



Rooster Crow November 2020

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
ZOOM GATHERINGS!!**

NOVEMBER 15: ZOOM

DECEMBER 20: ZOOM

JANUARY 17: ZOOM

Emmaus Gatherings are held on the third Sunday each month at 5:30 pm and will be held by Zoom until we can meet again in person. Please join us for worship and fellowship!!

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

**Gathering for November will
be held virtually on Zoom.**

**We look forward to
everyone joining for an
uplifting service.**

Zoom access info below . . .

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: I AM THANKFUL FOR SCRIPTURE

The November Georgetown Emmaus Gathering will be held on zoom on November 15. As we look at the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, we are all reflecting on what we are grateful for this year. For our 4th day talk, Reverend Ann will lead in sharing what scriptures for which each of us are thankful. We will ask each attendee to share a scripture that has a special place in your heart, has been meaningful in your life or has deepened your 4th day walk with God. Please come prepared to share your scripture and warm all our hearts with the word of God!!

Luke 24:32

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the **Scriptures** to us?"



We are in need of 4th day speakers for next year . . . January will be here before we know it!! Please consider sharing your witness with the Emmaus Community. Contact Ronan Shackelford or Mary Jane Berry if you want to share as a 4th day speaker.

Georgetown Emmaus Gathering Zoom Access

Last month we had an unwelcome guest to our zoom gathering. God was protecting us from harm . . .

* Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places”.

* 1 Corinthians 15:57 “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

* Exodus 14:13-14 “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today... 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

Praise be to God! ☩

Due to this unexpected intrusion, we will practice more restrictive Zoom security. Zoom registration and access will only be sent to Georgetown Emmaus community by email. Let Linda Miles and Mark McCartney know if you do not receive by November 12 or if you have someone to add to the Georgetown community email lists.



From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann

Emmaus Co-journeymers,

Welcome to November 2020! I prayed and asked the Spirit what I should write about. The word that came to me was *content*. I immediately thought of *Philippians 4:11-13* where Paul writes, “***I have learned to be content with whatever I have.***” What a powerful statement to make! To be content with what one has – think about it - ***content with whatever I have*** - not driven by wanting more, being free to let go of things including people and animals loved, health, wealth, positions etc that one loses over time. *Content* here is understood as being at peace with one’s circumstances. I do not think that means we put up with injustice or meanness. Rather that we are able to let go and let God carry us through whatever changes we are going through, be they for gain or loss. In truth we may frequently have to wrestle with the Angel of God at the river like Jacob did (*Genesis 32:22-30*) to gain our peace. What a gift and virtue contentment is!

Paul goes on to write *I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*” Here is the key to Paul’s learning and teaching!! He can do all things through Christ who strengthens him. You and I can do the same thing! A key issue here is trusting God – sometimes easier said than actually done. But like patience we can only grow in it by doing it.

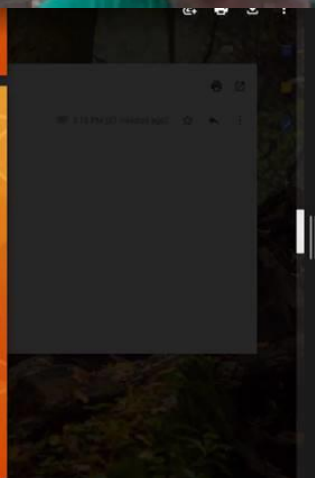
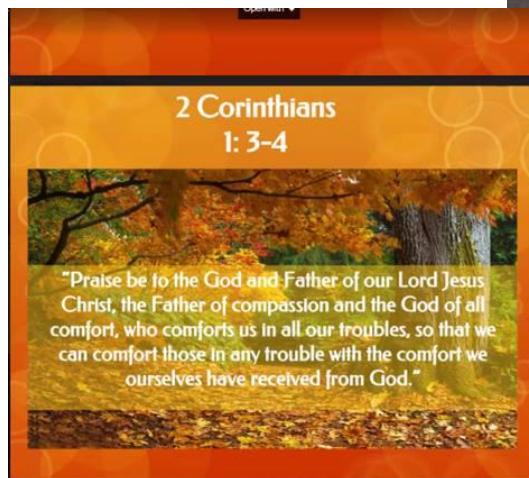
This year has been a challenge for all. We have lost things like savings and been unable to buy staples like toilet paper and rubbing alcohol. Things have changed and our level of contentment has been challenged. How to find contentment in Covid 19 days? The key is somehow wrapped up in trusting God and allowing God’s grace to empower us to do the things we can’t on our own. And to empower us to be “instruments of His love” in this world. Let us all pray to grow in trusting God and in being content. God bless and strengthen each of you.

