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Anonymous Servants

What were the names of the four friends who lowered the paralyzed man down through the roof to place him before Jesus? You can't name them, can you? That's okay, because their names aren't listed in the story found in Mark 2:1-12. Their names aren't as important as their service and their faith. Mark 12:5 says, "When Jesus saw **their faith**, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'"

What was the name of the Samaritan woman at the well who came to believe in Jesus? You guessed it. Her name is never given in the story found in John 4:7-42. What is remembered is that many of her neighbors came to believe in Jesus through her testimony.

You can find many more examples in the Bible where the focus is not on the name of the believer but on Jesus.

As our Emmaus Board met and reviewed what we were about, this is the theme that kept coming to me. It's not about us. It's not about us making a name for ourselves.

"God Is Faithful" 4th Annual Women's Retreat

September 9 & 10, 2005

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"
Hebrews 13:8

OMNI MARINA HOTEL

707 North Shoreline Drive

SPEAKERS:

Audie Lawley
Tamara Anaya

Jessica Cornelius
Carol Riddle

Laura Harris
Tonya Webber

VISIT THE WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.godisfaithful.org

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It's not about how great a talk we gave or how well we sang or led a discussion or sponsored a pilgrim. It is about focusing on Jesus, bringing people to Jesus, worshiping Jesus.

We are called to be anonymous servants. People may not remember our name or even know our name. As long as they know the name of Jesus, that is just fine.

DeColores,
Rev. Lynn P. Barton
Coastal Bend Emmaus
Community Spiritual Director

CHILD CARE !

The Coastal Bend Emmaus Community is pleased to announce that, Connie Jennings, Director of Early Childhood Ministries at First United Methodist Church has joined the Coastal Bend Emmaus Board to fill the Child Care Coordinator position.

Child care will always be available at Emmaus candle lights and closings, however, Connie has requested that you call her at 857-8145 to give her an idea of how many children will be attending.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE



Single Again? Help for the heartache of separation, divorce, and widowhood.

A weekend away for a lifetime of change.

The pain of loss

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. It can result in nearly unbearable feeling of loneliness and grief.

Many people who have suffered this loss feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures.

Hope for a new beginning

The Beginning Experience weekend program helps grieving single again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in the Christian tradition, the ministry's open, ecumenical spirit serves those of all faiths.

Experience of community

From Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, the Beginning Experience program is presented by a team of people who have suffered the loss of a loved one and are willing to share their own experience to help others.

Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection and small group sharing. A sense of community develops in a atmosphere of care and concern that is a hallmark of each Beginning Experience weekend.

The invitation

Whether you choose to attend the Beginning Experience weekend only, or in addition to other support for the single again, the program's invitational process offers the opportunity to move towards a new beginning in life. Its quality and effectiveness are well documented.

More information

Please contact the local office 361-985-1758 or 866-610-8877 or visit our web site for applications, locations and more information: www.beginningexperience.org

2006 Journey to Damascus Lay Directors

Kenneth Stanley JTD 40 January (Houston)

David Walsh JTD 41 February

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Mary Kay Dzuik JTD 44 July

Laura Rooney JTD 45 August (Houston)

Maury Jarrell JTD 46 September

Christina Purnell JTD 47 October



Women's Journey to Damascus # 37

Houston

August 18 - 21, 2005



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil 4:13

I am still amazed at how beautifully God works in those who serve Him. As our young Houston community continues to grow, we are all very thankful for the outpouring of love from the surrounding communities. Without a loving God and our dedicated sisters and brothers from Corpus Christ, we would not have been able to bring this experience to Houston. For this, we are truly thankful. Our bible verse for the weekend should actually read.... "WE can do all things through Christ who strengthens US". Together we are learning to love and serve one another in a way that only God could reveal to us. At one of our early team meetings we decided to "grow" together throughout this Journey experience by planting Zinnias. We have been nurturing our plants at home as a reminder to us that God is the Master Gardener and we are simply the workers in His garden. In our watering, pruning, and reaping of our harvest, we are reminded daily of our walk with the Lord and how his hand is at work in our daily lives. Our Zinnias are also a reminder that we must be vigilant praying for our fellow team members, pilgrims, and surrounding community. We look forward with great anticipation to our 2nd women's weekend here in Houston. Many thanks to the countless forms of Agape shown and provided to us throughout our Journey. I am humbled by the experience and am reminded daily of how precious the gift of God's love and mercy truly is. We invite all to our Candlelight at Circle Lake Retreat Center. It would be a joy to have as many of you present as possible!

Peace and Love to All, Roxanne Stanley, L.D.

PILGRIMS

Catherine Ahlschlager
Bianca Apusen
Maria Baez
Bridgette Barnett
Kaydean Bott
Connie Broussard
Rosan Burke
Olive Cannistra
Judyanne Durkin
Jennifer Fails

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Coleen Garvin
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Toni Montgomery

Michelle Mullin
Carol Neyland
Valerie Noons
Shellie Robertson
Mary Ann Smith
Celina Wager
Belinda White
Kellye Wilson



Prayer Chapel Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 18

8:30 pm Ecumenism Rev. Billy Storms

Friday, Aug. 19

8:30 am Priorities Alma Irr

10:30 am Grace Brett Hurst

1:10 pm Priesthood of All Believers Sandy Steffes

2:30 pm Faith Frank Adams

6:50 pm Life in Piety Laura Rooney

Saturday, Aug. 20

8:20 am Growth Through Study Becky Neeson

9:40 am Sacraments Fr. Paul Hesse

1:30 am Christian Action Suzanne Romano

3:00 pm Obstacles to Grace Sr. Bernice Lindsey

6:30 pm Discipleship Michele Hoelscher

8:30 pm Love and Unity Kenneth Stanley

Sunday, Aug. 21

9:15 am Changing Our World Wendy Clark

10:15 am Body of Christ Leah Godfrey

11:15 am Perseverance/4th Day Roxanne Stanley

TEAM

Lay Director: Roxanne Stanley

Spiritual Director: Fr. Paul Hesse

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Future Events



Men's Journey to Damascus # 38
September 15 - 18, 2005
Larry Patterson, LD

Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1250
September 22 - 25, 2005
Valerie Caldwell, LD

Men's Walk to Emmaus # 1261
October 13 - 16, 2005
Dean Atkinson, LD

Women's Journey to Damascus # 39
October 20 - 23, 2005
Eileen Vara, LD



Donations Needed



The Emmaus Child care coordinator is seeking donations for items used for child care use during the Candle lights and closings. If you can donate any of the following items, please call Connie at 857-8145. Thank you for your help.

Items needed include:

Coloring books, toddler aged games, all age level puzzles.

A newer model TV, DVD + VCR player are also needed.



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Additional Information

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