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Letter From the Editor

Dear friends,

This is my last edition as the Editor of the *WalkTalk*, a position I have held since 1996. It has been a blessing and a joy to have been part of the Austin Emmaus and Chrysalis community in this way. I will treasure the friendships I have made along the way, and the amazing memories and experiences we have shared. Thank you for allowing me to serve Christ and the community!

We are excited to announce the appointment of the new *WalkTalk* Editor, Gina Franklin. Gina went on her walk in 2001, has served on several Chrysalis Flights, and gave her first talk on a women's walk last fall. She attends Covenant UMC, where she co-edits a quarterly Covenant UMC Emmaus Group Newsletter. We know that Gina will bring new talents, new ideas, and new energy to the *WalkTalk*. Welcome, Gina!

Here is Gina's contact information:

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DeColores!
Kellye Noret
Outgoing *WalkTalk* Editor

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I can't believe it – 2006 is gone and 2007 is upon us. Fifty years ago I was reading George Orwell's "1984" and wondering if life would really be like that in 1984! (It wasn't even close.) Seven years ago we were all wondering if we would survive Y2K, and now many of us can hardly remember what the hubbub was all about. Life has a way of surprising us with how small the mountains of the future really turn out to be when we look back and realize we've already passed them and they really weren't much more than a mole hill!

Our most recent Emmaus mountain has been the fire at HLCC and the ramifications that will have on our upcoming Walks. Miles Auditorium is no longer there to be used for Candlelight! And, because of the fire, we can no longer use real candles inside the buildings at HLCC, not even for Candlelight! My first reaction was, "Oh, no – What are we going to do???" Pastor David very wisely pointed out that it is the power of the Holy Spirit, not the candles, that is at work here. Pilgrims talk about the beauty of the love shining in the faces and eyes of the community that has gathered to encourage them on their journey. My perceived mountain was quickly brought down to a manageable size.

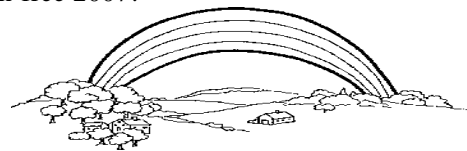
First of all, HLCC is working full speed to complete the enclosure, heating and air conditioning of the pavilion that was known as the Tabernacle (between the main campus and the lake). We are very hopeful it will be usable for Walk #1344, January 11 – 14. If it's not ready, we have an alternate plan....but let's pray the Tabernacle will be ready!

At the December Board meeting, the GAE Board voted to purchase battery-powered candles for use at future Candlelight services. Those will be ready for the January Walk. Pilgrim candles also fall under the new "no indoor candles" policy. Actually, pilgrim candles are not part of the Emmaus model, but rather are considered "local color." The Board decided to allow each Lay Director to choose whether or not they will have pilgrim candles. If there are to be pilgrim candles, they will have to be battery-powered. Lay Directors will find there are battery-powered tea lights and votives available through several local stores and through novelty/party catalogs.

So already, the mountains that were looming ahead of us in early December are dwindling in size. That doesn't mean we have to be happy with the changes, just that we can deal with them and move on. And a few years from now, we'll look back and realize, there really wasn't much to those mountains after all.

