



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 (Zoom)

ALL ARE WELCOME

"Christ Is Counting On You"

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Mary D (D'Alessio)

August 1, 2020

Even in the throes of a pandemic life goes on. Throes? What does that mean? Google it and you'll discover that this noun is defined as "intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or great change." So, I think *throes* fittingly fit the season in which we find ourselves. We are indeed struggling to cope with all the pain and upheaval around us as death stalks us; and "a given" in these days is indeed great change. I know I'm not alone in saying, "I don't like this, not one bit. I want this nightmare to end!" Yet the Spirit reminds me that this "intense or violent pain and struggle", this *throes*, can also accompany birth.

Let us remember Paul's words to the Romans when speaking of God, *the* Promise Keeper, and the faith and righteousness of Abraham "who was fully

persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised." Of this One, Paul wrote, "...the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were" (5:18-25). Let us remember Eliphaz's words to Job (Job 5:9) concerning this God: "He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted." And let us remember what John heard from the mouth of the One seated on the throne, (Revelation 21:5a) "...I am making everything new!"

So, my friends, as we wait for the rescue of God, be encouraged. Let us keep our gaze fixed firmly on Jesus the Christ and hear anew the prophet Isaiah share God's words to us today, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when

you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you" (Isaiah 43:1b-3a,4a).

Friends, the God of Life is on His throne high above the chaos. In the midst of intense pain and struggle He is with us. Praise God! He calls us his own.
DeColores!

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"Pastor Stephen transferred to his new church in June 2020 and Mary D. D'Alessio graciously stepped in to fill the void."

AUGUST EMMAUS GATHERING VIA ZOOM

We miss each of you and with the daily changes in this world, we are unsure of when we will meet again in person as a Community. BUT we want to see your smiling faces. We have decided to try doing a Zoom Gathering! The details are listed here.

DATE: August 11
TIME: 07:00 PM
JOIN ZOOM MEETING:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72100652027?pwd=U2FiOVdtV05PU0EvV0kzNjk2WDd2QT09>

Meeting ID: 721 0065 2027

Passcode: 7SdvyP



Any questions contact Ginny Stricklin at 210.669.0205 or by email gabby.stricklin@gmail.com prior to August 10.

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Mary Kruse

DeColores Sisters and Brothers!
Happy August!

I have been reading through the Psalms this summer. I am amazed at how many times I have related to these words from long ago. I have found myself over and over in them. I have felt those lows. I have felt the joy and shouted the praises. But I didn't relate to all the talk of enemies. (It took me a minute...bear with me.)

I thought at first the writer(s) were a little paranoid. I mean really, how many enemies can you have? Then I thought maybe it was because the writer was a king, who probably had more enemies

than an ordinary person. Then...I don't know if I read something or if God just opened my mind to it...I realized...the enemy. (I know, duh.) Then I could relate. We, who love and follow Jesus, who have claimed Him as our Lord and Savior, have an enemy. And, God help us, we are persecuted.

We are so blessed to live in a country where we can openly worship and express our faith. Many Christians are not so lucky. But we still suffer persecution, judgment, and accusations of hypocrisy. So, I challenge each of us to be: A joyful Christian, A kind Christian, A helpful Christian, A loving Christian, and An

authentic Christian. Look for the light of the Holy Spirit in everyone. Let's not do the enemy's work for him.
Be Blessed!

And, guess what! We will have an opportunity to "see" each other this month.

REUNION GROUPS – Carol Wilson

Reunion Groups are a vital part of your Emmaus experience. These small groups meet on a regular basis to keep each other accountable in their daily walk with Christ. Are you in a REUNION GROUP? If not, please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the groups we currently have. If you need more help to make contact, etc, please let me know. I want to help you...if

you have questions, please email gwilson0630@att.net

"Get connected and stay connected."



KAIROS – Tom Patterson

Friends - it is official. Kairos 42 has been rescheduled again until January 2021. Despite the insanity we see in the world, God is in control. God is teaching us and stretching us to be more patient, more tolerant, more flexible and most of all more loving. God is good. God is alive and we already know how the story ends. Please continue to pray for Kairos Prison

Ministry and most importantly pray for the inmates of the Torres prison unit.

"Despite the insanity we see in the world, God is in control.."

As I'm sure you understand, COVID-19 has also made it hard to raise funds. The weekend will cost about \$22,000. If God so leads you, please make a check out to KPMI-Texas-Torres and mail it to me at 137 Jordan Place Boerne TX 78006.

Call 210.573.5909 or email tom@tpatterson.org. God bless.
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STAY CONNECTED DURING SOCIAL-ISOLATION

Please be in prayer for The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries and all communities that have planned walks during this time.

The Upper Room has encouraged us to continue to meet as safely as we are able in our Reunion Groups. Be creative! (Many have been using Zoom.)

The Upper Room has resources to support us during these times.

Please visit:

<https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>

For all who have contracted COVID-19...We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable...We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety...We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For our brothers and sisters around the world...We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers...We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort, and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

“Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Phillippians 4:6

We're on the Web!

<https://www.bornagainemmaus.org>

Monthly Gathering Location

Spring Creek UMC
9200 Dietz Elkhorn Rd
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

Mailing Address

Born Again Emmaus Community
P.O. Box 637
Boerne, TX 78006

We're on Facebook!

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COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

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Tom Patterson	Kairos Liaison
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month

Aug 11	Gathering (Zoom meeting)
Sep 8	Gathering (To be determined)
Oct 13	Gathering (To be determined)

UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk 61 – April 2021
Women's Walk 62 – September 2021