

Rainbow Bend

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One Greater Than the Temple

Once, my mother and I sponsored my aunt and cousin on a Walk to Emmaus in another community. When we dropped off our pilgrims we noticed the facilities. The check in area was cramped and not much had been done to make the place look happy or inviting. The dorm was just that; a large room with bunk beds lining stark white walls. Well, we dropped off our pilgrims and I'll never forget their look of concern as we smiled and walked away. Then on Saturday we made our way to the retreat center to participate in the Candlelight service. It was held in a small chapel that probably held 200 people. They used battery powered candles and there were only enough for about every 5th person. The room was so small we had to stay in the pews as the pilgrims filed into and out of the service. Needless to say, we were both heart broken that the Walk was not up to our standards and the experience that our pilgrims had would not be "as good as" ours. Surely the Holy Spirit could not move in that place. Where were the "Marthas" when they were preparing for this Walk? When we went to pick them up on Sunday afternoon we were so surprised to find that their joy was overwhelming! Yes, despite the lack of fluff, they had been touched by and changed by the Spirit.

What were we thinking? The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else". Act 17:24-25. He has no need for walls. He doesn't need extravagant decorations or even burning candles to light the fire of man's soul. In Matthew 12:6 Jesus says, "I tell you that one greater than the temple is here." Surely, this would be the time to be a "Mary".

As we prepare as a community for our Walks let us be "Marys" first. Let's sit at the feet of the Lord. Let us hang on His every word, be touched by Him, and be filled up with His grace. Then let us go out from Him and share His grace with those whom we serve.
De Colores, Terri

Coastal Bend Emmaus 25th Anniversary

Can you believe our 25th Anniversary as a Fourth Day Community will be October 2008! In anticipation, we hope to share something fun and insightful with you each month through the newsletter or at Candlelight. We hope you will join in by sharing your own Emmaus stories and sending them to Cindy McMahon at cindymcm7@grandecom.net

Fun Emmaus Facts:

- ✦ Over 1 Million people have been on a Walk
- ✦ There are 94 International 4th Day Communities and 280 in the US
- ✦ There are over 2500 Walks a year
- ✦ Southwest Texas Conference has had 1389 Walks and consists of 34 Communities
- ✦ SWTC started in 1982 and the Coastal Bend started in 1983 as a 4th Day community
- ✦ Coastal Bend will celebrate it's 130th Walk and over 5400 Pilgrims by year end

✦ Coastal Bend has had 15 couples who have served as Lay Director
As part of the Anniversary celebration, we are in the process of updating our website www.coastalbendemmaus.org. Please checkout some of our new links on Leading the Way, Sponsorship and The Spirit Center. We have also added some inspiring quotes and would love to add yours, (send to Cindy McMahon). We hope to post team and pilgrim data on the website in the near future and will be contacting previous Lay Directors for their help in collecting this information. You can help by sending your team and pilgrim sheets or Candlelight programs to Gail Anderson at pga@agcm.cc or mail to 409 Grant, Corpus Christi, TX 78411.



Save the Date!

November 27th

**Emmaus Community
Annual Fall Gathering**

First United Methodist Church

Corpus Christi

6:30 - 9:00 PM

Communion

4th Day Speaker

**Unique Fashion Show presented by the
Emmaus Community Board**

Friday Night Corpus Christi

NOVEMBER 2ND, 7:00 PM

1ST United Methodist Church - Corpus Christi

The Mayor, City Councilmen, Judges, Elected Officials & School Board Members will gather together with local pastors for Friday Night Corpus Christi. Bishop Carmody is the Master of Ceremonies, Episcopal Bishop William Fry will be the keynote speaker, Bubba Stahl from 1st Baptist, and Luis Cabrera from Maranatha Iglesia (in Spanish) will lead the Corporate Prayer time for our city. Worship will be led by Steve Coronado Jr. from Solid Rock Worship Center.

Get there early! Last year we had 800 people and everyone wanted to come back again.