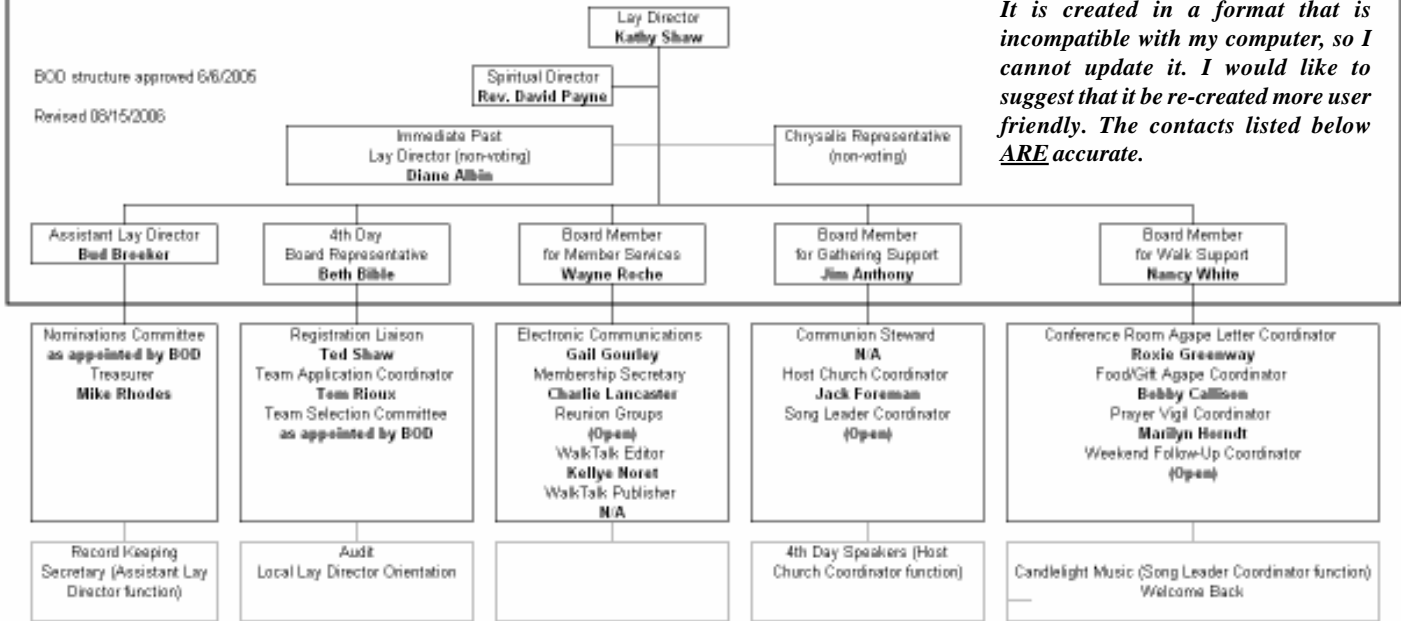
May you have a blessed, mountain-free 2007!

Kathy Shaw
Lay Director, GAE4DG



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors

BOD structure approved 6/6/2006
Revised 08/15/2006



This organizational chart is incorrect. It is created in a format that is incompatible with my computer, so I cannot update it. I would like to suggest that it be re-created more user friendly. The contacts listed below ARE accurate.

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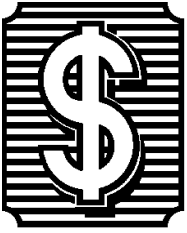
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Financial Notes

General Fund	\$ 10,927.12
Scholarship	798.63
Total	\$ 11,725.65

Were You There?

Have you been going to the monthly Gathering? Why not?!?!?! They are on the first Thursday of each month. Check out the schedule inside! We'll be looking for you!



From The Database Coordinator

Help us keep our database current! Notify us of address, phone number, etc. changes. And don't forget to let us know of new pilgrims/butterflies that you sponsor, so they can be included in the database!

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From The Editor

WalkTalk deadline is always the 15th of each month. **Please honor this deadline!**

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Emmaus Leadership Training

To register for an Emmaus Leadership Training Event, please contact the person listed below, or go to www.swtxumc.org/emmaus.

Purpose: Training Lay Directors, Board Reps and Spiritual Directors Leadership teams for the Walks to Emmaus. The ELTS (Emmaus Leadership Training) is required for all incoming Lay Directors and Board Reps and Spiritual Directors. Lay Directors and Board Reps need to attend training within 15 months of serving, Spiritual Directors need to attend training at least once every 3 years. ELT is open to anyone interested in learning more about Emmaus Leadership. This is a great time for the Lay Directors, Board Reps, and Spiritual Directors to develop effective Communication and Leadership skills. The outside support coordinators are invited to attend as well. Training will be conducted by the Southwest Texas Conference Emmaus Lay Director and Spiritual Director or their appointees.

What to bring: purple worship book, cross, name tag. Director Manuals for the LD, SD and Board Rep. If you don't have your books you will be able to purchase them at the training.

