

Rainbow Bend

September 2008 Vol. 15, Issue 9



I Had a Dream

I had a dream recently. A dream so real and wonderful that I must tell you about it.

In my dream I was taken away by a friend who said "come with me and I will make it possible for you to see marvelous things". I went with him. Before I could tell where I was, my friend was gone. But I found I wasn't alone. There seemed to be a lot of other people like me, wondering why we were there. Even though I had never seen any of the others, we all seemed to know each other well. I

realized I didn't know what day it was, or what time it was. No one had a watch or a phone, but it didn't seem to care. I didn't need to know. I was in a timeless place.

One at a time each one began to speak. As I was listening to them talk, a really strange thing happened; I began to see the face of Jesus in those around me. Even though no one alive has seen the real face of Jesus, I knew I was looking at His face! (Well this was a dream). I was caught up with the others as they recognized the same thing! I saw grown men singing, and dancing and praising the name of the Lord—laughing and acting like little children with no inhibitions—Crazy stuff! I laughed until I got spasms!

I saw men giving praise and glory to God's Word while it was repeated in words and song from sunup to sundown. There were rich and poor, young and old casting their sins before Jesus. And as each confessed his sins, they claimed that the blood of Jesus had washed away their old lives. I cried. For a moment I felt alone. I remembered all of my sins. Then a voice said; "But God does not remember them".

As usual, I can't remember all of my dreams, but this part I'll never forget; It was dark. Again I was taken away to a strange place. There were others there, and we all were disoriented and wondering where we were, when I heard angels singing! How do I know they were angels? It was my dream—they were angels! We were allowed to enter a bright place suspended in the dark, and I witnessed a wondrous, and indescribable thing: Their faces! Their eyes were on fire, glowing in the reflected light of God's glory. Their faces were like no other face I had ever seen—incredibly radiant and gloriously happy! And they were looking RIGHT AT ME! Then a voice said, "You must go now. Your glimpse of heaven is over". It was my friend. But he had the of Jesus too! I woke up.

Some time has passed since the dream, but I can't get it out of my mind. It has changed my life. But that's not the strangest thing about all this. I have found that some of my friends have had very similar dreams! **Have you?**

Frank Isgitt
Walk #1440

Living The Life

AmericanBank  CENTER
selenia auditorium

Mark your calendars for **October 3-4, 2008** and register now at www.livingthelifecc.com!! The Living the Life conference team consists of guest speaker Becky Tirabassi, Rochelle Roots, Laura Harris, Alene Snodgrass, Tonya Webber, Kristen Reyna, Lakendra Lewis and the James Roots Band. *Come and be encouraged, equipped and empowered to live the life Christ came to give....life to the fullest!*

~ John 10:10~

In the last couple of newsletter you may have noticed a calendar with December the 2nd marked on it along with statements such as, "Get Ready Mark Your Calendar" and "Remember It's Coming Look For It" The event is the annual fall Emmaus Gathering. It will be December the 2nd at FUMC Corpus Christi. It will begin at 6:30pm. There will be refreshments, entertainment, music, and lot's of fun. So plan to be there.



**Fall Gathering
December 2, 2008
Mark Your Calendar**



December							2008	
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
28	29	30	31					



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM



COASTAL BEND
EMMAUS COMMUNITY

**CELEBRATING
25 YEARS
1983-2008**



COASTAL BEND EMMAUS COMMUNITY



Faster Than a Speeding Bullet

Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound... Coastal Bend's very own Rev. Billy Storms. Billy first came to Corpus Christi in 1980 after finishing a PhD and has been the Senior Minister at Covenant Baptist Church for the last sixteen years. We are extremely grateful to Covenant and to his wife, Judi for sharing Billy with us. In the last twelve years he has served on 40 Emmaus Walks. Billy was the first non-Methodist to serve in the capacity as a Walk Spiritual Director and to date has completed 14 Walks in that position as well as serving as the Emmaus Community Spiritual Director. He has also served on approximately 60 Journeys, 12 Chrysalis, 5 Kairos and 3 Walk to Siloam's. While Billy may not be superman, he is certainly legendary in our community. His letter below is part of an on going series for the Coastal Bend's 25th Anniversary.

