

# Rainbow Bend

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## Something to Think About

By Rev. Chuck Miller

To say that the U.S. economy is experiencing an “economic downturn,” is like saying that it can get “warm” in south Texas during the month of August.

Our government is pouring billions of dollars into an effort to bring the economy back from oblivion. I am no prognosticator of things financial, but still I can't help but wonder how much farther we are bound to sink. Businesses are either closing their doors or paring back as they try to survive. Schools and other institutions are laying off staff. Different forms of government are instituting hiring freezes. Hundreds of thousands have already lost their jobs and more soon will. Many of us have stood by helplessly as our 401K's shrink and our dreams of building a retirement nest egg go down the drain. This recession isn't just affecting people “out there” somewhere, it is impacting our friends, our family members and us...some much worse than others.

Even so...or perhaps even more so...this spiraling out of control is not a time to panic and succumb to fear. God says over and over again in the Bible: “Do not fear. Be not afraid. This too shall pass.” Someone researched God's petition to fear not and found 365 examples of this plea in the Scriptures. One for each day!

And in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus spoke words of eternal truth to remind us to trust God and to look to him for security: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

And then, a few verses later, he followed those words with this beautiful promise: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

“Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life...but strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today” (Matthew 6).

Several weeks ago I served on a Walk to Siloam. This walk is similar to the Walk to Emmaus, except it is designed for homeless men. For 72 hours a team of 35 guys served 32 gentlemen who had pretty much lost everything and carried on their backs the entirety of their earthly possessions. These men were recruited from various shelters and camps in Corpus Christi and Laredo. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> year we have held this Walk and it was our largest group of pilgrims to date. Some who had been pilgrims on earlier walks were now transformed and serving on the team. One of the men will be the Lay Director on next year's walk! We fed them, counseled with them, encouraged them and we did all of this to show them that they have worth and that not only does Jesus love them, but we do, too.

Working on these walks, I have discovered that being homeless is not what these men set out to be. In our “Icebreaker” on the first evening, we answer several questions concerning our family history, including, “What did I want to become when I grew up?” One man answered: “Anything but this!” For the most part, they wanted to become what all boys dream of: Being a firefighter, a police officer, a pilot, a cowboy.

But things happened in their lives and the majority of those things were out of their control. They grew up in severely dysfunctional families, they were abused, they did not get treatment for disorders such as addictive personalities and depression. Obviously, their role models were not the best. And because of that, many of them had made some bad choices.

Still, most of them had not given in to hopelessness. Perhaps that's because a great percentage of the men were faithful Christians. They were bright, loving, caring and talented...and, as hard as it might be to believe...even happy.

One morning I was in the coffee room when a man I will call Ray came in with a big grin on his face. It was 6:15 and I thought he was nuts. No one is that happy at that time of morning and for certain not before you get that first cup of coffee! “How's it going, Ray,” I inquired. “What are you so happy about?” As he was pouring a cup of coffee, he said, “God has blessed me!” “Good,” I replied, “how?” “I woke up this morning,” he said cheerfully. And then he added, “IN A BED!!!”

I was convicted. How was it that Ray was so full of joy as he experienced the most simple blessings of life while I was worrying about how much my retirement program would plummet this day? Why don't I bless God each morning for the gift of a new day and the breath to live it? Why don't I bless God for a roof over my head and a safe place to lay my head? Why don't I bless God for food and family, for health and a vocation, for the network of love and support that makes up each and every minute of each and every day of my life? I am sinfully blessed! Why don't I act like it?

When I arrived at the Walk to Siloam Thursday, I was prepared to show 32 men a thing or two about the love of God. But as I drove home from the retreat 3 days later, I had to admit that it was I who had been shown. “But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong” (1 Corinthians 1:27).

Who are the foolish/wise? Who are the weak/strong? Think on these things this Lenten Season as the recession extends and we are called to trust more fully on God's promise to provide. Think on these things the next time you see the Rays of the world walking the streets, who, like the Son of Man, have no place to lay their heads, but still find reason to praise the God who created them in God's very image.

Dearest Emmaus Family,

The Lord has done a mighty work in our community these past twenty-five years through Emmaus and other Fourth Day Groups. Our community would not have been able to grow and blossom into one of the largest communities in the world without His anointing.

While we planted seeds, it is the Lord who nurtured, loved and caused them to blossom. If you have been fortunate enough to serve on a team, then you have been blessed to watch the greatest Master Gardener of all time. Weeds, dried flowers and prickly cactus are turned into a beautiful spring bouquet. Truly a thing to marvel.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 says *"There is an appointed time for everything...A time to plant, and a time to up-root what is planted...A time to tear down, and a time to build up."* After cancelling the Men's February Walk, the Emmaus Board decided it was time to prune. Starting in 2010, we are cutting back one men's and one women's Walk. We recently pruned the bougainvilleas in front of our house and they have come back fuller and more vibrant than ever before. I suspect the Walk will be the same.

