

# Rainbow Bend

Coastal Bend Emmaus, Chrysalis & Kairos



## June News

### CBE Board of Directors



Lay Director  
Judi Oestreich  
Spiritual Director  
Rev. Greg  
Hackett  
Asst. Lay Director  
Jim Schuchardt  
Asst. Spiritual  
Director  
Rev. Gloria Lear  
Asst. Spiritual

### Attention Sponsors

Deadline fast approaching for registering your pilgrims on the June Women's Walk to Emmaus 1755.

Applications must be received by June 10th. After that they will be considered late and may have to go on a stand-by list. Make checks for \$185 fee payable to SWTC Registrar and mail with applications to Coastal Bend Emmaus, P.O. Box 273, Corpus Christi, TX 78403.

### Leadership Changes for 2014-2015

Join with us in welcoming the following new board members as a result of the general elections held electronically in May. Donna Garcia-Devlin - 2 year term ending in 2016, Brian Bray - 2 year term ending in 2016, Harold Bjella - 3 year term ending in 2017 and Janice Ayliffe - 3 year term ending in 2017.

At the May board meeting the following board members were elected by the BOD to officer positions: Judi Oestreich, Lay Director - Jim Schuchardt, Assistant

Director  
 Rev. Linda  
 Baumheckel  
 Secretary  
 Jan Ayliffe  
 Treasurer  
 Shana Larson  
 Agape Coordinator  
 Donna Garcia  
 Devlin  
 Logistics  
 VACANT  
 Music Coordinator  
 Brian Bray  
 Conference Board  
 Representative  
 Harold Bjella  
 Kairos Coordinator  
 Jim Schuchardt  
 Past Lay Director  
 Prayer Vigil  
 Coordinator  
 Reunion Gropus  
 Betty Workman

#### Other Volunteer Leadership

Master Database  
 Gale Bridgeman  
 Newsletter  
 Debbie Bjella  
 Team Selection  
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Lay Director - Jan Ayliffe, Secretary - Shana Larson,  
 Treasurer.

Three clergy have graciously volunteered to take rotation of duties on the board. They are SD Rev. Greg Hackett (FUMC-CC), ASD Rev. Gloria Lear (FUMC-CC) and ASD Rev. Linda Baumheckel (St. Paul UMC). At the May board meeting this spiritual team was approved.

Rotating off the board in May were Rev. Mike Gabby, Darla Wiggins and Marshall Westmoreland who have served with dedication and devotion for the last three years. Well done good and faithful servants!

#### From the Lay Director

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what  
 does the LORD require of you  
 but to do justice, and to love kindness, and  
 to walk humbly with your God?

(Micah 6:8 ESV)

*We are not called to duplicate or imitate anyone else in this life. We are called to become all that God has destined US to be. When we hand God the "steering wheel" of our lives--giving Him complete control--He begins to unveil His plans for us, one step at a time. He usually doesn't reveal the "big picture" to us all at once because we'd either become fearful, or have an attitude that says, "Okay, God--I can take it from here!" The Lord knows that we need His constant help, so He wisely encourages our dependence on Him.*

I read the above paragraph in a devotional recently and it made me think about the years of my learning to hand it over to God. We often say we are handing it over, but then we often fret or worry or worse we start trying to do it ourselves instead of waiting on God's time for His plan. Somewhere along the way, I began to "Get it" when I stopped trying to take it back all the time.

God has a plan for each of us and we may not ever understand his plan, but we still need to hand it over and trust. Every time I am foolish enough to think I have it all figured out I find another challenge in my pathway, another opportunity to serve in ways I would not have even imagined just 10 years ago. God has been putting me together for a very long time and He reminds me often that He has prepared me all my life to do His plan.

The past couple of years our Coastal Bend Emmaus Board has been struggling to get back to basics and we trust that is exactly what God wants us to do. We are committed to letting the Holy Spirit guide us. When we all said yes to the invitation to serve on the board we had no idea where He would be leading us. The ride has been bumpy at times but the grace we experience has

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### Kairos Inside

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### Reunion Groups

To find a Reunion  
Group, or find one  
that fits your  
schedule, contact:

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been amazing. You all have been on a Walk to Emmaus and you know that Christians experience the grace of God along the way according to their needs at different stages of their spiritual journey. Our Emmaus Fourth Day group has been on this journey over thirty-one years and we too have experienced His unending grace according to our needs.

I covet your prayers as I take over as the Lay Director of our Coastal Bend Emmaus Fourth Day Group. I ask you to stand in prayer with me as I ask for His guidance, wisdom, greater understanding, comfort and peace of mind for us all as we continue to strive to be better disciples in His kingdom.

