and gotten to pray with someone who heard about Jesus for the first time that week.

Recently I realized that I spend so much time at church and in spiritual group meetings, at worship and reading and writing in my journal that I have spent less and less time among secular people where they are in their work and recreation, who have no thought about God to speak of. At a business meeting in Round Rock I got to meet people from all types of businesses and give out my card offering spiritual direction as a way to balance one's life and explore deepening one's walk with God. I was startled to meet a fellow who admitted he had never given a thought to a relationship with God. I offered to meet with him to explain what such a thing could mean in his life. He happily agreed, "I would like that." I promised to pray for him and follow up with an appointment, even if it was just over the phone. At that meeting I did run into some Christians who want to strengthen their walk with the Lord by pursuing regular spiritual direction one on one. But I am more excited about "birthing a new soul" for the Kingdom.

When have you had such a privilege? Are you prepared if you do get the opportunity? Perhaps at your next few reunion group meetings you might want to take turns developing an "elevator speech" as a testimony to someone like the fellow I befriended. Perhaps you need to pray about finding a regular occasion to be in more secular gatherings, make neighborhood friends, volunteer for service in a place where there may be such opportunities. It is time, my friends to get outside our church walls and let the mind of Christ lead us to pursue those who haven't yet met the Savior of the World. What an exciting time this can be!

DE COLORES!! Prayers and blessings in your days to come, Rev. Mary Powell





Greetings From Your Lay Directors



Thanks to all who attended the July gathering. We had a great time of fellowship and making Agape for the upcoming Walks. We completed 11 agape for the next Outside Kyros, 11 agape for the next Men's walk, and 17 agape for the next Women's walk. And shared smiles, giggles, ice cream, stories, and life moments while we worked. Thank you to all who helped with the Agape party.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
ACTS 2:42

DeColores!

Carolyn Henry and Brenda Rumbellow

Devotion from Mary Jane Berry

Jesus' Example of Slowing Down by [Lisa Rowell](#)

Have you ever noticed that when asked—*How are you doing?*—many of us answer—*Busy*— without a second thought. I mean we don't even think about it. Busy seems to be the cultural norm in our world, even our vacations often look and feel busy.

However, from the beginning of His time in the flesh Jesus modeled for us a different norm. He showed us how to slow down and move at a different pace—even when He was an infant in Bethlehem. Think about that first encounter mentioned in Scripture. God first presented His Son to us in the flesh, lying in a manger. At rest.

The angels told the shepherds to look for that as a sign. Scripture reads in Luke 2:12: "You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." God *could* have presented His infant Son wide awake, crying, or nursing. Instead, the Lord chose to present Jesus to the world at rest.

We don't need to know why God introduced our Savior that way to appreciate this perfect example of beginning whatever God calls us to do from a place of rest.

We can release burdens and take up the yoke of Jesus instead. Being yoked with Him means moving at His pace with our steps and trusting that He knows where to go. Long after Jesus grew out of sleeping in a manger, He continued to give us the perfect example of resting and moving at the pace the Father sets. In fact, **during His ministry on earth, Jesus was known for a lot of things—being in a hurry wasn't one of them.**

Jesus wasn't in a hurry to start His earthly ministry. He wasn't in a hurry to wake up from His nap even when His boat encountered a storm that scared the most experienced fishermen on board. He wasn't in a hurry to get to Lazarus even when He knew that His dear friend was dying. Jesus wasn't in a hurry to keep walking to the next town even though people needed Him there.

Jesus slowed down to rest. He slowed down to spend time with His Father. He slowed down to invite His disciples to rest with Him. When Jesus felt tired, He slowed down to take a break. And sometimes, Jesus took a nap. Scripture makes a point of telling us that He did. And nowhere in scripture does it read that Jesus felt guilty about any of the times He rested. Let me say that again: nowhere in scripture does it read that Jesus felt guilty about any of the times He rested.

Want to be more like Jesus in your daily life? Slow down. Rest in and with the Father. Trust His timing, His faithfulness, His goodness, and His plans for your life, and the lives of your family. Go at His pace, not your own.

I love how the Message translation words Jeremiah 2:25: "**Slow down. Take a deep breath. What's the hurry? Why wear yourself out? Just what are you after anyway?**"

You can do that right now. Take a deep breath and follow Jesus' example of rest. Make the choice to approach your life and your relationships from a place, from a posture of rest. Just like Jesus.

I want to leave you with a question to think about: What in your life feels so urgent that you believe you can't take the time to slow down and rest?

Ask the Lord to help you follow Jesus' example to slow down. Listen for any changes to your schedule or mindset that He might be asking you to make. Be obedient to what He reveals to you.

Newsletter Articles and Devotionals WANTED:

If you have any inspirational or wonderful devotionals you would like to share with our Emmaus brothers and sisters, please send to Linda Miles at mileslm75@gmail.com

CENTRAL TEXAS EMMAUS



Tina LaCagnina, CTC Emmaus Board Representative, continues to support our Georgetown Emmaus Community on the Central Texas Emmaus board. Please try to support each Walk as you are able.