January 13, San Antonio
University UMC
5084 DeZavala Road
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May 19, Luling
First UMC
219 S. Magnolia
Contact: Joe Svobova
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February 3, Harlingen
Wesley UMC Valley
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July 7, Junction
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February 17, Austin
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August 4, San Angelo
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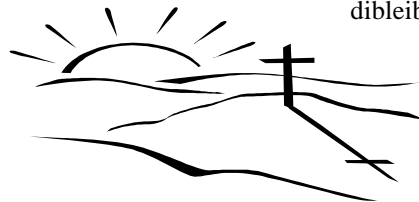
***September 22, Corpus Christi**
Contact: TBD

March 24, Kerrville
First Christian Church
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October 6, Victoria
John Wesley UMC
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April 14, Marble Falls
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* tentative date

GAE Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met December 18th at Crestview UMC. In attendance were Jim Anthony, Board Member for Gathering Support; Beth Bible, Conference Board Rep.; Bud Broeker, Assistant Lay Director; David Payne, Spiritual Director; Mike Rhodes, Treasurer; Wayne Roche, Board Member for Member Services; Kathy Shaw, Lay Director; and Ed White, Lay Director Walk #1344.

Treasurer – Mike presented the Treasurer’s Report as of December 18th.

General Balance	11/20/06	\$10,687	Scholarship	\$798
Gathering	12/7	+308		
Nursery	12/7	- 60		
General Balance	12/18/06	\$10,927	Scholarship	\$798

Walk # 1344 – The recent fire at the Highland Lakes Conference Center that destroyed the auditorium was discussed. HLCC is trying to have the Tabernacle ready for Walk #1344, but as of the Board meeting, it was unsure where Candlelight and Closing would be held. The new HLCC rule prohibiting candles in any building was addressed, and the use of pilgrim candles (battery powered) was left as a choice of the individual lay directors. For Candlelight, it was decided that battery powered candles would be used. David Payne made a motion for the GAE4DG to purchase 500 candles and batteries and provide them for future Candlelights. Mike Rhodes seconded the motion and it carried.

Board Representative – Beth Bible reported that the requests for 2008 Walks needs to be sent to the Conference by January 27th. It was decided to ask for four 2008 Walks with the following tentative dates: Men’s Walk January 10, Women’s Walk February 27, Men’s Walk May 1, and Women’s Walk September 11.

Assistant Lay Director – Bud Broeker commented on the lack of attendance at recent Gatherings and Candlelights, and started a discussion about using our combined database to communicate directly with the members of GAE4DG. It was decided that Beth Bible would approach the Conference to see if there is a problem doing so. We have an anonymous donation that would provide postage for such a one-time effort. The issue will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Chrysalis – Kathy Shaw questioned what percentage of the Gathering receipts would be transferred to Chrysalis, and what percentage would be added to the scholarship fund. This issue will be researched and directions given to the treasurer next meeting.

Board Member/Member Services – Wayne Roche gave a first look at a major revamping of our web site he is working on. More on this later.

Board Member/Gathering Support – Jim Anthony reported that only four of twelve churches responded to his request for information on their point of contact. He will follow up on the non-responsive churches.

Old Business – The discussion about the opportunity to put a storage trailer at HLCC to hold Walk supplies was tabled. The prototype kneeler is being worked on.

The latest version of the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Volunteer and Team Application was accepted with only one change.

New Business – Beth Bible has had old “red” songbooks that do not match our other songbooks in storage for some time. She proposed that we donate them to Simpson UMC that currently does not have any of that type of songbook. David Payne so moved, Kathy Shaw seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Bud Broeker

Gathering Schedule

**Singing begins at 7:00
Worship at 7:30
Agape Feast afterwards!**

February 1	Crestview UMC 1300 Morrow Ave. Speaker: Kevin Gourley
March 1	Westlake UMC 1460 Red Bud Trail Speaker: Ken Turlington
April 5	Wesley UMC 1164 San Bernard Speaker: TBA
May 3	Hyde Park UMC 4001 Speedway Speaker: Chrysalis
June 7	TBA Address Speaker TBA
July 5	TBA Address Speaker: TBA
August 2	Manchaca UMC FM 1626 & Manchaca Speaker: TBA
September 6	TBA Address Speaker: TBA
October 4	Tarrytown UMC 2601 Exposition Speaker: TBA
November 1	Bethany UMC 10010 Anderson Mill Rd. Speaker: Chrysalis
December 6	TBA