*DeColores!*

*Judi Oestreich*

### COMMUNITY SCHEDULE FOR WALK #1755

Thursday, June 26, 2014  
Queen of Peace - St Joseph's Hall - Chapel  
Sponsor's Hour 6:30 PM

Saturday, June 28, 2014  
Candlelight Service 8:00 PM  
Saint Theresa's Parish Hall on Lantana

Sunday, June 29, 2014  
Queen of Peace - St Joseph's Hall - Conference Room  
Closing 4:00 PM

### Letter from Walk Lay Director

Walk #1755 is quickly becoming a reality. With only four weeks until we welcome a new group of pilgrims, we are working hard to ensure this is "the best walk ever"! I'm so blessed and amazed by the wonderful ladies on this team. We covet your prayers for us as we continue to plan and prepare. We want to be a group of ladies that puts God first and shares His love with others. Please pray for the 18 pilgrims we currently have signed up for the walk. And lastly pray that other women will be moved to signup for this awesome experience we call Emmaus. Please consider sponsoring someone from your congregation. It would be so great to have a full walk of 36 pilgrims.

If you would like to help with agape in any way please let me know. Email me: [sandstaley@aol.com](mailto:sandstaley@aol.com)  
Walk #1755 is extremely fortunate to have the Coastal Bend Emmaus community behind us. Thank you all for your prayers and your support. To God be the glory. Hope to see you all at candlelight on Saturday June 28th starting at 8:00 PM



Sign up for the  
Prayer Vigil for  
upcoming Walks

[Prayer Vigil Sign-Up](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## GATHERINGS

July 26, 2014  
Covenant Baptist

Sept. 20, 2014  
Parkway Presbyterian

Nov. 15, 2014  
TBD

January 24, 2015  
TBD

March 21, 2015  
St Paul UMC

May 23, 2015  
TBD



## WALKS

**Women's Walk  
1755**

**Sandra Staley  
Lay Director  
Linda  
Baumheckel  
Spiritual**

De Colores  
Sandra Staley

## Pilgrims and Sponsors for Walk #1755

(as of June 1st<sup>st</sup>)

### PILGRIMS

Victoria Baca  
Nancy Beyer  
Mariana Castillo  
Megan Clayton  
Sandy Christi  
Donna Durst  
Janie Glasson  
Barbara Gregg  
Debra Martin  
Pat McAnear  
Stacey McClary  
Dori Morgan  
Coral Richline  
Connie Springs  
Anita Stone  
Sarah Strong  
Ida Waye  
Megan Yarbough

### SPONSORS

Hector Baca  
Dallas Harris  
Marshall Westmoreland  
Sherilyn Calhoun  
Pam Cantu  
Dianne Rumfield  
Jack Pace  
Rick Staley  
Ryka Schroeder  
Victoria Shirley  
Mindy Petty  
Jim Schuchardt  
Brian Calhoun  
Nancy Clements  
Marilynn Yankee  
Rick Staley  
Angeles Ramirez  
Kathy Borhauer

## AGAPE NEEDS FOR WALKS

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  
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.

Drop Off: Agape may be dropped off anytime during a Walk week-end, but our preference would be during Thursdays from 10 AM to 8 PM. Take to the Agape Room in the end of St. Joseph's Hall. Please sign your articles in with an Outside Servant (Angel or Cha).

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

## KAIROS OUTSIDE

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have loved-ones who are or who have been

**Director  
Betty Workman  
Board Rep**

**June 26-29,  
2014**



**Men's Walk  
1761**

**Charlie Smith  
Lay Director  
Carl Westbrook  
Spiritual  
Director**

**Jim Schuchardt  
Board Rep**

**Sept. 11-14,  
2014**



## Sponsorship

is an act of  
Love...  
For God,  
for the pilgrims,  
for the church  
and for the  
Coastal Bend  
Emmaus.  
It is a  
demonstration  
of Agape love.  
It is making  
oneself  
an instrument of  
prevenient Grace.  
Prayerfully  
become  
someone's  
sponsor  
today.

incarcerated.

Kairos Outside is designed to support the women whose lives have been impacted by the incarceration of their loved ones. These women support those incarcerated in the country's state and federal correctional facilities, as well as county jails and youth offender programs. The spouses, parents, and other relatives of the incarcerated often "do time" right along with their loved ones. It is important for them to know that they are not alone and that there is a Christian community that cares.

This support is first provided in a safe environment with Christian people during a Kairos Outside weekend. During this weekend, the 'guests' will also have a chance to interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn how to form small groups to support one another and give them strength in their life's journey.

The Kairos Outside Weekend consists of a series of talks by women sharing their life's journey. Each guest has the opportunity to review the talk in small family groups. However, sharing in the small family group is voluntary. The program is interspersed with music, prayer, fun activities and general pampering. We expect those in attendance to stay for the entire program. No religious affiliation is necessary to attend and the weekend is non-denominational. All guests are female and over age 20.

