

Rainbow Bend

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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

May the New Year find you well and living in His grace. 'Tis a great time for reflections and resolutions. As we usher in 2009, we say goodbye to 2008 and the Coastal Bend Emmaus Communities' 25th Anniversary. Special thanks to Eleanor McKinney, Paul Zanetti, Leonard Anderson, Rev. Billy Storms, Patti Nance and Craig Adams, who contributed articles this past year.

Did you know in the past 25 years we've had:

138 Walks, (80 women and 58 men)

Half of these Walks were in the last eight years

16 husbands and wives serve as Lay Directors as well as a father and daughter

Over 5400 pilgrims and countless lives changed

Did you know in 1990 there was a one year waiting list to attend a Walk? The cost to attend a Walk has increased from \$60 to \$170, but is still priceless. In 1996, the Upper Room said First United Methodist Church had more Emmaus members than any other congregation in the United States. You can find your Walk Number, Lay Director and other interesting facts on our website: coastalbendemmas.org/HISTORY.htm.

Did you know members of Walk to Emmaus have been instrumental in starting Chrysalis, Journey to Damascus, Kairos, Kairos Outside and Walk to Siloam here locally as well as starting Fourth Day communities in the Rio Grande Valley, Brazos Valley, Houston, New England, Germany, Zimbabwe and Hong Kong? Did you know in 1984 there were 44 Fourth Day Emmaus communities, 120 in 1990, and today there are 393 communities worldwide?

Did you know this would not be possible without an amazing group of saints who have gone before us? People just like you and me, who said yes to going on a weekend Walk and ended up on a lifetime journey. Do you remember those two questions at Closing: *What has this Walk to Emmaus meant to me and What am I going to do about it?* When I answered those questions, my husband said no one could understand what I was saying; I was blubbering through choked tears. In the Old Testament, men fell face down in the presence of the Lord. As for me I dissolve into tears finding His love totally overwhelming. 1 John 3:1 *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

Have you reflected on those questions and your own faith journey? I don't think anybody responded to those questions with the expectation of starting a Walk to Emmaus in a community halfway around the world or a Walk for the homeless. I think what those saints did do is to surrender daily, set priorities and be intentional in their Christian walk. Sound familiar?

We have much to be thankful for. The great cloud of saints who have gone before us and continue to carry out the Great Commission. Our Emmaus Board members, the Walk teams, the clergy and our wonderful community who tirelessly prepare agape, pray and come to Candlelight and Closing. Our Lord who loves us unconditionally, gave us His only begotten Son and left us with His Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us.

New Year's Resolution: To have seven of the Best Walks Ever in 2009! I hope you will consider giving the gift that never stops giving – a closer walk with the Lord through the Walk to Emmaus.

May the Lord bless you, your loved ones and the work of your hands in the New Year.

DeColores
Gail
Community Lay Director



Women's WTE #1477

Nancy Gunter LD

January 22-25



"Be still and know that I am God" Psalms 46:10

It is hard to be still and spend time with the Holy One. Our prayers are for the community to take time to be **Still and Pray** for this group of pilgrims and team members. God has been at work with this team for months. We have all changed in wonderful ways as we have prepared for the miracles ahead.