John 15:1-5 *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

Come to Candlelight to share the light of Christ and come to Closing to see the light of Christ. Have you heard the word of their testimony?

I've been healed and rejuvenated.

I've been made clean.

A heavy burden has been lifted.

I got rid of anger I didn't know I had.

I felt incredibly, overwhelming loved by God.

I've been born again!

Gail Anderson  
Community Lay Director

## A Reminder

It is that time of the year again. The Coastal Bend Emmaus Board is soliciting name for consideration as future board members. If you have anyone in mind who would be willing to serve please let a current board member know. You can call or e-mail Gail Anderson at H (361) 854-6326 C (361) 816-6937 pga@agcm.cc or you can e-mail me at editorcbec@gmail.com.

Your Editor  
Bob Holder

## Girls' Chrysalis Flight #312

The girls' chrysalis team has begun preparing for this summer's flight. Flight #312 will be held June 11-14, 2009 at the Queen of Peace retreat center. The fee for the weekend remains at \$160. If you know of any young lady between the ages of 15 and 24, please pray about sponsoring them on this flight. We are also in need of pillow agape and food agape as the weekend gets closer. Please keep the flight, team, and candidates in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact me at 361-358-1709 or fullmoonwalk@yahoo.com.

Fly with Christ,  
Judy Luna

## Request From Your Editor

Future Lay Directors. Please e-mail me your information as soon as your walk makes. Send your logo, scripture verse, team members, event schedules, contact information and pilgrims. I can always update you information up till the day before I go to print. Bob Holder editorcbec@gmail.com. If you can please use Microsoft Office Word to attach you information to your e-mail.

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Bob Holder



# Women's Walk to Emmaus #1494

April 16-19, 2009  
Alene Snodgrass LD



**"Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy."**

Joshua 5:15

After our first meeting, this team was described as a place where the Lord was on fire with passion and enthusiasm. God knew what He was doing when He brought this incredible group of women together. He has called us to serve the pilgrims He is bringing to Walk #1494. We have the resources and creativity to change another's world. We will love extravagantly and serve wholeheartedly for we are standing on holy ground.