I need to thank God for you, the Emmaus-Journey-Chrysalis, Kairos, Siloam, Outside-Kairos communities. I spent twelve-plus years learning about "the truth" through college, seminary and graduate studies. For the past twelve years (I was a pilgrim on Walk 535 in October, 1996), I've been experiencing "the Truth".

Occasionally, I get to give the "Sanctifying Grace" talk. In that talk, I use the word "fine as an acrostic to describe the consequence of God's grace in its work on me. That acrostic is available for my thankfulness of God's grace experienced through all of our communities' events.

Fine. The hilarity, the joy that I experience on these weekends is nothing short of amazing. I do believe that "joy is" the infallible sign of the presence of God. " My ubiquitous experience, dominate emotional hue is the incredible fun I have at these events.

Initiate transformation. As an orphaned boy at 13, I learned the secret that "if I got *close to people, I could get hurt.*" I was "too strong" to cry. *These weekends gave back my tears.* These weekends have transformed my experience and awareness of Christ's church. I am still being shaped by these transformational experience. I still get more from the weekends than do the pilgrims.

Natural. *Part of the Lay Director's/Spiritual Director's script says over and over again, "There is no expected, formula response to this experience."* These cloistered moments with Christ's body is so freeing, so natural, so present to each unique faith journey. Emotionally, intellectually, socially and physically, these weekends allow a "natural" faith to emerge.

Empowering. I am so blessed to share in many of these weekends. Facetiously, I tell every lay director that I'm praying one of the SDs will get sick so I can do another one. On every weekend, I experience a new brother or sister who enriches and empowers my faith journey. At my church, there are those who've observed the empowering grace of these events as they say, "Your sermons are different after you've been on a walk." (Personally, it's flattering to thing that my parishioners may be awake through all my homilies to be able to make that comparison.)

For me, God did something so fine in creating these instruments of His grace. For me, God did something so fine to include me in many of these sacred moments. Thank God for all of you. Continue to be God's instruments of grace. I need you, I am blessed and empowered by you.

DeColores
Billy



Notice:
No personal names
should be placed
on Agape.
Your reunion group
or Church is **OK**



Thanks from Journey to Damascus # 64

The pilgrims and team of Houston Journey to Damascus # 64 would like to express our overwhelming gratitude to the Houston and Corpus Christi Journey, Emmaus, Cursillo and ACTS communities for their love, prayers and support. This weekend was a true example of Love and Unity. We had a terrific candlelight that was attended by members of these communities and was a sign of how widespread we have become. The support that we continue to receive in growing the Houston community is unparalleled and without a doubt a significant reason that we are touching so many lives in our community. We set the table for the pilgrims and the Holy Spirit and as always seems the case the lives of the team enhanced in the process. I would like to give a special thanks to all of the men who served on the team. You are true servants of Christ; I love you all and appreciate you. Lastly, to the pilgrims and the team, I cannot thank you enough for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as the Lay Director; remember Turn 2 Into 4.

Thomas Schmidt LD JTD #64



Men's JTD #65

Sept. 11-14, 2008
Steve Ellis, Lay Director



"I will rise up and return to my Father" Luke 15:18

I have been challenged and blessed beyond measure by the privilege to act as Lay Director for Men's Journey to Damascus #65. There is no more important task in this life than leading others to a closer relationship with Christ. In so doing, we inevitably are stretched and drawn closer to His presence in our own lives. The team of Journey #65 are a group of men filled with the Holy Spirit who are actively serving the Lord by their preparations for the Journey weekend and by the service they will offer to the Pilgrims He will draw to JTD #65. On behalf of the team, I thank the Community for all of your prayers, your gifts of agape, your sponsorships and your attendance at Candlelight and Closing. We as individual members of the Body are helpless without the love and support of the entire mystical Body of Christ. Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of our team, and for their protection during this time. Please pray especially for the Pilgrims whom God has chosen, that they will encounter His love as never before. May God Bless you all.