DeColores

Nancy Gunter LD

<u>Team Members</u>		COMMUNITY SCHEDULE	Thursday - January 22		<u>Pilgrims</u>			
<u>Saint Elsewhere</u>			Thursday - January 22	Sponsors Hour	Consuelo Benavides			
Nancy Gunter	LD			6:30 pm	Diane Blacklock			
Julie Galbraith	ALD		Saturday - January 24	Candle light & Communion	Melinda Bottino			
Malynda McNeil	ALD		8:00 pm	Terry Burkett				
Marche Kennedy	ALD			Virginia Nichols-Coots				
Janice Bailey	Bd. Rep.			Gayle Cordell				
<u>Spiritual Team</u>			Sunday - January 25	Carrie Gunter				
Rev. Chuck Miller	SD		Closing	Kiesha Hall				
Fr. Eddie Garcia	ASD		3:30 pm	Kathleen Howden				
Rev. Allen Mosiman	ASD			Jamie Jarrett				
Rev. Bill Duke	ASD			Leslee O'Neal				
Rev. Trudy Paul	ASD			Beverly Palas				
<u>Tables</u>				Sharon Rodrigez				
Amy Jones	TL				Aracelin Scogin			
Bobbi Stottlemeyer	TL				Micki Teague			
Gwyn Gunter	TL				Barbara VanMeter			
Kae Berry	TL				Sandra Whetstone			
Kim Labonte	TL							
Linda Miller	TL							
Andrea Tippit	ATL							
Frances Wolter	ATL							
Joni Kurz	ATL							
Kendall Hart	ATL							
Lesley Hart	ATL							
Penny McCool	ATL							
<u>Angels</u>				Chapel / TalkSchedule				
Sandy Uhlenhaker	Head Angel			Friday				
Amanda Mendez	Angel			9:20	Priorities	Julie Galbraith		
Becky Stalcup	Angel			10:55	Prevenient Grace	Rev. Bill Duke		
Bernice Bevers	Angel			1:30	Priesthood of all Believers	Frances Wolter		
Elizabeth Longoria	Angel			3:00	Life of Piety	Lesli Hart		
Erica Devantier	Angel			6:25	Justifying Grace	Fr. Eddie Garcia		
Jane Wolter-Williamson	Angel			Saturday				
Kelly Kurz	Angel			8:40	Growth Through Study	Penny McCool		
Krystal Porter	Angel			10:20	Means of Grace	Rev. Chuck Miller		
Marianne Robert	Angel			3:00	Christian Action	Marshe Kennedy		
Mary Holder	Angel			4:25	Obstacles of Grace	Rev. Allen Mosiman		
Mary Jayne Smith	Angel			6:55	Discipleship	Joni Kurz		
Mendy Meurer	Angel			Sunday				
Patty Cox	Angel			8:00	Changing Our World	Andrea Tippit		
Shauna Robinson	Angel			9:00	Sanctifying Grace	Rev. Trudy Paul		
Susan Johnson	Angel			10:35	Body of Christ	Kendall Hart		
Tonya Lee	Angel							
<u>Chapel</u>								
Kim Hammer								
<u>Music Team</u>								
Blanche Salazar								
Carol Scott								
Crystal Harris								



Houston Men's JTD # 68

Steve Hanshaw LD

January 22-25, 2009



The Holy Spirit has continued to lead this team and provide numerous blessings as we prepare our minds and hearts to welcome each pilgrim that is lead to Journey #68. We thank the Damascus, ACTS, Cursillo, and Emmaus communities for their prayers and support. Please lift up the team and the pilgrims in your prayers and we look forward to seeing you at Candlelight on January 24th at Circle Lake Retreat Center at 8:00 pm.

Steve Hanshaw
Lay Director



Journey

#68 Team:

Steve Hanshaw	Lay Director
Fr Carl Tenhundfeld	SD
Rev. Jeff Rees	ASD
Deacon George Trosclair	ASD
Mark Eramo	ALD
Stan Ackerman	ALD
Tim Cullen	ALD
Dan Clark	Board Rep

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Kenneth Stanley
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Mike Merritt
Dave Edwards
Gary Arrington

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Tom Andreo

Asst. Head Cha

Joe Chirco

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Martin Doublesin

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Darron Garza
Daniel Garza
Greg Vann

Pilgrims

George Garcia
Ken Hanshaw
Dick Hogan
Mark Hudek
Brian Kelsch
William Letendre
Mike Luster
Michael Mackey
Jeff Schiller
Lee Schmoe
Gene Wittorf



Talk Schedule

Jan 23
8:30 am Priorities.....Joe Chirco
10:30 am Grace..... Deacon George Trosclair
1:10 pm Priesthood of All Believers Stan Ackerman
2:30 pm Faith Rev. Jeff Rees
6:50 pm Life in Piety Tim Cullen

Jan 24
8:00 am Growth Through StudyJohn Fetzer
9:40 am SacrementsFr. Carl Tenhundfeld
1:45 pm Christian ActionMark Eramo
3:05 pm Obstacles to GraceDeacon George Trosclair
6:25 pm DiscipleshipVan Dewitt
8:15 pm Love and UnityDan Clark

Jan 25
9:15 am Changing Our WorldBill Copenhaver
10:15 am Body of ChristIan Cullen
11:25 am Perserverance & 4th DaySteve Hanshaw





Women's JTD #69

Laura Cantwell LD

February 6-8



“This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you”

(John 15:12).

Through months of team meetings and prayers, the JTD #69 team has been building a bond of spirit filled fellowship and is ready to serve our savior, Jesus Christ. It has been an awesome experience to be a part of this ministry as I've watched the team members unselfishly offer their gifts, talents, and time to serve our Lord. The love and support of the Damascus and Emmaus communities is, as always, such a wonderful blessing. We ask for your continued prayers, gifts of agape, and your attendance at Candlelight to shine the love of Christ on these pilgrims.