DeColores  
Alene Snodgrass LD

## Team

**LD:** Alene Snodgrass

**SD:** Linda Elford

### **ALD's**

Elaine Brundrett

Stephanie Christina

Judi Storms

### **ASD's**

Pamela Dykehouse

Billy Storms

Jason Adams

Trudy Paul

### **TL's:**

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Judy Bolten

DeAnne Ridenour

Jody Kuhl

Carol Pearson

Brenda Revett

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Ellen May

Sharon Meadors

Kristen Reyna

Sandra Staley

Kim Womack

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Beverly Montuori

Bianca Chapdelaine

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Carole Peterson

Debbi Burnett

Heather Spragins

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Marlene' Smith

Michelle Calvert

Misti Schroll

Monica Bailey

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Tarah Durbin

Elvia Thompson

## Music Team

Kay Carlson Music Director

Cathy Cole-Perez

Susan Majek

## Friday, April 17

8:50 a.m. Priorities

10:20 a.m. Prevenient Grace

1:10 p.m. Priesthood of All Believers

2:40 p.m. Justifying Grace

6:25 p.m. Life in Piety

## Saturday, April 18

8:10 a.m. Growth through Study

9:50 a.m. Means of Grace

2:55 p.m. Christian Action

4:25 p.m. Obstacles to Grace

6:45 p.m. Discipleship

## Sunday, April 19

8:10 a.m. Changing Our World

9:10 a.m. Sanctifying Grace

10:35 a.m. Body of Christ

11:30 a.m. Perseverance

1:10 p.m. Fourth Day

Stephanie Christina

Pamela Dykehouse

Sharon Meadors

Billy Storms

Kim Womack

Judi Storms

Linda Elford

Heather Higgins

Jason Adams

Ellen May

Kristen Reyna

Trudy Paul

Sandra Staley

Alene Snodgrass

Elaine Brundrett

## Pilgrims

Beth Adams

Robin Blue

Charmin Bryan

Evy Coppola

Betty Cornelius

Denita Craft

Kathie Fling

Rachelle Graham

Heather Gregory

TJ Hamick

Kathy Haralson

Sandy Hattoy

Sylvia Jimenez

Sherry Kinney

Kim Large

Robin Larkin

Veronica Lopez

Lynette Mareth

Carolyn Morgan

Shannon Nesrsta

Laura Noyola

Mary Anne Reeder

Celia Rivera

Bonnie Shetler

Jimmie Smith

Gilda Tamar

Jennifer Valdez

Sharon Williams

Dorothy Wilson

## Community Schedule

Thursday April 16th

6:30pm Sponsor's Hour

Saturday April 18th

8:00pm Candlelight

Sunday April 19th

3:00 Closing

**Contact the Lay Director Alene Snodgrass  
directly for registration and questions.**

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# Women's JTD #71

April 23-26

Jennifer Sehy LD



**“Rejoice and leap for joy on that day. Behold, your reward will be great in Heaven.”**

Luke 6:23

Perseverance and trust are two words that come to mind when I reflect on this weekend's verse. Most people cannot persevere without the encouragement and help of others. And in order to let people encourage and help you, you must trust in others. The awesome team members of JTD#71 have persevered throughout these past several months with the community's sacrifice and support, in both prayer and in deed, to truly help build up the Body of Christ. Please continue praying for the team of JTD#71 and the pilgrims God has called to this journey. We will all rejoice together with the pilgrims at candlelight as we share the good news of God's love and grace.

DeColores  
Jenny Sehy LD

### Journey # 71 Team:

Jenny Sehy, LD  
Fr. Richard Gonzales, SD  
Sister Angela Murdaugh, ASD  
Sister Rosa Ortiz, ASD  
Rev. Billy Storms, ASD  
Donna DeGaish, ALD  
Delma Garza, ALD  
Lisa Langton, ALD  
Katelijne Acker, Bd. Rep

### Table Leaders:

Diane Estringel  
Audrey Gonzalez  
Jessica Lugo  
Vicki Shull  
Patricia Stegall  
Wanda Wilson

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Betty Lloyd  
Gracie Pena  
Sandi Rodriguez  
Norma Rodriguez  
Pauline Wakonyo

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RoseMary Garza, Co-HA  
Gracie Martin, Co-HA  
Susie Davis  
Cynthia Delao  
Marina Hays  
Karina Lerma  
Rose Ann Lugo  
Celeste Lutz  
Brenda Olivares  
Linda Olson  
Valerie Pompa  
Angie Ramirez  
Melba Ramos  
Grace Reyes

### Angels Cont.

Terrie Rios  
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Nellie Serna  
Peggy Smith  
Jennifer Smith  
Dora Tracy  
Sara Villarreal

### Music Team

Melanie Brown, Co-Music Director  
Michele Gonzalez, Co-Music Director  
Hilda Gonzalez  
Jackie Heath  
Heidi Schneider



### Pilgrims

Gloria Adrian  
Amy Aguirre  
Vicky Asevedo  
Arleen Benavidez  
Karen Burkhart  
Paula Gorham  
Norma King  
Stella Nepote  
Debra (Debbie) Salazar

### Talk Schedule

#### Friday, April 24, 2009:

Priorities 8:30 am Lisa Langton  
Grace 10:30 am Rev. Billy Storms  
Priesthood of All Believers 1:10 pm Nellie Serna  
Faith 2:30 pm Sister Angela Murdaugh  
Life in Piety 6:50 pm Cynthia Delao

#### Saturday, April 25, 2009:

Growth Through Study 8:20 am Grace Reyes  
Sacraments 9:40 am Fr. Richard Gonzales  
Christian Action 1:30 pm Delma Garza  
Obstacles to Grace 3:00 pm Sister Rosa Ortiz  
Discipleship 6:30 pm Jennifer Smith  
Love and Unity (at Candlelight)  
8:00 pm Valerie Pompa

#### Sunday, April 26, 2009:

ChangingOur World 9:15 am Karina Lerma  
Body of Christ 10:15 am Donna DeGaish  
Perseverance/4th Day 11:15 am Jenny Sehy



### Community Schedule

Thursday April 23rd  
6:30pm Sponsor's Hour  
Saturday April 25th  
8:00pm Candlelight  
Sunday April 26th  
2:00 Closing



# Houston Women's JTD #72

Apr.30 - May 3  
Sandy Steffes LD

**“And these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But, the greatest of these is Love.”**

1 Corinthians 13:13

I have never experienced such an overwhelming feeling of **Love**. The women who have come forward to answer the call to join the JTD #72 ~~all are filled with~~ this **Love**. From those who said yes to being on my St. Elsewhere, to those who are serving on the Team and yes, even to those who are unable to serve on the team but have offered their services elsewhere – they all have heard the call. They know that they are here to serve the Pilgrims and our Lord. I must add a very special thank you to my reunion group: “Sisters in Spirit” – they are my support and have served with much **LOVE**.

We feel the **love** and support of all the communities: Damascus, Emmaus all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We ask for your continued prayers, gifts of agape and your attendance at Candlelight (if possible) to show your **Love** of Christ to the Pilgrims.

De Colores, and I pray the Holy Spirit remains with you always!

