

Rainbow Bend

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Miscellaneous items:

1. Sponsors are encouraged to read steps on Sponsoring a pilgrim, see <http://www.coastalbendemmaus.org/SPONSORSHIP.htm>
2. Pilgrim application can be found at <http://www.coastalbendemmaus.org/schedule.htm>
3. Scholarships are available on a first come basis
4. Signup for Prayer Vigil at CoastalBendEmmaus.org website
5. Contact Judi Storms if you are interested in serving on an Emmaus team: judistorms@gmail.com or (361) 960-2238



JTD #80 Thank You

On behalf of the team and pilgrims of Journey to Damascus #80, I would like to send everyone many thanks and blessings for your support and prayers. This community is so strong and supportive that each and every team is blessed with your wonderful gifts of agape, prayers, and support at Candlelight and Closing. The team and pilgrims were touched beyond what words can express. We had a lot of healing and changed hearts during the weekend. The presence of God was overwhelming during the team formation and weekend. It was a blessing to be able to serve as God's humble servants on JTD #80. Thank you again for your prayers and support and for the opportunity to serve as the Lay Director on this incredible weekend.

DeColores and Blessings.
Terri-Lynne Schofield

Christian Action

Corpus Christi Metro Ministries has been serving the poor and homeless for 28 years and relies heavily on our community for its volunteer help and funding. Volunteers are needed to serve food at Loaves and Fishes as well as doctors and nurses for the Gabbard Health Clinic. If you can help, please contact Ruby Cantu at 887-0151 ext 231.

Unity in Service

One of the things I appreciate about our fourth day groups is how God uses all different religious groups to fulfill the great commission. God didn't make denomination or independent groups. He did call us to be His church. We are to be one body, but many members. The bible teaches we all have a place and no one is more important than the other.

Something that has troubled me of late is that I see some with the attitude that, "If it's not done my way it's wrong." Is this what God wants from us. We need to get back to what God wants and not what we want.

I snuggled down on one of those cold rainy nights over the Christmas holidays and started reading Testimonies from the Body of Christ, a collection of 90-some testimonies written largely by local folks. I couldn't help but cheat a little by flipping to the end of the story to see who wrote it first. I knew the book was going to be good, but it far exceeded my expectations. I love that it is written by ordinary people like you and me; sharing how they came to know or encountered Jesus. It's authentic, gut-wrenching and heart-warming.

There are stories of anger, fear, unworthiness, growing up in church, falling away, rebellion, alcohol, drugs, miracles, healings, and always God's grace...it is, overall, the story of the human race. You will personally relate to one or more of the stories and especially be touched by their honesty. Many of the contributors have participated on a Walk to Emmaus or Journey to Damascus and shared how much that influenced their spiritual journey.

What makes this different from other "feel good" stories like Chicken Soup for the Soul, is that it glorifies our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit practically flies off each page. If you have yet to pen your testimony, I would encourage you to do so. Even though Christmas has passed, it would be wonderful gift to honor Jesus. Several of the authors said this was their first time to write or share their testimony and they found it personally fulfilling. They were blessed by recalling how Christ had worked in their lives; how He had loved, comforted, encouraged and forgiven them. When I was an unbeliever, one of the things that drew me most to Christians was their authenticity. They had problems just like I did, but were willing to share rather than hide them. I learned at a recent Apologetics seminar that there are several ways we can verify that a story is true (such as a bible story). One of the most reliable verifications is the story is told firsthand, by an eye witness, and another way is called the principle of embarrassment. In other words, most people would not falsify a failure or embarrassing story about themselves. The bible and Testimonies from the Body of Christ are full of these kinds of stories that we can all relate to.

While sharing your story is not only an uplifting experience and benefits others, we are also encouraged to do so through God's Word.

Jesus' last words in Acts 1:8b "*you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the end of the earth*".

Heb 13:15-16 "*Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name*".

1 Peter 3:15 "*sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear*".

Rev 12:11 "*And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony*".

Thanks to Terri Shook, the author and to all the men and women who submitted their story making it possible to publish Testimonies from the Body of Christ. Proceeds from the book go to help 14-year old Taylor Berry with his heart transplant expenses. God speed Taylor. We are praying for your healing. You can read more about Taylor at

<http://www.fromthebody.org/>.

Also available is a CD *Child, You're Not Alone* by Cheri Milam Roman, proceeds go to Taylor's Transplant Foundation, purchase information can be found @ <http://www.fromthebody.org/>

Emmaus Team Service Application

This is a renewal or update of my information already on file
(Please print & fill out completely)

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female Birth Year _____
(First) (Last) (Defaults to 1900 is left blank)

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (work): _____ (cell): _____ (other): _____

Email: _____ Other email: _____

Church Home: _____ Denomination: _____

Pilgrim Information:

I was a pilgrim/butterfly on: Emmaus # _____ Chrysalis # _____ (Other) _____ # _____

My pilgrim walk/flight was: Month _____ Year _____ Lay Director _____

Application information:

I would like to serve on a team for: (check all that apply) Angel / Cha Table or Asst Table Leader Asst LD

Music Singer Instrument(s) _____

I am a Medical professional (occupation & title) _____

Place me on track to eventually serve as a Lay Director I qualify as Clergy

Are you active in local Emmaus gatherings? Yes No Are you active in a Reunion Group? Yes No

Previous Team experience: (The team Selection Committee is charged with maintaining a balance of experience on each team.)

Please fill out as completely as possible)

List current or most recent team first

Emmaus # _____ Position: _____ Date: _____ Lay Director: _____

Chrysalis # _____

Other # _____ Talk Given: _____ Location: _____

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(List additional experience on separate page)

Please update your information after serving on a team. This application is kept for 5 years.

Submit a new application after that date if you wish to remain in the Team Selection Database.

Mail form to: Emmaus Database, PO Box 12, Bishop, TX 78343 or email to databsecbec@gmail.com

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Future Events

CC W JTD #82
April 22-25 , 2010
Loretta Pressly LD

M WTE # 1558
April 29-May 2, 2010
Ed Schetzslie LD

H W JTD #83
April 29-May 2, 2010
Pam Peters LD



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