



# Crossroads Emmaus

April 2025

## Checkmate

According to legend, and probably fact, the story goes like this. A chess grand master came upon this intriguing painting in the Louvre museum alongside other famous art such as the Mona Lisa.

The grand master stared a long time at the chess board in the painting and finally noticed something surprising. The typical interpretation of the painting (that the devil had the man in “checkmate”) was incorrect.

Though the devil seemed to be the obvious victor, he was in fact not winning. The man, who thought he was losing, was actually winning. According to the arrangement of the pieces left on the chess board, his king had one more move. This fateful move would make him the winner of the game.

The grand master called the curator and determined that the title “Checkmate” did not fit the scene because the forlorn-looking player actually had the ability to defeat his opponent, though he didn’t realize it yet. His king had one more move.



<https://haventoday.org/blog/closer-look-checkmate>

### Dates of Interest:

#### Board Meeting

April 15, 2025

7:00 p.m.

JEC Bldg.,

8925 TX-111

#### Gathering

May 15, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Point Comfort

2101 N Virginia St.

Port Lavaca, TX 77979

#### Up Coming Gatherings

### Exciting Walk News!

#### Upcoming Walks

Check back here to find information as walks are scheduled.

Documents

Reunion Groups



### 2024-2025 Community Officers

Community Lay Director &

Board Chairperson: Mike Myers

Vice Chairperson: Cindy Krause

Secretary: Belinda Waters

Treasurer: Retha Hahn

Immediate Past LD: Mike Alderson

### Leadership

Welcome to our new Class of '27:

Jay Thigpen, Herb Decker, Drew Pattillo, BJ Drehr



## Changes

We have all faced changes in our lives: some we have enjoyed and others not so much. When we get too comfortable, God will sometimes push us to get us moving in His direction. For some, it may take very little and others may require a shove out of the nest. We get comfortable in our daily lives and routines.

My oldest son and daughter-in-law have been looking at homes for close to five years off and on. They love their current home, but they felt they needed more room. A beautiful home with more space both inside and especially outside came on the market in the perfect neighborhood. The children could stay in their school, and they will be able to have friends over more often. The time has come to make the decision to move or stop looking. They will be moving.

The children have lamented and worried that their current house is their HOME. No other house will *ever* be the same.

Parents have listened to them and reassured them that even better memories will be made in the future, and that a house is only a shell for a home. A home is the family itself and the shared experiences and shared love.

***Jeremiah 9:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.***

This experience reminded me that our own bodies are only the shell of our lives. We have our home in our relationship with Jesus. This relationship allows us to worship God and allows our hearts to be in communion with the Holy Spirit.

***Ephesians 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins***

As enter into Holy Week and celebrate Easter Sunday, we are reminded that the tomb was empty and that death could not hold Jesus.

***Acts 2:24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.***

De Colores, Cindy Krause

**Crossroads Emmaus Meeting Minutes February Meeting was rescheduled to April.**