Steve Ellis
Lay Director, JTD #65

Team

St. Elsewhere:

Steve Ellis, Lay Director
Richard Dodson, Assistant Lay Director
Larry Grove, Assistant Lay Director
Jesse Garcia, Assistant Lay Director
Dan Davis, Board Rep
Hector Salinas, LD Advisor

Spiritual Directors:

Co-Spiritual Directors
Fr. Bob Dunn
Fr. John Forbus,
Assistant Spiritual Director
Billy Storms
Ralph McMullen,

Music Team:

Mick Boudreau, Music Director
Rob Schulz
Robbie Johnson

Table Leaders:

Mike Weaver
James Hurst
Dan Washa
Kevin Tansey
Chris Pinedo
Rick Gonzalez

Assistant Table Leaders:

David Sutherland
Chris Grove
Jason Rodriguez
Marty Adrian
Tyner Little
Bill Beck

Chas:

Shawn Christopher Co-HdCha, Philip Gagnon Co-HdCha
Robert Duenez, John Michael, Mike Lucente, Mark Montez, Daniel Marroquin,
Javier Gonzalez, Melvin Pressly, Mike Aguilar, Harry Grim, Monty Nichols,
Jeff Hunt, Alex Garcia, Tom Nier, Jay Ellis, Ricky Elizondo, Mark Roach,
Tommy Northcutt

Talk Schedule

Friday, September 12:

8:35 a.m. Priorities
John Michael
10:30 a.m. Grace
Rev. Billy Storms
1:10 a.m. Priesthood of all Believers
Mike Weaver
2:35 p.m. Faith
Rev. Ralph McMullen
6:50 p.m. Life in Piety
Chris Pinedo

Saturday, September 13:

8:20 a.m. Growth Through Study
Jesse Garcia
9:40 a.m. Sacraments
Fr. Bob Dunn
1:30 p.m. Christian Action
Marty Adrian
3:00 p.m. Obstacles to Grace
Fr. John Forbus
6:45 p.m. Discipleship
Larry Grove

Sunday, September 14:

9:15 a.m. Changing our World
Richard Dodson
10:15 a.m. Body of Christ
Rob Schulz
11:15 a.m. Perseverance & Fourth Day
Steve Ellis



Pilgrims:

Santos Aguilar
Freddy Cabral
Leon Cadieux
Robert Cancino
Esteban Cortinas (Steve)
Gabriel Duenez
Juan Flores
Alex Garza
Luis Garza
Eluterio Gomez
Orlando Gomez
Rolando Gonzalez (Roland)
Chris Grim
Scott Hans
Johnathan Hill (John)
Darvin Jones
Leandro Juarez (Lee)
Gary Knobles
David LeGros
James Matheny (Jimmy)
Oscar Montemayor
Johnny Moreno
Joe Ortega
Lauro Quintanilla (Larry)
Jerry Rivas
Felipe Salazar
Ben Schuette
Rey Tagle
Mark Torres
Ricardo Vega (Rick)

Community Schedule

Sponsor's Hour

Thursday, Sept. 11th
6:30pm

Candlelight

Saturday, Sept. 13th
8:00pm

Closing

Sunday, Sept, 14th
2:00pm





Women's Walk to Emmaus #1455

Sept. 18-21, 2008
Sallie Farrell, Lay Director



Guide me in your Truth and teach me You are God, my Savior and my hope is in you All day long. Psalm 25:5

The Lord has truly blessed us with a wonderful team. It is amazing to see us grow from individuals to sisters in Christ, building a body to fill our pilgrims with love. We want to thank you all for your prayers, support, love and agape.

Please join us for candlelight and share that glory. Closing is always such a rewarding ceremony so please try to be there for our pilgrims as well.

