



The Windmill's Breeze



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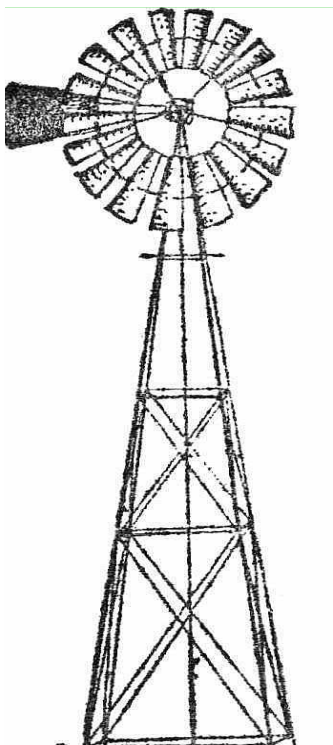


Greetings, Emmaus Brothers and Sisters:
We started our 2026 Emmaus Gathering Schedule with our first Gathering at Fashing Methodist Church on Jan. 15, 2026. It was very well attended. We enjoyed fellowship, a delicious meal, worship, hearing God's Word, and Communion with everyone there. We will Gather again on Feb. 19, 2026 in Beeville at the First Presbyterian Church. Please invite a friend or two, pick them up, and join us to experience Emmaus with your old and new friends.

When I think of February, I always associate it with Valentine's Day and all the love that is shared with family and friends. There is nothing that speaks about true love more than the "Love Chapter" of the Bible which is 1st Corinthians 13:1-13. I had really not paid attention to this detail, but this chapter contains exactly 13 verses.

"**13** If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give
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The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8



GATHERING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship 6:30 P.M.

Worship 7:30 P.M.

Feb 19th – Beeville
First Presbyterian Church

Mar 19th – Karnes City
Karnes City Methodist Church

Apr 16th – Beeville
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

May 21st – Three Rivers
Three Rivers Methodist Church

Jun 18th – Pawnee
Pawnee Methodist Church

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Am I Forgiven?
I was thinking about forgiveness and I realized something. I realized I am not sure God has forgiven me for my wrongs against Him. I read Matthew 6:14 which states, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Here's my problem I do believe the opposite holds true as well. So, if I do not forgive my enemies, my tormentors, and my agitators; then God will not forgive me. That scripture and those thoughts should run through all of our heads at some point in when our human desires and choices of the flesh take over. We are living in a world primed to see us fall and fail. The world does not care if we seek forgiveness – the world only cares when it helps them—the world does not care about our emotional or more importantly our spiritual health. The world is happy for us to run faster and faster through life without stopping to forgive or be forgiven. In the state of guilt and unrest that unforgiveness brings we are weak and vulnerable emotionally. We are set up for easy pickins by the devil himself. But Jesus... But Jesus came... But God sent His only Son... But God cares... But God loves unconditionally calling us to forgiveness through His son
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over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

You may hear this or read this every month, but I really do LOVE Emmaus. I have found love in everything we do in Emmaus. I have found love in knowing that we are all believers and we share God's love because we know that God loved us first. I have met so many friends in and through Emmaus that I dearly love now and the best thing is that I will continue to meet more friends each year. There is an old saying, I learned when I was a kid.

"Meet new friends, but cherish the old. The new are silver, but the old are gold." Unknown

I went on my pilgrim Walk in Feb. of 2011 and I have stayed very active in Emmaus for the last fifteen years. Please humor me for a minute, if I worked TWO FULL WALKS a year that would equal to 72 pilgrims each year multiplied by 15 years, I could potentially have 1,080 new friends since Feb. 2011. I know some years, we do not have walks with 36 pilgrims attending, but I wanted everyone to see this potential.

I have found love in worshipping our Lord and Savior and hearing God's Word whenever we meet together at a Gathering and during all of our Walks. I have found love in fellowship and in sharing meals with all my Emmaus Brothers and Sisters. I have found love in sharing the Lord's supper with fellow believers during every Gathering and every Walk. Lastly, I have found love in praying for other brothers' and sisters' needs and I have found love in knowing that you would all pray for me and my need, if I were to ask for prayer! All these are prime examples of shared love and love shared!

De Colores, my friends!

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**Lay Director
Walk # 81**

Oct 1-4, 2026



Prayers are continuing for Walk #81. Team applications are being received, but there's always room for more. If you are considering applying for a team, please don't hesitate to fill it out. Pilgrim applications are as well being accepted currently. Walk #81 will be held October 1st through the 4th, 2026

Please be in prayer for the team that God will place. Team selection will be in March, so if God has placed it in your heart to serve now is the time to turn in those applications. Be in prayer for pilgrims. This is another way to show agape love. Sponsoring someone is a huge responsibility and well worth it. God may already be placing names in your heart as who to ask or present them with the application. Prayer is the key. Choose to pray first through all things. Everything else will flow into place. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God is good.

I am humbled and honored to be lay director for Walk #81 and for this opportunity to serve the Lord.

DeColores!

