

# Rooster Crow July 2023



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

**JULY 16: Wellspring UMC  
AUGUST 20: First UMC  
SEPTEMBER 17: St John's UMC  
OCTOBER 15: Wellspring UMC  
NOVEMBER 19: First UMC**

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

## GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

**Sunday, July 16**

**At 4:30 p.m.**

**Wellspring UMC  
6200 Williams Drive**

## FOURTH DAY AGAPE PARTY

Join Georgetown Emmaus on July 16 for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Wellspring will host for our gathering an AGAPE PARTY. We will meet to serve by making agape gifts for the upcoming fall walks. If you can tape, glue, staple, or even if you love to craft . . . please come and help to make the walks joyful for pilgrims and team members. We will start at 4:30 and finish whenever we want. Bring a snack to share with everyone as we will munch as we work. De Colores!!!



The affirmation of God's love is the most healing and nurturing message we will ever receive in our lifetime. Agape describes love that is unconditional and totally unrelated to our deserving it. When we experience acts of agape on our behalf, we begin to move toward accepting God's love for us personally. The purpose of our agape gifts is to help each pilgrim begin to accept how very much God loves them. Take joy in this work of Agape love, knowing that through your acts of agape All may come to know God's love for them and live a life of grace.

From the DAY FOUR book



## Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers

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

<b>July 16</b>	<b>Wellspring UMC</b>	<b>Agape Party</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>First UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>September 17</b>	<b>St John UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Wellspring UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>First UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>St John UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>

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

### 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, Rev John Clifford**

Preacher Joke: When asked about summer attendance, one preacher replied, "It has its ups and downs – up in the mountains and down at the beach."

Here we are in the middle of summer, the seasons really learn "endurance." Day after day the heat persists with little break and no holidays between July 4 and Labor Day to give reasons for parties. Youngsters don't relish the return to school despite anticipating football season again. "Endurance" really is the theme!

The Emmaus word for this is "perseverance", the practice of regularity, of accepting the reality of "sameness" and a readiness to appreciate the moments when God reminds us of His presence in new and surprising ways. We train ourselves to be constantly on the lookout for Jesus-moments, when the Spirit becomes real in our lives.

And so, we persevere with our Reunion Groups, and keep coming to community Gatherings. If we can attend Walks – working them or just making Candlelight or sponsoring someone – we find boosts of faith which help us through the routines and sameness of daily life in summer. We persevere, and find the real gift is "endurance." God is still walking alongside us!

**DE COLORES!!**





## Greetings From Your Lay Directors



Thanks to all who attended the May Gathering. We had a great time!!

*DeColores!*

*Carolyn Henry and Brenda Rumbellow*



OOPS!!! Forgot to take pictures of the May gathering. My bad!!!!

But thanks to our spiritual directors – John, Ann, and Mary – for guiding us through a wonderful worship and devotion time.

Thanks to Brenda for her leadership!!



### **GT COMMUNITY TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**Balance as of April**

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### **Devotion from Linda Lindell**

In cleaning out some papers, I came across a copy of an old article from The Austin American Statesman newspaper from many years ago. It was written by Rev Browning Ware, who was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Austin at the time this article appeared.

### **“Acts of God’s Grace Teach Patience, Appreciation”**

Recently in the South, two old friends met for breakfast in a restaurant. One from the North ordered traditional ham ‘n eggs. After being served, he pointed to his plate and asked “What’s this?” “Grits,” the waiter said. “But I didn’t order grits!” “Sir,” the waiter replied, “You don’t order grits. Grits just comes.”