Sallie Farrell
Lay Director
Women's Walk #1455

Pilgrims

Patsy Bird
Krista Burk
Ann Bush
Wanda Ciochetto
Joy DuBois
Elizabeth Duncan
Heather Gregory
Jamie Jarrett
Arlene Jimenez
Tiffany Kayes
Edna Brown-Kronk
Betty Montgomery
Judi Oestreich
Rosa Pizzi
Christine Poe
Cynthia Pulido
Linda Rincon
Theresa Redondo
Linda Sager
Kathy Sanders
Suzanne Schultz
Arcy Scogin
Donna Sheffield
Teresa Silva
Suzi Stevens
Lu Webb
Joyce White
Margie Yaklin
Raquel Yzaguirreo

TEAM

Lay Director: Sallie Ferrell

Spiritual Director: Rev. Dana Hamilton

Asst. SD's: Rev. Lee Romero, Rev. Allen Mosiman, Rev. Linda Kessie and Rev. Debby Lake

ALD's: Nancy Clements, Betty Thomas and Kay Hoffman

Board Rep: Marilyn Yankee

Table Leaders: Susan Bixby, Susan Bateman, Karen Felts, Diana Moreno, Nancy Benson, and Jennifer Symthers

Assistant Table Leaders: Leah Galvan, Agnes Flores, Anne Mosiman, Joni Sutton, Eleanor Beck, Vivian Daniel

Music Team: Janice Bailey, Peggy Ansel, Ann Berry

Co-Head Angels: Andrea Skloss, Patti McBride

Angels: Doris Bishop, Sharon Bedford, Carla Gardiner, Lydia Trevino, Deana Martini, Kathy Westerman, Mary Babineaux, Gertrude Hubbard, Carol Baldwin, Carmen Easterday, Elaine Bridges, Josette Sanchez, Carol Moore, Anita Bantle, Brenda Revett, Deanne Ridenour, Doreen Harrell, Louise Bender, Kelle Clark

Prayer Chapel

Friday, September 19, 2008

8:50 am Priority
Nancy Clements
10:20 am Prevenient Grace
Rev. Debbie Lake
1:10 pm Priesthood of All Believers
Agnes Flores
2:40 pm Justifying Grace
Rev. Lee Romero
6:25 pm Life in Piety
Eleanor Beck

Saturday, September 20, 2008

8:10 am Grow Through Study
Joni Sutton
9:50 am Means of Grace
Rev. Dana Hamilton
2:55 pm Christian Action
Vivian Daniel
4:25 pm Obstacles to Grace
Rev. Allen Mosiman
6:45 pm Discipleship
Betty Thomas

Sunday, September 21, 2008

8:10 am Changing our World
Ann Mosiman
9:10 am Sanctifying Grace
Rev. Linda Kessie
10:35 am Body of Christ
Leah Galvan
11:30 am Perseverance
Sallie Ferrell
1:10 pm Fourth Day
Kay Hoffman



Thursday - Sept. 18
Sponsors Hour
6:30 pm

Saturday - Sept. 20
Candle light & Communion
8:00 pm

Sunday - Sept. 21
Closing
3:30 pm



KAIROS

Prison Ministry



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Matthew 25:35-36

Kairos (καιρός) is an [ancient Greek](#) word meaning a moment of undetermined period of time in which "something" special happens.

Kairos is a Christian lay-led, ecumenical, volunteer international prison ministry, that brings Christ's love and forgiveness to those who are incarcerated and their families.

There are three programs that Kairos is involved in. They are; Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch.

Kairos Inside deals with the spiritual needs of those who are incarcerated. This includes the women's units as well as the men's units. Teams of between 30 and 40 volunteers share the love of God and His forgiveness through Jesus Christ with those who are incarcerated. One of the great things about Kairos inside is the follow up. It all begins with the team going in and sharing Agape (God's Love) for three days, but it doesn't end there once a week they go in for what is called Prayer and Share. This time is similar to a reunion group. Also we go in once a month for a monthly meeting and twice a year for a two day event. These times are special and show the incarcerated we care.

Kairos Outside provides spiritual healing to families of the incarcerated. It deals with women loved ones of those who are incarcerated or who have recently been released. These women often feel like they are "doing time" as well. The Kairos Outside team is able to share Christ and His love with these ladies over a weekend. You should see the expressions on their faces during the walking in love service on Saturday Night (Candle Light).

Kairos Torch provides a ministry to youthful offenders, the most rapidly growing segment of the prison system. This program involves a long-term mentoring program.

Kairos of Texas Facts

We operate as a State Chapter of the Kairos Prison Ministry International Inc.