Tina will be leaving the Board at the end of this year and is looking for someone to serve next year as Board Rep. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Emmaus Community and future pilgrims in a special way. Please contact Tina if you are interested.

Sign up for participation on a team!!! Contact Tina LaCagnina or Anne Castle if you are ever interested in serving on a team. **Discern where God is calling you to sponsor a Pilgrim on a walk!!!** Talk to friends in your community about the Walk to Emmaus and sign up a pilgrim for a 2023 Walk. You can find the team and pilgrim application forms at <http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/downloads>

The Pilgrims and you will all be blessed by participating in the Emmaus weekend.

2023 Women's Walks

Walk 475 - Sep 21-24
Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX
Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 476 - Oct 5-8
Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX
Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

2023 Men's Walks

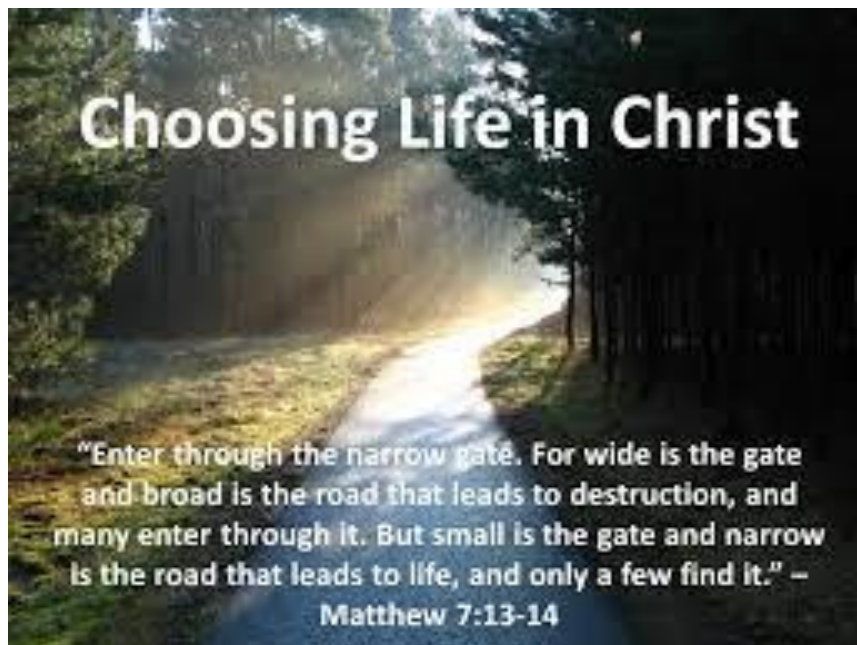
Walk 474 - Sep 7-10
Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX
Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 477 - Oct 19-22
Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX
Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County

OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Our Emmaus Community continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4th day walk in Georgetown. We are blessed by a dedicated leadership team. Many thanks to each of those below who have agreed to serve in their role for 2023 for the Emmaus Community. If you are interested in serving in any leadership role or an any Emmaus team, please contact one of the Lay Directors and let them know.

- Spiritual Director: Rev John Clifford jayefsee@gmail.com
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REUNION GROUPS



From DAY FOUR, The Pilgrim's Continued Journey

Many aspects of our world threaten the survival of the life which the Walk to Emmaus presents – the truly Christian, truly human life. Once we have returned to our everyday world, it does not take us long to discover that it is well-nigh impossible to go it alone. One way of being in touch with God's power to make that new life totally secure is through contact with other Christians who share the priority of a life in grace. . . the group reunion is a way of maintaining that contact – an important means of persevering in the life in grace.

If you are not meeting with a reunion group, please contact one of our brothers or sisters below to connect in the life of grace.

GROUP	TYPE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	STATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
Pass It On	Women	Monday 1st & 3rd	5:15 PM		full	Linda Lindell	(512) 863-8161	Lindell108@gmail.com
The GoForthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	hnrylucas@aol.com
Soul Sisters	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	1:00 PM	Sun City	open	Dianne Nickerson	(817) 269-4149	dnickerson314@gmail.com
Rainbow Connection	Women	Thursday	7:00 AM	FUMC Library	open	Jeannine Fairburn	(512) 863-5962	jw5689f@suddenlink.net
Lifetime Reunion	Women	Thursday	9:00 AM	McDonald's, Williams Dr	open	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	bknorre@suddenlink.net
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	FUMC, room 301	open	Nancy Marsh	(512) 864-6501	nmarshtx@earthlink.net
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johns	(512) 636-5572	meolix@gmail.com
Wesleyan Women	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Wesley Independent	closed	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	maryfisherp@gmail.com
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	The Wesleyan	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	7:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com