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Jesus Christ. We are told in Matthew 6:14 that if we forgive our Father forgives us too. That means when we call on Jesus to have mercy on us to forgive us our sins then we better have forgiven those who hurt us too. Jesus isn't calling us to become best friends with them, but He is calling us to forgive. To stop letting the power of unforgiveness rule our lives as it festers like mesquite thorn in your heart. I had a mesquite thorn run right through my knuckle on my ring finger in high school working cattle one day. It instantly hurt, but we were jumping cattle and moving toward the pens so I blew it off and didn't look back down. You see the problem was I had a James Avery ring on that I had gotten for Christmas. I didn't deal with the thorn issue or even check it and by the time we got to the pens they had to work a piece of that thorn out of my knuckle with a pocket knife. Like the things we hold on too because we "just keep going" ; we figure why look at it "can't be that big of a deal" it is then that the guilt and pain of holding on anger, hurt, lies, and our sins against God and one another grow under the skin of our soul. They are building up and causing pressure and pain. Some times we need to let God take His pocketknife out and by His grace and mercy pop the festering "thorn" and remove it. Does it hurt sometimes? You bet it does, but the relief. The freedom from the throbbing reminder of having that "thorn" that thing that doesn't belong in your knuckle or in your heart is such a relief when its out. Ephesians 4:32 states, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." WOW. It's right there in God's Holy Word. Forgive each other as Christ forgave you. It is a statement not a suggestion. Am I forgiven? Yes, I am in the mighty name of Jesus. Am I living the rewards of Jesus' full forgiveness? No, because I still haven't forgiven that one person who destroyed my trust, stole my joy, or rocked my family with lies. We all have that thing that is festering in our soul. We all have that one person that boils over in our heart and mind that needs a pocketknife taken to it. If we want a forgiven and health soul, we got to get it out. Does it hurt for a bit? Yes, but oh how good it feels to forgive and truly be forgiven. That "thing" we hold on to that made us so mad we can't let go because we want to stay mad is separating us from God. Don't you want to experience all of Him? Don't you want to life freely in His world? I had to have that ring cut off my finger with a broken hacksaw blade because I didn't handle the issue right away. It hurt like the devil but the relief when the blood flow went back through was an amazing feeling of how quickly I could sense the relief. Like that hacksaw blade God's grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness remove the thorn, cut a way anything stopping the flow of God's forgiveness and love, and bring life back into our hearts. Am I forgiven? Yes, I am in the mighty name of Jesus. Do I need to do anything? Yes, I do. I need to pay attention to not ignore unforgiveness like a thorn not removed because something little becomes something "big" blocking the flow of God in my heart and life real fast. May God continue to cover us in His mercy, may we continue to seek His forgiveness and accept it, may we continue to forgive those around us as Christ forgives us. May we live to continually seek to destroy anything that keeps us from our Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ, "You are forgiven and reconciled to the Father." What a powerful move Father, thank you. Amen.

De Colores,

Lee Ann

Community Spiritual Director

Victor Gomez

**Lay Director
Walk # 80**

Apr 9-12, 2026



Our team meetings are rocking along with 3 behind us and our talks have been amazing!! We have 2 team meetings left before the Best Walk Ever and we covet your prayers. If you have anything to contribute to the agape list please let me know, and please sign up for prayer slots, as all must be completed before the walk can begin! My scripture is from Ephesians regarding putting on "the full armor of God!"

Please begin now praying for the team and the pilgrims of Walk #80! We look forward to seeing all of our community at candlelight and closing. Please begin praying for us daily as we know that we are Counting on Christ to continue the kingdom of Christ!

De Colores,

Victor Gomez

What to know about sponsoring a pilgrim...

SPONSORSHIP

Without sponsors, there will be no pilgrims! So thank you for taking on the responsibility to sponsor a pilgrim for a walk.

A sponsor should commit to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church, and hopefully to become leaders of our Emmaus Community.

Being a sponsor has a lot of responsibilities...the first is to spend **LOTS OF TIME IN PRAYER!** God has already revealed the name of the pilgrim **HE** has chosen for you to sponsor, and pray for that pilgrim before, during and after their Walk.

After you've talked to your prospective pilgrim, give them an application to complete.

LETTERS: Begin getting addresses for their agape letters.

Stay in touch with your pilgrim, and make sure they know you're there to support them. Remind them of the things they need to pack.

AGAPE: You as a sponsor should take your pilgrims favorite drink and some sort of food agape and/or other agape.

Day of the Walk: Pick up your pilgrim with plenty of time to take them to eat and then on to the Walk site and help them get settled in.

After the Lay Director calls the pilgrims together, you will soon go to the Chapel for sponsors hour. It's important that you attend this time of worship. It is there that you will pray with your pilgrims lanyard and hang it on the cross that will be presented to them at the end of their walk.

CANDLELIGHT: You are to attend the Candlelight Service on Saturday night. Bring any late letters you may get for your pilgrims. Here once again you may have the opportunity to pray with your pilgrims cross. Candlelight is one of the most moving events of the Walk.

CLOSING: You are to come to closing and your pilgrim's spouse is invited to come as well. We know how excited you are to hear **ALL** about it.

But remember your responsibilities do not end at the closing...it is your responsibility to get your new pilgrim to gatherings and try to help them find a reunion group.

Encourage them to make agape for future walks, or even sign up to work a team or help where ever needed.

Your final responsibility is to **TEACH THEM TO BE A GOOD SPONSOR**, by helping them understand the responsibilities of what a good sponsor does. The best way to do this is by example.

Windmill Emmaus Community

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Windmill Emmaus Financial Report

General Operating Fund	\$ 46,748.53
Scholarship Fund	\$ 5,815.50
Total Funds Available	\$ 40,933.03
Gathering attendance	73

If you are unable to attend monthly gatherings but would like to contribute to the financial needs of your Windmill Emmaus Community, donations can be sent to
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