

Rainbow Bend

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Christmas

Praise and Worship Gathering

Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Journey to Damascus, Kairos Outside
Community Wide Gathering

**First United Methodist Church
Corpus Christi**

Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, December 5th, 2006
6:30 pm**

*Join us for an evening of music
As we worship and sing praises to our Lord*

Featuring the Praise Bands from:

**Asbury United Methodist
First United Methodist - CC
First United Methodist - Portland
St. Lukes Methodist**

Cookies and Punch will be served

Nursery Provided
(please rsvp for nursery to Connie Jennings
884-0391 ext 222 or cjennings@ccfumc.com)





The Emmaus, Chrysalis and Damascus community needs your help !

Two critical service positions (listed below) need to be filled in our community. The servants that have served in these jobs for many years have decided to step down. In an effort to lesson the burden on any one person, the community is seeking several people to help share the responsibility of the positions. Please read through the job descriptions and prayerfully consider if you could help, and/or if you know someone else who also might be interested please contact the people listed below.

Community Sound Coordinator

Need 3 to 4 people, with a servant's heart to share the job of sound logistics. The job responsibilities include set up and tear down of sound equipment for Emmaus, Damascus and Chrysalis Candlelight's and Closings. The job also requires one person to be present for each event to run the sound board. Set up takes place on Saturday afternoon. The coordinators will also assist music teams setting up in the conference room on Thursdays, if needed. Training will be provided.

Contact Gary Hudson at 857-2440 or ghudson@americanbank.com.

Community Logistics Coordinator

Need 3 to 4 people, with a servant's heart to share the job of logistics coordinator. The job responsibilities include coordinating the setup for Emmaus, Damascus and Chrysalis Candlelight's and assisting team members with the closing setups. The job also requires one person to be present for each candle light to handle lights and direct the pilgrims. Candle light setup is done late Saturday afternoon. Training will be provided.

Contact Gary Hudson 857-2440 or
Sheila Ferrell 658-9898



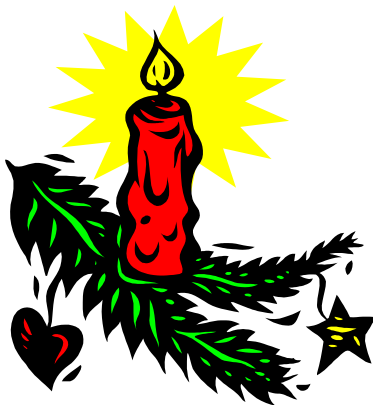
THANK YOU - THANK YOU

KAIROS #23 McCONNELL UNIT

I want to thank God first and then everyone who had anything to do with Kairos #23 at the McConnell Unit in Beeville on November 1-5, 2006.

Truly **God's Miracle Factory** moved into McConnell and blessed people and changed lives for both Men-In-White and Free-World people. The Holy Spirit was obviously present during the weekend and at Closing.

Also the Team was made up of compassionate, dedicated, and unselfish servants and a sincere thank you to everyone for prayers and agape. We were blessed with a tremendous amount of Green Agape \$ from the community and for that I am so grateful. May God continue to bless the Men-In-White and all who are involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry.



YBIC,
Darvin Dieringer



UPDATE



QUEEN OF PEACE RETREAT CENTER

WORK DAY

The first work day on Nov 4th went well, we had approximately 40 people show up and tackle the tasks for both buildings.



Thank you to all the servants that were able to be there. If you "missed out" on the first work day, we will have at least one or two more, possibly one in December and definitely one in January. We will do a mass

email notice before the next work day. Be ready to help spread the word.

There are contractors doing all of the painting, carpentry, and finishing of the wooden floors as you read this newsletter. This will all be completed between the holidays.



Moving of the items from the old retreat center to Queen of Peace, will be coordinated with the completion of construction. News of moving dates will follow via email and will be posted in the next newsletter if possible.

As the date nears for our first Walk at Queen of Peace Retreat Center, stay close to your computer and phone, as we will mass email for help and call for reunion groups to help.

Please remember the Community gathering Tuesday Dec 5th, for all Emmaus, Journey to Damascus and Chrysalis members, at First United Methodist Church of Corpus Christi which starts at 6:30.

Hoping you all had a Blessed Thanksgiving and will have a Blessed Christmas. De Colores,
Gary Hudson
Emmaus Community Lay Director

OPEN HOUSE

**Mark Your
Calendars
For
January 12, 2007**



The Journey to Damascus is honored to announce that it will be hosting an Open House at the new Queen of Peace Retreat Center on Friday, January 12, 2007 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

The Walk, Chrysalis and Journey communities are invited to walk through our new retreat facility. Sweets will be served during the Open House.

Following the Open House there will be a blessing of our new home at 7:00 p.m.

The Journey to Damascus 2007 Gathering will begin immediately following the blessing. The JTD Gathering is a potluck dinner so please bring your favorite meat dish, salad or dessert. Paper goods and drinks will be provided by the Board for the Journey to Damascus.

Please join us for these special events.

De Colores, David Walsh
Journey to Damascus Community President



Future Events

Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1345
January 18—21, 2007
Janice Deonarine, LD

(Houston) Men's Journey to Damascus # 48
January 25—28, 2007
Travis Bednarz, LD

Men's Journey to Damascus # 49
February 15—18, 2007
Bert Quintanilla, LD

Men's Walk to Emmaus # 1352
February 22—25, 2007
Bill Hatfield, LD



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