For more information contact: Scotty Evans www.FridayNightCC.com 361-815-9999

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FLASHBACK

A WEEKEND WITH THE BOYS

Boys' Chrysalis 284 has come and gone, but I'm here to tell you that the weekend of June 28-July 1 was one "which will live in infamy" - at least in the annals of Chrysalis lore. Why? Well, on many fronts: **Team:** This was basically the same team put together in 2006 for an event that was unfortunately cancelled. Every youth member [but one] chose to stay onboard. The young men who were added provided the "final touch" to an already great group of kids. Quite a few adults had to be replaced due to 2007 scheduling problems, but those who answered "the call" were great additions - many serving for the first time...let us say that "their eyes were opened." If you've ever served on a Chrysalis, you know what that means!

Sponsors: You sent us some amazing young men...one of the very youngest groups we've had...hopefully, seeds were planted...talent-wise, we had "The Best Friday Night Ever!"

Agape: One "Gopher" [CHA] commented that there was almost "too much" Agape...I wonder how THAT happened? Kudos to the Reunion Groups that provided the Team Meal, the Agape Feast, and the Book Table. Providing **free books** to the Candidates was certainly an awesome gesture, and it is hoped that other Reunion Groups would consider this gift in the future [for all events]...perhaps a shared venture?

Candle Light: "Thank you" is inadequate...someone said the expression on my face was enough...for those of you who were there, you know what that means.

Warning: "What happens at Chrysalis stays at Chrysalis." Most people reading this have no idea [thank God] who "Kitty Kat" and [our] Paris Hilton are...but, men, I have to tell you, they were seen leaving together [yes, same vehicle] following one of this summer's Candle Lights. May God have mercy on their souls! What an awesome Weekend...be Bold for Christ. Ed Gorny, LD

Dear Community of friends in love with Christ:

Thank you, thank you, thank you for a memorable Journey weekend! I pray your fourth days are filled with God's grace and love!!! It was your prayers that came through and made this weekend such a blessed JTD. It was your prayers that brought a speaker from the emergency room through surgery to presenting our Changing our World talk at medically unheard of speed. From your prayers, lives were healed and changed, new commitments to Christ were made and others renewed, prayers were answered, new friendships were made, and the local Body of Christ was made stronger with the addition of 34 new men-in-Christ to the Coastal Bend community. What a blessing it was to be among such a fabulous group of men whose bonds were firmly rooted by early Friday afternoon! The team did an outstanding job of preparing themselves spiritually and were richly blessed for being such blessings to the pilgrims. The pilgrims God sent are strong soldiers for Christ whose hearts were open to receiving all that God had intended for them. It certainly was a weekend to remember and to cherish. Thank you God for the opportunity and the honor to serve as Lay Director for JTD #54. De Colores and May God bless you, Eddie Guernsey

JTD # 54 Afterglow

Afterglow is a traditional element of the Journey experience. Held a few weeks after the Journey weekend, we welcome all to an afternoon of fellowship, food(what else!), and sharing. Your wives or friend are also welcome to attend, even if she has not yet attended a Journey, Cursillo, ACTS or Walk to Emmaus.

The Journey Afterglow will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 6th, 2007 from 4:00 - 7:00pm at **St. Patrick Church, at the corner of Rossiter and S. Alameda. We will gather in the parish hall that is behind the church.** We'll sing, pray, and hear some of the pilgrim's discuss the beginning of their Fourth Day experiences. **Please wear your Journey nametag and lanyard.**

Dear Community in Christ,

Journey to Damascus # 55 would like to thank all of you for the fabulous support and outpouring of love and agape on team and pilgrims. Your devotion to this movement of the Holy Spirit reflects a great truth; that God works in us and through us in a most tangible way! May the Lord continue to espouse you in love, justice, righteousness, mercy and fidelity. I am in awe of His goodness and providence. Blessings, Mary Scott LD JTD #55



Men's Walk to Emmaus # 1398

October 11-14, 2007



The members of Team 1398 would like to thank each of you for your prayerful support. As of October 1st we are at 28 pilgrims and prayerfully on our way to the team goal of 36. The Team has worked hard to prepare for our time of service. I would like to personally thank the "extended team" who has stepped up in times of need to fulfill areas of need. God is Great indeed, and the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community has shown its love for Him in its service to our team. We ask for your continued prayers throughout our time of service. Our Walk theme is "Amazing Love". Our Scripture verse is John 3:16. I purposefully only started the verse. Each of us can finish it. But, I want people to reflect on the words. For us, it simply means "Amazing Love". Thank you again to each of you for your support. Your love too is "Amazing".

