



Crossroads Emmaus

September 2025

Dates of Interest:

Board Meeting

October 21, 2025

7:00 p.m. Zoom

Gatherings will now be on Fridays.

FRIDAY Sep. 19, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Bayside Community Church

25080 State Hwy 172

Olivia, TX

FRIDAY Oct. 17, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Seadrift

First United Methodist Church

601 2nd St.,

Seadrift, TX 77983

Up Coming Gatherings

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world,”

John 16:33.

We have had a number hard moments these past weeks. We saw a senseless death on a train car, an assassination of a man in front of a crowd of students, and the death of a beloved community leader and Emmaus member. These losses affect us each differently. While we reflect on the promise of God’s faithfulness, we often find ourselves crying out for justice, cowering in the face of evil in the world, or in personal grief at our loss.

God reminds us that we can expect trouble in this world, but He also reminds us that He has already overcome it. Whether we face these tragedies in our own community or across the world, our hearts are affected by situations of which we have no control. We might seek peace in our lives in lots of different ways; in silence, in money, in possessions, in popularity, in success, even in other people. We buy insurance to keep ourselves safe, yet we really desire the assurance only found in God.

Christ is the only way to find the peace and power we need to rise above the darkest times.

De Colores,

Cindy

Exciting Walk News!

Upcoming Walks

Crossroads Men’s Walk

92-2026

January 22nd -25th

Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center

Weimer, Texas

Lay Director

Wes Dukes

Spiritual Director

Carl Westbrook

Nominations are being considered for the Class of 2028. as the Class of 2025 will be ending their service. I hope each of you would prayerfully consider your role in the Crossroads Community Group and if God is calling you to take on a leadership role. The Board meets via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are typically 30 to 45 minutes. Please let any current board member know if you would like to be considered. Elections will be held in December. Please be on the look out for more information.



Class of '27: Jay Thigpen, Herb Decker, Drew Pattillo, BJ Drehr

Class of '26: Belinda Waters, Cindy Krause, Mike Kinsey, Open

Class of '25: John Behrens, Karen Webb, Retha Hahn, Open

Spiritual Director: Rev Debbie Head

De Colores,

Cindy

Reunion Groups

Documents

2024-2025 Community Officers

Interim Community Lay Director & Board

Chairperson: Cindy Krause

Secretary: Belinda Waters

Treasurer: Retha Hahn

Immediate Past LD: Mike Alderson

Spiritual Director : Debbie Head



**If you feel a calling to
sing or play an instrument with
our music team, please call our
Board Music Rep.
Jay Thigpen 361-648-2100.**



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August 2025

Attendees:

Board Members: Mike Myers, John Behrens, Wes Dukes, Retha Hahn, Mike Kinsey, Cindy Krause, Bill Rakowitz, Jay Thigpen, Karen Webb, and Belinda Waters.

Call to Order: Mike Myers, Community Lay Director, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and opened with prayer.

Community Lay Director Report: Mike Myers reported that Carl Westbrook was not going to be able to serve as Spiritual Director for the upcoming men's walk due to conflict about an Upper Room change to part of the Means of Grace talk. After discussion concerning the timeline for the walk, Cindy Krause motioned to continue with the walk, Wes Dukes to find another Spiritual Director, and leave approval to the team for the Means of Grace talk; Wes seconded; Motion carried.

Community Spiritual Director's Report: Debbie Head - No report

Minutes: John Behrens motioned to approve the July 15th minutes; Mike Kinsey seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Retha Hahn submitted report as information. She gave Wes 2 of the Visa cards to use as his stipend. They lose their value with fees each month if not used so she will reload the amount needed to meet the \$500. The cards must be used to avoid fees.

Gatherings Report: Cindy Krause reported the October options or Lighthouse Methodist or Bayside Community Church.

Gatherings will be moving to Friday once this is confirmed.

Committee Reports:

Agape Letters (Wall): Cheryl Worley – No report

Candlelight: Mike Kinsey – “We got candles!”

Community Trainer: Kimberly Blezinger – No report

Ministry Manager/Website: Bill Rakowitz reported he will go to the first men's team meeting to explain Ministry Manager.

Prayer Vigils: Linda Alderson – No report, but Bill said it is up and running on the website.

Music: Jay Thigpen reported all is good and set up for Thursday's gathering.

Newsletter-Perseverance Press – Cindy Krause reported it should be out by this Friday the 22nd.

Reunion Groups: Mike Myers will send information to Bill for the new men's group in Seadrift.

Registrar Report: Retha Hahn is ready and waiting for applicants.

Team Selection: Karen Webb had no news to report. Mike Kinsey was appointed as Board Rep. Cindy Krause motioned to approve; Bill Rakowitz seconded; Motion carried

Trailer-Sharing the Love of Christ Reunion Group, Salem Lutheran: Retha Hahn – all good.

Lay Director's Report: Wes Dukes reported he still was in need of an outside coordinator. He has 6 table leaders (the team is set for 5 tables) and 3 assistant Spiritual Directors. BJ Drehr said he would train someone for the outside coordinator position. So he needs one Spiritual Director, one Assistant Spiritual Director, and Outside Coordinator.

Team Meeting dates are set as follows:

August 23 – John Wesley?

September 27 – Salem Lutheran

October 18 – First English Lutheran

November 15 – First Baptist Church – Cuero

January 10 – Team gathering two weeks prior to walk

January 16 – Team Commissioning at the Gathering

Spiritual Director's Report: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: September 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom unless some request in person.

Adjourn: Mike Myers closed the meeting with prayer at 8:25 pm.



Respectfully submitted, Belinda Waters

09.14.2025