

Rooster Crow October 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! ZOOM GATHERINGS!!

OCTOBER 18: ZOOM NOVEMBER 15: ZOOM DECEMBER 20: 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 September will be held virtually on Zoom.

We look forward to everyone joining for an uplifting service.

Zoom access info below . . .

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Linda Lindell

Topic: Georgetown Emmaus Gathering

Time: Oct 18, 2020 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann

Dear Emmaus Co-journeyers - A 4th day sharing

Recently I was reminded that we are *human beings* and not *human doings*. This is important because most of us need to practice more *beingness*. My reminder came through a friend feeling guilty for enjoying her home and gardens, when there are still so many projects on the never-ending list of "to dos" when you own a home. All of us need permission to just be and enjoy our gift of life. We need to just drink in existence. And to be outside and connect with Nature around us. It seems we are being gifted with a beautiful Fall this year. Please go out, go to the park or wherever you heart desires, thank God, and enjoy the gift of being a human being! Drink in *life!!* It's one of the main reasons we are here!

God bless you and De Colores, Ann Hagmann, Spiritual Director



Gathering Business Meeting Highlights

Here are some pictures from the September Georgetown Emmaus Gathering. September gathering included a wonderful 4th day talk by Steve Buchele and special songs by our music team. Here is the link to Steve's talk if you want to replay it. ENJOY!!! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDhpcJXJ2_g



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 miles lm75@gmail.com.

MEDITATION from Mary Jane Berry

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

There are several key words in the biblical lexicon that are similar, but different. And their difference makes all the difference!

Justice means getting what we deserve. Mercy means not getting what we deserve. And grace means getting what we don't deserve.



To be sent when we have more information.

Virtual Service on Zoom

Watch emails for more details

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of May Gathering:Not Available

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.

October 18 Linda Lindell
November 15 Elaine Jackson
December 20 Ann & John
January 17 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.



Pilgrims on Emmaus Road: Continuing the Journey

Over the next 100 days, we will be highlighting the impact that Emmaus Ministries has been making around the world and will seek to raise funds—\$100,000 in a 100 days—for the day-to-day operations of this vital ministry.

Pray for Us: Sign up for the 100-day prayer vigil to pray for wisdom and discernment for Emmaus Ministries during the interim period of pre-COVID and post-COVID worlds and for the campaign.

Thank you for attending the historic International Gathering of Emmaus Ministries! We trust it was a memorable, inspirational, and enjoyable time for you. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you; but you can watch the event here. There will be other opportunities to engage with Emmaus Ministries over the weeks. Please see the end of this email for details.

We are inviting pilgrims and communities everywhere to journey with us over the next 15 weeks to reflect on the 15 topics of the weekend talks. Each Monday, we can send you an email devotional based on the topic of the week. For many of us, it may have been a long time since we had our Emmaus experience or served on a weekend retreat, so the talks may be a bit fuzzy. We hope revisiting these topics will be a blessing to you, especially as we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas and wind down the year. Here is the Week 1 sample talk.

Talk 1: Priorities

Choose this day whom you will serve (Joshua 24:15).

Imagine the scene. Joshua, now an old man, summons all the people of his country to one town and addresses the leaders of the people. The story he tells them begins long ago in a faraway place with a nomad named Abraham and his family. He reminds them briefly of the time of despair when they were slaves in another land. And then he tells them about the miraculous way God freed them from slavery and gave them this new land. Finally, Joshua offers them a choice: "Having heard the long story of your history, choose which god you will serve. Will it be the gods of the land of your ancestors or the gods of the land you now inhabit or the God who brought you to this land?" Joshua is clear that whatever the others might choose, he and his family will serve God.

Joshua's challenge to the Israelites to choose which god they will serve is a challenge for us. If Joshua were here today, he might challenge us to choose between the gods of our time (money, violence, status, power) and the God revealed in Jesus Christ. The gods may be different but the question is still the same. Whom will you serve? This challenge to choose which god to serve is not only a question of religious devotion but also is, in a broader sense, a question of priorities. I hope that we would answer that loving and serving God is our top priority. However, while our lives are rooted in God, we are not in relationship only with God. We have families and neighbors, dreams and goals, work and hobbies. We set priorities, and these priorities shape decisions about our daily activities and influence the larger texture of our lives.

If Joshua's challenge to choose which god to serve is an important one for us, then so too is the challenge to identify and evaluate the rest of our priorities. What is important to you? Where do you spend your time and money? What do you think about? How have these priorities changed over the years? How is God glorified in your priorities?

Question for Reflection: Is God calling you to new priorities and if so, what are they?

UPCOMING CENTRAL TEXAS WALKS

Due to concerns of the Covid 19 virus, the Central Texas Emmaus Board made the very difficult decision to postpone the remaining walks for 2020. Walks 447 through 452 were cancelled and are being looked at for rescheduling. Here are the Walk dates currently published for 2021 although these may change. In the mean-time think about how we can keep the fire alive in Emmaus. Keep in contact with your reunion groups and let's think about creative ways that Georgetown community can share the Emmaus message.

2021 Women's Walks

Walk 454 - May 13-16

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County

Walk 455 - Apr 15-18

Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 458 - Jul 15-18

Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 460 - Oct 7-10

TBD

Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Georgetown

2021 Men's Walks

Walk 456 - Mar 25-28

TBD

Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 457 - Apr 29-2

Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 459 - Sep 9-12

Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Greater Waco

Walk 461 - Oct 21-24

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County

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.

OUR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP

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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
		Monday						
Pass It On	Women	1st & 3rd	5:15 PM		full	Linda Lindell	(512) 863-8161	Lindell108@gmail.com
				St John UMC				
The GoFourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	hnrylucas@aol.com
		Thursday						
Soul Sisters	Women	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
				McDonald's,				
Lifetime Reunion	Women	Thursday	9:00 AM	Williams Dr	open	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	bknorre@suddenlink.net
				FUMC, room				
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	301	open	Nancy Marsh	(512) 864-6501	nmarshtx@earthlink.net
				City Market,				
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnso	(512) 636-5572	meolitx@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
				Mariachis De				
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	7:00 AM	Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com