



BORN AGAIN EMMAUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEXT GATHERING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME

"Christ is Counting On You"

January 3, 2022

JANUARY 2022 GATHERING

Gathering at Spring Creek UMC on Tuesday, JANUARY 11 at 7pm. For those who prefer to meet via Zoom –

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=WnV2dXB1QkdqbHgx2tZdnZMTFhodz09>

PASSWORD: 1cmHDg

CHILDCARE (ages 0-11 {5th grade}) RESERVATION REQUIRED at the Gathering – PLEASE email the following information no later than Sunday, JANUARY 9 (boerne.emmaus@gmail.com): Child's full name, age or grade.

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COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – *Pastor Frank Ritchie*

Greetings my brothers and sisters,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I pray we are looking towards a wonderful New Year. If you have not heard I am stepping into the role of Community Spiritual Director as our wonderful Mary D takes a much-needed break. We are so thankful and blessed to have her as part of our community. We are currently looking for a few spots to be filled on our board as we need a new Lay Director and Assistant Lay Director for the community. Both roles are vital to our community and need to be filled (the obligations and time commitment are honestly very minimal but important) if you feel the spirit nudging you, please reach out to me or our acting Lay Director Denise Vadnais.

Now on to the New Year we will be having walks and there will be opportunities to serve our amazing God!! That being said the past 18 months have really put a toll on all of us. But as disciples Jesus never promised our walks would be easy but rather, they would be fruitful and have an eternal importance for us and the kingdom of God!! Brothers and sisters, we are the body of Christ, and we need to be intentional in our ownership of that! So as the new year starts, we will be doing gatherings a little different to help shine the light of Christ brighter for all to see.

We have just remembered and celebrated the very light of the world coming to us in the birth of our savior and that got me thinking. I think most of us have had at some point in our own journeys Christ coming to meet us where we were!! Now I believe it our time to begin gathering and meeting each other again right where we are in our journeys. I know for me I am always renewed and refreshed in my walk after a community gathering. What a wonderful way to start the new year by coming together again and rebuilding and reviving the very spirit of Emmaus at the upcoming gathering. I encourage each one of us to put it on our calendar and to also invite all our Emmaus brothers and sisters whenever we see them. Christ has given each of us a personal invitation so let us do the same to those we know and love. I look forward to seeing everyone at the new look gathering coming up. Love all, Worship one and let Christ shine in all you are and do. Remember God loves you and so do !!!!

DeColores my brothers and sisters,

Faithfully his Pastor Frank

PAST COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR – Ginny Stricklin

As I write this, it is hard to believe this is the last month of the 2021 ... and my last newsletter article as your Community Lay Director. I know 2021 was a rough year but I want to say thank you to all of you who hung in there with us. 2022 looks to be a promising year as we have two walks scheduled. I ask that each of you take time to welcome our new 2022 board members.

As Pastor Frank stated we do still have a few positions that need to be filled, Community Lay Director, Assistant Community Lay Director, Agape Committee – Wall Agape, and Newsletter Editor. Feel free to contact Denise Vadnais (mdvadnais@gmail.com) or myself (ginnystricklin@gmail.com) as either of us will be willing to discuss the requirements.

My prayer for 2022:

Dear God,

Give me the courage to begin again — to overlook the difficulties, to overcome the obstacles and to stay open to the moment as best I can. Help me be patient enough to know it takes time to start over, and wise enough to ask for help from friends and family when I need it. As I look to the future, may I reflect on the past and remember the lessons it's taught me. And God, may I always look to you for strength and guidance. Thank You, Lord, for new beginnings. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

2022 WALKS

GET READY we will begin Walk mode soon.

- Men's Walk 61: August 25-28, 2022, Lay Director: Steve Stricklin, 210-379-3349, ld.walk61@gmail.com
- Women's Walk 62: November 17-20, 2022, Lay Director: Nikki Decker, 210-274-7757, nikki_decker@hotmail.com

WANT TO BE A PART OF THE GATHERING? – Dory Martinez

We need communion elements for the 2022 Gathering dates. Please contact Dory Martinez at 210-412-4319 or email at dory_martinez84@yahoo.com or sign up at [COMMUNION](#)

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

KAIROS – Tom Patterson

Friends - Please continue to pray for all those incarcerated and for Kairos Prison Ministry to resume at full force according to God's will. For more information, I can be reached at tom@tpatterson.org or 210-573-5909. De Colores

NEWSLETTER

Do you have friends who do not receive our newsletter? Please forward this link and have them register today.

<https://bornagainemmaus.churchcenter.com/people/forms/193695>

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 292
Boerne, TX 78006

We're on Facebook!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month

Jan 11 Gathering Spring Creek UMC & Zoom
Feb 8 Gathering Spring Creek UMC
Mar 8 Gathering Spring Creek UMC

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COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS - 2022

Denise Vadnais	Interim Lay Director
Bill Walker	Asst. Lay Director
Maurine Maloy	Secretary
Chris Hornburg	Treasurer
Larry Bader	Community Trainer
Carol Wilson	Reunion Group Liaison
Renee Eby	Reunion Group Liaison
Jennifer Click	Agape Coordinator
VACANT	Agape Committee - Wall Agape
Darryl Reid	Database
VACANT	Newsletter Editor
Dale Schweers	Website Content
Ginny Stricklin	Coordinator / Team Selection Committee Chair
Dory Martinez	4 th Day Gathering Coordinator
Renee Hernandez	Member

Frank Ritchie **Spiritual Director**

Non-Voting Members

Nikki Decker	LD Women's Walk #62
Tom Patterson	Kairos Liaison
Jeri Willis	Registrar
Steve Stricklin	LD Men's Walk #61
VACANT	Upper Room Liaison / Librarian
Kelly Young	Board Rep Men's Walk #61