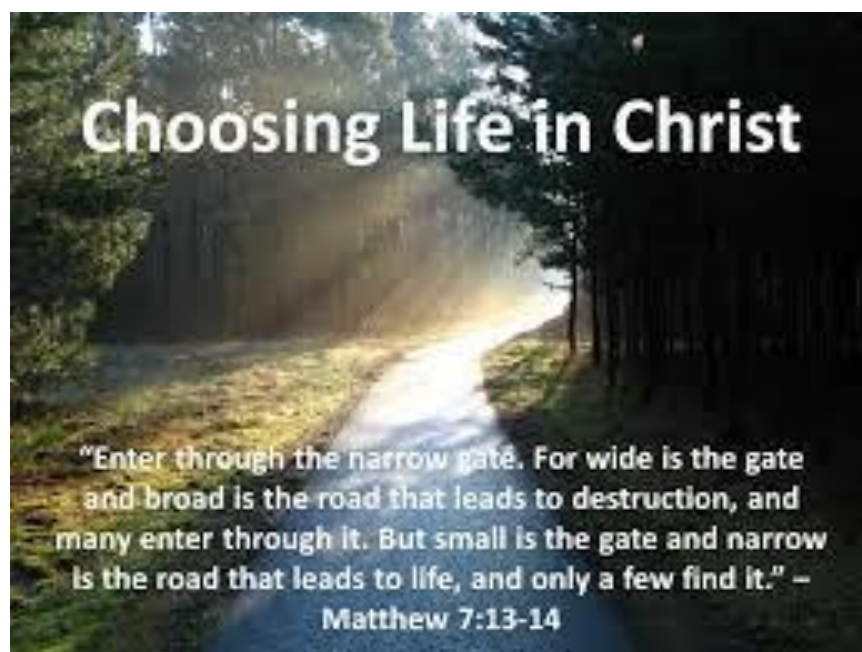
Laughing over the incident, a group of my friends decided that theology may be simpler than it seems. People don’t order grace. Grace just comes. Although God’s grace can’t be ordered, we are not beyond trying to help it come. Some people hope to manipulate grace by promises of what they will do or not do, if God will save their bacon just one more time. Attempting to seduce God may backfire. If what we desire isn’t provided, we decide that God just doesn’t care. Or, if He cares, that He isn’t powerful enough to answer our request. On the other hand, if our desires are met, we may be seduced into thinking that we maneuvered grace. God’s silence is the most respectful answer to some of our requests. He waits so that we may learn how to wait on Him. While we want things to happen, He wants us to happen—for a person to emerge.

Grits on your plate and grit in your life. Well, those things happen. However, look closely. You don’t order grace. Grace just comes.

## OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Our Emmaus Community continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jayefsee@gmail.com)
- Spiritual Director: Rev Mary Powell [maryfisherp@gmail.com](mailto:maryfisherp@gmail.com)
- Co-Lay Directors: Carolyn Henry [hnrylucas@aol.com](mailto:hnrylucas@aol.com)
- Co-Lay Directors: Brenda Rumbellow [brumbellow@hotmail.com](mailto:brumbellow@hotmail.com)
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- Hospitality: Wellspring: Linda Miles [mileslm75@gmail.com](mailto:mileslm75@gmail.com)



### 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](mailto: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

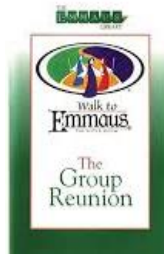
### **Walk 474 - Sep 7-10**

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

# 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	<a href="mailto:Lindell108@gmail.com">Lindell108@gmail.com</a>
The Go Fourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	<a href="mailto:hnylucas@aol.com">hnylucas@aol.com</a>
Soul Sisters	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	1:00 PM	Sun City	open	Dianne Nickerson	(817) 269-4149	<a href="mailto:dnickerson314@gmail.com">dnickerson314@gmail.com</a>
Rainbow Connection	Women	Thursday	7:00 AM	FUMC Library	open	Jeannine Fairburn	(512) 863-5962	<a href="mailto:jw5689f@suddenlink.net">jw5689f@suddenlink.net</a>
Lifetime Reunion	Women	Thursday	9:00 AM	Barbara Knorre Home	Closed - Full	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	<a href="mailto:bknorre@suddenlink.net">bknorre@suddenlink.net</a>
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	Zoom	open	Nancy Marsh	(512) 635-0036	<a href="mailto:nmarshtx@earthlink.net">nmarshtx@earthlink.net</a>
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnson	(512) 636-5572	<a href="mailto:meolitx@gmail.com">meolitx@gmail.com</a>
Wesleyan Women	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Zoom	open	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	<a href="mailto:maryfisherp@gmail.com">maryfisherp@gmail.com</a>
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	San Gabriel Park	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	<a href="mailto:bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com">bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com</a>
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	7:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	<a href="mailto:ksommerville@yahoo.com">ksommerville@yahoo.com</a>