DeColores and may God Bless you all
Laura Cantwell, Lay Director

Journey # 69 Team:

Laura Cantwell	LD
Fr. Paul Hesse	SD
Chaplain Cherie Hopkins	ASD
Sister Angela Murdaugh	ASD
Rev. Billy Storms	ASD
Theresa Arizmendi	ALD
Sandra Bocanegra	ALD
Terri-Lynne Schofield	ALD
Jenny Sehy	Obs. LD
Melissa Ricard	Bd. Rep

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Evon Kelly
Gwen Kelly
Clare Smith
Felicia Trevino

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Mari Colunga
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Tama Boggan
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Cheryl Calvez
Camille Chapman
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Linda Gallagher
Valerie Gomez
Irene Lugo
Shanna McVay
Esperanza Medina
Loretta Pressly
Martha Ruiz
Kymberli Senger
Nancy Teel
Joanne Tiller
Angie Vasquez
Denise Villareal

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- Alma Hernandez
- Shirley Laurence
- Susan Ortiz
- Dorothy Parker
- Ronna Cartwright
- Kitty Rohlf
- Michelle Davis
- Mary Buckley-Markos
- Brigitte Knoblauch
- Denise O'Neill
- Sandra Mirabal
- Lori Hessel
- Lisa Newell
- Susan Dalrymple
- Anna Jimenez-Martinez
- Celina Rodriguez
- Elizabeth (Libby) Trevino
- Ernestine (Tina) Panek
- Lydia Adrian (Lil) Castillo
- Hortencia Adrian
- Mary Lou (Mary) Navarro
- Thelma Bernal
- Karen Villarreal
- Margarita (Maggie) Rangel
- Darlett Valadez
- Margaret Henrikson
- Stacy Knippa
- Norma Zepeda
- Linda Garcia
- Cynthia (Cyndi) Cartwright
- Annette Thornton
- Judy Gale
- Roxanna (Rox) Williams
- Elaine Hoffman
- Josephine (Josie) Narvaez
- Paula Dowell

Music Team

Marila Colunga, Music Director
Deb Cartwright
Phyllis Stubbs
Jo Fern Thomas

Talk Schedule:

February 6:

Priorities 8:30am Theresa Arizmendi
Grace 10:30am Sis. Angela Murdaugh-
Priesthood of All Believers 1:10pm
Mari Colunga

Faith 2:30pm Chaplain Cheri Hopkins
Life in Piety 6:50 pm Martha Ruiz

February 7:

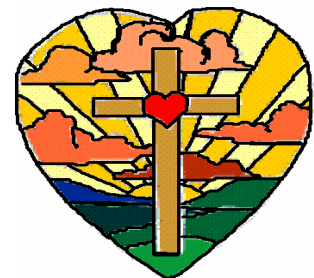
Growth Through Study 8:20am
Felicia Trevino
Sacraments 9:40 am Fr. Paul Hesse
Christian Action 1:30pm
Michele Hoelscher

February 7:

Obstacles to Grace 3:00pm
Rev. Billy Storms
Discipleship 6:30pm
Sandra Bocanegra
Love and Unity 8:00pm Melissa Ricard

February 8:

Changing Our World 9:15am
Terri-Lynne Schofield
Body of Christ 10:15am Evon Kelly
Perseverance/4th Day 11:15am
Laura Cantwell



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February 19-22
Men's WTE #1482
Grant Haralson LD

Feb 26th-Mar1st
Walk to Salom #6
Mark DeKoch LD

April 2-5
Men's JTD #70
Hector Salinas LD

Mark Your Calendars

Please plan to join us to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Journey to Damascus at the 2009 Journey to Damascus Pot Luck Gathering **Friday, January 23, 2009 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Most Precious Blood's Parish Hall 3502 Saratoga Blvd, Corpus Christi, Texas 78415**

Praise and Worship Music

Fourth Day Speaker

Covered Dish Supper (bring your favorite dish)

Everyone involved in the Journey, Walk, Chrysalis and Cursillo is invited to attend this annual event of fellowship and food! Please remember to bring your lanyards and nametags from your weekend.

Your "significant other" and children are invited to attend even if they have not participated in a weekend.

Child care will be available as well.

Pot Luck Assignments (by your last name):

A-G Meat

H-M Vegetable or Salad

N-R Dessert

S-Z Meat

JTD Board will provide ice tea, bread, plates, cups, and plastic ware

Please join us!

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