## Journey #72 Team

Sandy Steffes, LD  
Fr. Carl Tenhundfeld, SD  
Pastor Jeff Reese, Asst.  
SD  
Rev. Brett Hurst, Asst. SD  
Nonie O'Toole, ALD  
Pam Peters, ALDCara  
Vann, ALD  
Trish Eramo, Obs LD  
Laura Rooney, Board Rep.  
Becky Elder, Head Angel  
Lori Erwin, Head Angel

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Lelia McDiarmid  
Michelle Millhollon  
Cindy Ramirez  
Kristin Rehel  
Theresa White

## ATL's

Kim Bednarz  
Felicia Brewer  
Laurie Brignace  
Lynda Gonzalez  
Mary Kaiser

## Angels

Becky Elder, Head Angel  
Lori Erwin, Head Angel  
Anna Adrian (Speaker Angel)  
Kiyomi Armistead  
Stacy Austin  
Billie Becak  
Connie Chirco  
Julie Chovanetz  
Beverly Cunningham  
Pat Davidson  
Edna Dunger (Chapel Angel)  
Lead Godfrey

## Angels Cont.

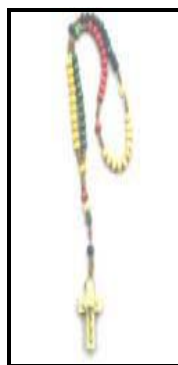
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Susanna Clark  
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Charlotte Constantine  
Sharon Ehrenkranz  
Shirley Erwin  
Chre Folse  
Joan Hastreiter  
Sherry Heller  
Elizabeth Henson  
Megan Jones  
Natasha King  
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Jean Palmer  
Jill Pollard  
Lori Rust  
Judy Schwartz  
Fran Simon  
Diane Sonier  
Marsha Spenser  
Kara Thompson  
Evelyn Tofte

## Talk Schedule

Thursday, April 30:  
Ecumenism Pastor Jeff Reese  
Friday, May 1:  
Priorities Theresa White  
Grace Rev. Brett Hurst  
Priesthood of All Believers Cara Vann  
Faith Pastor Jeff Reese  
Life in Piety Nonie O'Toole  
Saturday, May 2:  
Growth Through Study Pam Peters  
Sacraments Fr. Carl Tenhundfeld  
Christian Action Becca McDowell  
Obstacles to Grace Pastor Jeff Reese  
Discipleship Anne-Marie Pierce  
Love and Unity (Candlelight) Trish Eramo  
Sunday, May 3:  
Changing Our World Mary Clare Cullen  
Body of Christ Becky Elder  
Perseverance/4<sup>th</sup> Day Sandy Steffes

## Community Schedule

Thursday April 30th  
6:30pm Sponsor's Hour  
Saturday May 2nd  
8:00pm Candlelight  
Sunday May 3rd  
2:00 Closing

# KAIROS of Texas Receives Award from TDCJ



## Texas Board of Criminal Justice

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Oliver J. Bell  
Chairman

February 24, 2009

Mr. Edward Keefer  
KAIROS of Texas  
1404 Cedar Park Dr.  
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Dear Mr. Keefer,

Congratulations! KAIROS of Texas has been selected to receive a prestigious Governor's Criminal Justice Volunteer Service Award. To be chosen is truly an honor, and the Texas Board of Criminal Justice would like to recognize KAIROS of Texas for the time and service they have so graciously shared with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the State of Texas.

Along with your fellow award recipients, the Board would like to present KAIROS of Texas this award during its scheduled April Board meeting. This recognition will take place at 11:00 A.M. on April 3, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 6121 North IH-35, in Austin, Texas.

As details are finalized, additional information on this event, to include arrival time and directions to the hotel, will be forwarded to you. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Susan McHenry, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, at (512) 463-5069.

Once again, congratulations for a job well done. I hope you and/or a representative of KAIROS of Texas will be able to join us on April 3, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oliver J. Bell".

Oliver J. Bell  
Chairman

# Future Events

M JTD #73  
May 14-17  
Richard Dodson LD



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE SPIRIT OF GOD

M Walk #1505  
June 18-21  
Ken Harrelson

## Emmaus Community Needs

The Walk to Emmaus Community is currently updating it's resource list. We are looking for members of the community who have golf carts, or mules that can be used during a walk weekend and/or pickups that can be used Saturday for setup or return of materials. If you have access to these resources, please contact Scott Sherman at (361) 991-2279 [ordrwscott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ordrwscott@sbcglobal.net)

Scott



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## WANTED

### People With a Servants Heart

The Coastal Bend Emmaus Community is needing a couple of willing servants. We are in need of a person to take on the job of Prayer Vigil Coordinator and Data Base Coordinator these people will also need to be willing to serve on the Emmaus Board. If God puts one of these opportunities to serve on you heart please contact Gail Anderson at H (361) 854-6326 C (361) 816-6937 or by e-mail [pga@agcm.cc](mailto:pga@agcm.cc)

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