Be Blessed, Mark Scott LD

TEAM

Lay Director: Mark Scott
Spiritual Director: Chuck Miller
Asst. Lay Directors: Carl Aeby, Derwood Anderson, Rodney Hart
Clergy: Alan Delafield, Gloria Lear, Ralph McMullen, Trudy Paul
Board Rep: Matt Hammer
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Asst Table Leaders: Paul Damerow, James Duerr, Dana Gunter, Bud Harris, Fred Ndwaru, Jay Wesson
Chas: Alex Harris, Dwight Eisenhower, David Barnhart, Richard Brown, Eddie Buhidar, Henry Garrett, Arthur Haas, AJ Jones, Kyle Kaufman, Chico Lipstrue, Brian Mende, Frank Scanio, Christopher Scott, Chuck Tenpenny, W.D. Williams



PILGRIMS

Steve Blight
 Greg Brooks
 Jimmy Brown
 Chuck Carlisle
 Jeremy Dickey
 Albert Dozier
 Tony Elizondo
 Scott Gunter
 Albert G. Harris
 William Kelly
 Clark Kerlick
 Bernie Klassen
 James Lago
 Steven Long
 Chad Magill
 Michael Marasco
 Thomas Marshall
 James McLoon
 Lyle Mathews
 Allen Mosiman
 Mack Norris
 Adam Nuss
 Trey Reiman
 Jimmy Rodriguez
 David Rotter
 Robert I. Tucker
 Marshall Westmoreland
 Norman Wilcox

Friday, October 12th

9:20am	Priorities	Rodney Hart
10:55am	Prevenient Grace	Gloria Lear
1:30pm	Priesthood of All Believers	Dwight Eisenhower
3:00pm	Justifying Grace	Ralph McMullen
6:25pm	Life of Piety	Scott Elliff

PRAYER CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct 13th

9:40am	Growth through Study	Fred Ndwarau
10:20am	Means of Grace	Chuck Miller
3:00pm	Christian Action	Gene Guernsey
4:25pm	Obstacles to Grace	Alan Delafield
6:55pm	Discipleship	Marc Solis



Sunday, Oct 14th

8:00am	Changing Our World	Joe Adame
9:00am	Sanctifying Grace	Trudy Paul
10:35am	Body of Christ	Derwood Anderson
11:35am	Perseverance	Mark Scott
1:00pm	Fourth Day	Carl Aeby

For last minute pilgrim registration please contact:
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Sponsors Hour

Thursday
 6:30 pm
 Oct 11, 2007

Candlelight

Saturday
 8:00 pm
 Oct 13, 2007

Closing

Sunday
 3:00 pm
 Oct 14, 2007

Future Events

Emmaus Fall Gathering
November 27, 2007
First United Methodist Church-CC

Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1416
January 24-27, 2008
Lacy Harrelson, LD

Houston Men's Journey to Damascus # 57
January 24-27, 2008
Mark Thibaut, LD

Scholarships

My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19

It is the intension of the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community that no one should be turned away from the Walk to Emmaus because of financial needs. Therefore, as a sponsor if you find there is a potential pilgrim in need for support here are some suggestions. First, it is sometimes a misconception that the sponsor should always pay for the pilgrim. If the pilgrim has means to do so themselves it is a good thing for the pilgrim to be invested in the weekend. If the full fee is a problem, is it possible the pilgrim can pay for half the fee? When you find there is a shortfall there are several scenarios that can relieve the situation. Go to their church. A lot of churches have funds for sponsoring their congregations on Walks. Talk to your reunion group and tell them about your desire to sponsor this person and your need to attain sufficient funds to do so. Co-sponsor a pilgrim with other friends that have been on the Walk to Emmaus and share the cost. If after all avenues have been pursued and there is still a deficit you should contact the Treasurer of the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community. The CBEC has a dedicated scholarship fund for pilgrims that can not find other means of support. The CBEC will award a scholarship of one-half the fee. Remember when we give to those in need, there is not only benefit to the receiver, but we are benefited as well. Your pilgrim will appreciate and be touched by your spirit and devotion and if you listen closely you will hear God's words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant'.

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