De Colores, Ann Hagmann SD



Gathering Highlights

Here are some pictures from the October Georgetown Emmaus Gathering. October gathering included a wonderful 4th day talk by Linda Lindell who shared with us her walk with Stephen Ministry in her 4th day.



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.

MEDITATIONS

Join your Emmaus Community in praying for the Holy Spirit to enter your life and join your Journey with Christ.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your LOVE.

Send forth Your Spirit, and we shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth.

O' God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful,

Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Participants in the Zoom meeting: Linda Miles, Mary Jane Be..., Ruth Ann Fre..., imac43, Brenda, Peggy, revdrann, Janet's iPhone, Nicolette, barbara, Susie Russell, Ronan Shackelfo...

Talk 3: Priesthood of All Believers *Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith (Galatians 6:10).*

Jesus never let an opportunity go by to teach in parables, using the familiar objects and life examples of his hearers. He healed. He stood with and forgave the woman caught in adultery. He was open to the leading of his Father's will and was, therefore, able to seize the moment and the opportunity to do good.

The word opportunity comes from an Old English phrase *ob portu* which means, basically, "at just the right moment." I have heard that sailing ships approaching British Isles ports dropped anchor just before they reached the rocks surrounding a port, and a designated sailor watched the tide carefully. At just the right time, as the tide began to rise as much as forty feet, the sailor would shout *Ob portu!* and the ship would pull anchor and safely ride the rising tide into port.

Jesus calls us to live our lives by taking every opportunity to care about others, and he is our High Priest and example. We are commissioned to stand in the gap with Christ for the sake of others, to work toward justice where injustice occurs, to seek freedom where oppression rules, and to pray for the world's sins of hatred, greed, and the love of power.

Each of us is reminded weekly in our group reunions that being a priest is fundamental to living a life in partnership with Christ. On our service cards, we are directed to consider what opportunities arose the past week when we were "called to discipleship," and what opportunities were placed before us when we "denied our call to discipleship." Like Jesus, never let an *ob portu* pass by to do good.

Questions for Reflection: Do you look for ways you can be a priest to others? When has God ever used you unexpectedly as a priest to someone? Think of those who have been priests to you.

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**SERVICE OF
WHOLENESS/TAIZE**

To be sent when we have more information.

Virtual Service on Zoom

Watch emails for more details

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. Both you and the community will be blessed by your witness.

November 15	Scripture Share
December 20	Ann & John
January 17	Open
February 21	Open
March 21	Open

Please contact Ronan Shackelford or Mary Jane Berry if you are willing to present your witness. Pray about the 2021 gatherings and your call to witness.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Balance as of October Gathering:

Not Available



A note from our Georgetown CTC Emmaus Board Rep, Crystal Jackson . . . (Thank you, Crystal for representing us and keeping us informed of the activities of the CTC Emmaus Board)

Dear Georgetown Emmaus Community –

Here are the dates and places for the walks in 2021. As of right now they are all still on the calendar to happen. I will not have a board meeting until November 21 which is after the gathering but after that meeting and if there are updates that our community needs to know about, I will let you know so it can get out.

Women Walks 2021:

Walk 454 - May 13-16 - Glen Lake Camp

Walk 455 - April 15-18 - Latham Springs

Walk 458 - July 15-18 - Solid Rock Camp

*****Walk 460 - October 7-10 - Greene Family Camp, and the sponsoring community is Georgetown

**** Jessica Smith is Lay Director & Tommy Prud'homme is Spiritual Director and Crystal Jackson is Board Rep

Men Walks 2021:

*****Walk 456 - March 25-28 - Greene Family Camp - Brian Smith is Lay Director*****
Walk 457 - April 29- May 2 - Solid Rock Camp
Walk 459 - September 9-12 - Latham Springs
Walk 461 - October 21-24 - Glen Lake Camp

De Colores,

Crystal

Sign up for participation on a team!!! Contact Crystal Jackson or Anne Castle if you are interested. You will be blessed by participating in the Emmaus weekend. You can find the team application form on the Central Texas Emmaus website at <http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/walk-info/2020walks>.

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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 GoFourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	hnrylucas@aol.com
Soul Sisters	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	3:30 PM	ZOOM	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 Johnson	(512) 636-5572	meolix@gmail.com
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	ZOOM	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com
Wellspring Men	Men	Tuesday	6:30 PM	ZOOM	open	Robert Miles	(512) 656-3313	milesrm71@gmail.com
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	7:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com