The goals of Kairos Outside are to provide a safe place. To offer unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting. To encourage the sharing of life's journey. To foster spiritual growth. To promote participation in support groups. To create an opportunity for a relationship with God.

### From Kairos Outside #11 Weekend Leader

We are told that we are to "Keep on loving each other as brothers (and sisters). Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those that are mistreated as if you yourself were suffering." Hebrews 13:1-3

We are asking the community for your support by attending the "Walking in Love" service at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Closing ceremonies begin Sunday, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:15 p.m. At closing, you'll have the opportunity to hear guests tell what the weekend has meant to them. We ask for your prayers and agape for 36 guests. This ministry is offered to all guests free of charge so Green Agape is deeply appreciated.

Blessings,  
Heather Dixon



### Testimonies Wanted

We are updating the coastalbendemmaus.org website and are looking for very short testimonies to put on several pages. Send your comments in 25 to 50 words with your first name only and Walk Number to cbemmaus@gmail and put website testimony in the subject line.



### Prayer Vigil Coordinator Volunteer Wanted

Almost everything is electronic these days and our Prayer Vigil site is no exception. This volunteers needs to love communicating on computers. Work in own home. Does not have to attend meetings. (unless you just want to)

INTERESTED?  
Call Judi at  
361-739-9474  
or Betty at  
361-949-0208.



### Pilgrim

### Kairos Inside

Kairos: Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World!

Coastal Bend Emmaus Brothers and Sisters, in addition to the upcoming Emmaus walks, preparations are beginning to be made for Kairos #38 at the W.G. McConnell Unit, Beeville, TX, on October 30 - November 2, 2014. Each year, 84 "Men in White" candidates go through the Kairos Prison Ministry weekend which has resulted in hundreds of Kairos graduates that are actively seeking their personal relationship with the Lord. I am about to serve on my 6th Kairos weekend and the testimonies and God's blessings are countless.

One of the signs of agape love we show is delivering a dozen baked cookies to every inmate in the unit. Each team member bakes 100 dozen cookies! On the last Kairos weekend, I had the blessing of delivering cookies to inmates in an area called Administrative Segregation or Ad Seg. The folks in Ad Seg are placed there when they are considered a Security Threat Group, mainly hard core gang members. It is hard to describe the conditions in Ad Seg. First, start with no air conditioning in small dark cell with no privileges that other inmates have. After donning my flak jacket, I went from cell to cell to deliver cookies. There is a very small opening in the heavy steel cell door that is opened by a guard so I can hand the cookies to them. As I looked into their eyes, I can still see the light of Jesus in them although they have been covered by the darkness of this world. I tell each inmate that I brought them some love from the outside and God. I would say over 80% of them say, "God bless you" back to me. Some even gave me a pre-emptive "God bless you" before I could say anything. I know they are glad to get some cookies, but I can truly feel the power of God's amazing love as they soften their hearts for a short moment. We have only recently been allowed to deliver cookies to Ad Seg. God bless the current Warden!

If you are being called to a very special kind of Christian Action, please consider serving on the next Kairos team. You can serve on the inside team (men only) or outside team which prepares food for the Kairos candidates and supports the inside team. Your brother in Christ,  
Brian Bray

For more information, contact Brian Bray,  
Kairos #38 Rector, at mcconnell.leader@gmail.com.  
"I was in prison and you came to visit me."  
Mathew 25: 36b

### Think about Registering Your Pilgrim Now for Men's Walk

It's NOT TOO EARLY to get your pilgrims registered for



## [Application](#)



### **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.

the September Men's Walk to Emmaus #1761. We are accepting applications now. Pilgrim applications may be found and downloaded from the website [coastalbendematheus.org](http://coastalbendematheus.org) or from this newsletter link in left-handed column. Make sure all signatures (pilgrim, sponsor and Clergy) are on the application before it is mailed. We are expecting a full Walks this year and we are asking the Emmaus Alumni to support them with your Agape, Prayers and your Presence at Candlelight and Closing.

### **Pray for Walks 1755 & 1761**

- God to select the Team, Sponsors and Pilgrims.
- That each will have good health, open minds and hearts.
- That each will give undivided attention and Christ-like team wisdom.
- That each will have patience, trust and calmness about them.
- That all will feel joy and a sense of God's love.
- That the leaders will walk in His Spirit in all they are called to do.
- That the SD's be truly an instrument of His Spirit.
- For the Holy Spirit to meet each Pilgrim's needs.
- For the team to open themselves as God's channels.
- For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of pilgrims and team.
- For all to realize God's grace is sufficient for all needs.
- That all involved will keep the integrity of the Walk and follow the Upper Room model.

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