We serve in 39 units in TDCJ and FCI.

We support 7 Kairos Outside communities.

We have 1 active Kairos Torch program

Ways to Be Involved

Be a team member (Inside or support team).

Be a prayer partner.

Write letters, bake Cookies, make place mats, etc.

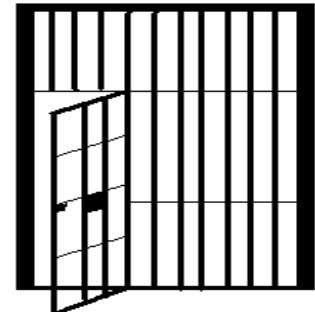
Be a sponsor (The guest do not pay).

If you would like to help contact;

Tom Mooney Rector Kairos #27 Beeville McConnell Unit t4moon@grandecom.net

Marila Coluna Leader Kairos Outside # 5 Corpus Christi marilac@grandecom.net

Becky Fisher Outreach Chair Kairos of Texas mbfisher@spct.net



**F
u
t
u
r
e

E
v
e
n
t
s**

Oct. 2-5, 2008
Women's JTD # 66
Jan Clark, Lay Director

Oct. 9-12, 2008
Men's Walk to Emmaus # 1463
David Grabbs, Lay Director

Oct. 9-12, 2008
Houston Women's JTD # 67
Joanne Krohn, Lay Director

Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2008
KAIROS #27
Tom Moony Rector

Nov. 14-16
KAIROS Outside #5
Marila Colunga Leader

Emmaus Etiquette Etc.

- * Please invite family and friends to Closing, but not to Candlelight (unless they have attended a 4th day event).
- * You may put your church name, reunion group or a scripture verse on agape, but not personal names.
- * Please do not give gifts to pilgrims at Candlelight or Closing.
- * Please refrain from reaching out to hug pilgrims at Candlelight, but by all means return a hug.
- Please consider supporting Emmaus by praying, providing agape and/or serving on a team.
- * Prayer Vigils are foundational to the success of Emmaus, sign up and pass it on!
- * Emmaus Scholarships are in need of replenishing— your green agape is appreciated.
- * Want to serve on a Emmaus team? Fill out a Team Service Application form found on website. You may also contact an upcoming LD, or Cindy McMahan, Database Coordinator at cindymcm7@grandecom.net or Gail Anderson at pga@agcm.cc

Newsletter Editor

Bob Holder
3621 Poplar St
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
334-5386 editorebec@gmail.com

Database Coordinator

Cindy McMahan
5906 McAlpin Dr
Corpus Christi, TX 78413
334-0443 cindymcm7@grandecom.net

Emmaus Information

Coastal Bend Emmaus Community
PO Box 324
Corpus Christi, TX 78403
H (361) 854-6326 C (361) 816-693
pga@agcm.cc

JTD Information

5620 Gollihar Rd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78412
Voice Mail: 1-888-546-7382
j2damascus@yahoo.com

Chrysalis Information

Minta Moore
P.O. Box 6830
Corpus Christi, TX 78466
361-949-6828 mintam@sbcglobal.net

**C
O
N
T
A
C
T
S**

2008/2009 EMMAUS BOARD

Lay Director	Gail Anderson
Asst. Lay Dir.	Jim Schuchardt
Co-Spiritual Directors	Rev. Gloria Lear Rev. Mark Porterfield
Treasurer	Gale Bridgeman

Website:
www.CoastalBendEmmaus.org

2007/2008 DAMASCUS BOARD

President	Jim Kollaja
Vice President	
Spiritual Director	Father Tom Goodwin
Asst SD's	Rev. Billy Storms
Treasurer	Leonard Lee

Website:
www.JourneyToDamascus.org

2008 CHRYSALIS BOARD

Lay Director	Minta Moore
Asst. Lay Dir.	Julie Brown
Spiritual Director	Rev. Chuck Miller

NEW WEB SITE:
www.ChrysalisCoastalBend.org

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Corpus Christi, TX
Permit No. 39

Coastal Bend Emmaus Community
5906 McAlpin Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78413
Return Service Requested