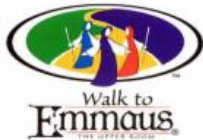


# Rainbow Bend

Coastal Bend Emmaus and Kairos



October 2016 News



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**From the Lay Director**

Will They Know We Are Christians?

At a recent Kairos team meeting, we sang a song all of us are familiar with, "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love". That started me thinking about the words and what they mean - really mean, that is. (I'm guilty, many times, of repeating words to a familiar song, prayer, or other kind of liturgy without stopping to think about what those words really mean.) Since love is not physical, it can't be seen. So what does love look like? How will a stranger, or anyone else for that matter, know we are a Christian then?

Isn't it the way we treat one another? Our character? And it goes beyond the Golden Rule. We have to do it with the right (loving) attitude. We have to do it with love in our hearts and putting all pride for oneself aside. The third verse says, "We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's pride." The song does a great job of describing how someone will know we're a Christian.

Wouldn't the world be a much better place if we

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all demonstrated the characteristic of being a Christian so that no one ever had to ask, "are you a Christian"? They would know the answer by the way we live our lives.

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Jim Schuchardt

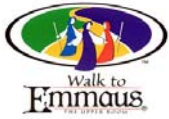


**Clergy Notes**

**Communities**

Exactly what comes to your mind when someone mentions the word Community? For me, I think my first thought is of those folk with whom I share my life experiences. I count on my community to lend support in good and bad times; those who are willing to counsel, struggle with choices, rejoice in our growth and are simply there - in my life. We long to know and be known. And yet we spend much time concealing our deepest joys and sorrow from ourselves and from those around us. We live too much in the secular world. Our decisions and thoughts are often deeply influenced by the current events of the world and our connection to our communities of support are accessed on a superficial level of sharing like "Facebook, Instagram etc." We settle for those moments of contact of another's life and miss the depth of sharing one's life. We wade in the shallow waters of life, never stepping into the depths of life that swirl around us. We get caught in the stream and fail to "go apart as Jesus commanded".

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### REUNION GROUPS

To find a Reunion  
Group, or find one that  
fits your schedule,  
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**Wanda Matthews**  
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One of the gifts of a Walk to Emmaus is the directive and invitation to become part of a reunion group. A reunion group is similar to John Wesley's Class meetings. A small group covenants to meet together regularly for study, growing in scriptural knowledge, and holding one another accountable to daily live as Christ called us to live.

Colossians 3: 12-17 is one I read often and lean on for guidance. A small group, a class meeting, a reunion group can guide us to experience the fullness of community that we might minister in and to our World.

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and if any has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

De Colores!

Reverend Gloria Lear  
CBE Assistant Spiritual Director

### KAIROS OUTSIDE MINISTRY

Kairos Outside of Corpus Christi has just completed our #13 weekend on September 23-25, 2016.

Our next Reunion is on October 22, 2016 at First United Methodist Church of Corpus Christi on Ocean Drive from 11-2.

We are always looking for guests, agape of all types, and your prayers to further our ministry. Our next weekend will be #14 on September 22-



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## FORWARD THIS NEWSLETTER

We would like to make sure you and your friends are receiving the Rainbow Bend Newsletter. If you got this one, please send to all your friends who have been on a Walk to Emmaus. They may be in our database, but have their "Spam Blocker" on. Please ask them to add [cbemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:cbemmaus@gmail.com) to their address book so the newsletter will go directly to their inbox.

24, 2017. You can contact Kairos Outside of Corpus Christi at [kairosoutsidecc@gmail.com](mailto:kairosoutsidecc@gmail.com) or Kairos Outside of Corpus Christi  
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## REUNION GROUPS FORMING

After Walk #1843, several men expressed the desire to form some new Men's Reunion Groups. If you are interested in getting in on a new group call them and get the details. Michael Womack 361-834-6413, James Vaughn 361- 815-6162 and Max Walker 361-633-1422.

If you are interested in forming a new group, male, female or mixed we will be glad to help you get it started. Just contact us at [cbemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:cbemmaus@gmail.com) and tell us your contact information so we can call you. There is a list on the web site

[coastalbendemmaus.org](http://coastalbendemmaus.org) under the Reunion Groups link on the right side of the home page.



## National and International Wall Agape

During the walk week-end, participants are shown letters from Walk to Emmaus communities from around the country and sometimes around the world. Maybe you remember viewing them posted during your pilgrim walk. These letters, which are often highly decorated, are signed by Fourth-Day or Next Step Groups. Board members and community members express their prayer and support for the particular weekend. Reading these letters enables pilgrims to realize that the body of Christ extends through agape love across the earth. General agape letters are posted in a community area of the facility so that they can be



### **AGAPE NEEDS FOR WALKS**

Bottled Water, Bottled Teas and Sodas (include diet drinks) individual size, Sweet and Salty Treats, Chocolate and Cookies, Health Snacks like Granola Bars, etc., Washed and Cut Veggies, and Fresh Fruits.

**Reminders:** Dining Room and Pillow Agape **must NOT have names of individuals on it.**

Use only Reunion Group names or Church Groups names such as Prayer Team, etc.

Names of Churches may be used and articles may also be anonymous.

*Thank you for your love and support to the Pilgrims and Teams. Don't forget your presence is vital to successful Candlelights & Closings. Can we count on you?*



easily viewed during the week-end.

Remember doing projects on your pilgrim walk? Well we have a project for your Reunion Group. We would like to post these kinds of wall agape from our local Reunion Groups at the 2017 walks. Start talking about it now. It can be something you design on your computer or something a talented member of your Reunion Group draws. Each member can write their prayer, wishes and/or just sign their names. Make it unique and something that expresses your group. Or you might just want to make it a letter. Maybe each member of your group would share what their walk meant to them. Remember the limited space you have and short paragraphs are best when reading things on a wall.

Contact us at [cbemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:cbemmaus@gmail.com) for more information or to tell us you want in on this exciting project for next year's walks.

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