Chrysalis News

Sign up for the most awesome of adventures – a Chrysalis Flight!! No experience necessary, you just need a servant’s heart and the desire to see our teenagers know God’s personal love for them as they are empowered to love and serve others. Three amazing opportunities in 2007 – perfect for any summer vacation plans!

June 14-16: Girls’ Flight at Concordia in Austin, Lay Director is Briana Roehling

July 12-15: Boys’ Flight at Twin Oaks in Buda, Lay Director is Joel Roehling

Aug. 2-5: Girls’ Flight at Twin Oaks in Buda, Lay Director is Debbie Sandifer

Teams selection is underway, so get your application in **TODAY!** Mail to:



Jennifer Kendrick
11250 Taylor Draper Ln. #223
Austin, TX 78759



Please note that if you have previously filled out an Emmaus team application and checked Chrysalis, this has not been kept in the Emmaus database, so we need a new application sent to the Chrysalis board.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to our incredible Greater Austin-area Youth!!

Fly with Christ!
Jennifer Kendrick



Chrysalis Leadership Training

The purpose of Leadership is to train Lay Directors, Board Reps, and Spiritual Directors for Chrysalis Flights and Journeys. The CLTS (Chrysalis Leadership Training) is required for all incoming Lay Directors, Board Reps, and Spiritual Directors. Lay Directors and Board Reps need to attend training within 15 months of serving. Spiritual Directors need to attend training at least once every 3 years. However, CLTS is open to anyone interested in learning more about Chrysalis Leadership. This is a great time for the Lay Directors, Board Reps, and Spiritual Directors to develop effective Communication and Leadership skills. The outside support coordinators are invited to attend as well. Training will be conducted by the Southwest Texas Conference Emmaus Lay Director and Spiritual Director or their appointees.

What to bring: purple worship book, cross, name tag, and Director Manuals for the LD, SD and Board Rep. If you don’t have your books you will be able to purchase them at the training.



January 20, 2007
University UMC
5084 DeZavala Road
San Antonio, TX 78249

*(Training will begin at 1:00 p.m.
following the Chrysalis Board
meeting.)*



Kairos

God’s Special Time

The mission of Kairos is to bring Christ’s love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

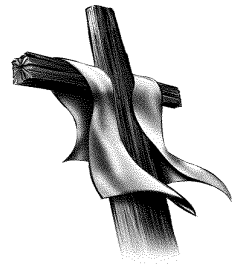
Christ is counting on you!



“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . .The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

*I was nailed to a
cross for you . . .*



*What have you
done for me?*

IMPORTANT INFO FOR WALK #1344!

Some of the times are different!

Candlelight

Community arrives 7:45 – 8:00

Singing starts at 8:00

Worship starts at 8:30

Closing:

Community arrives at 3:00

Pilgrims arrive at 3:30



** NOTE: Due to the fire in November that destroyed Miles Auditorium, we're not sure what facility we'll be using for Candlelight, but will have extra people directing traffic. Also as a result of the fire, Highland Lakes' insurance carrier requires no real candles be used inside any of HLCCC buildings. GAEC has ordered battery-powered candles for Candlelight use.



Attention Board Members and Community!

This is the information that the *WalkTalk* needs **EVERY** month! The deadline is always the 15th of each month -- please honor that and get your information and articles in on time!

- Emmaus Board minutes
- Chrysalis Board minutes
- Conference Board minutes (quarterly)
- Gathering count
- financial report from treasurer
- lead article for front page, written by the Community Lay Director
- before Austin-sponsored walks/flights, list of team members
- after Austin-sponsored walks/flights, list of pilgrims/butterflies
- schedule of Austin-sponsored walks, including lay director, spiritual director, Board Rep.
- schedule of Austin-sponsored Chrysalis Flights, including lay director, spiritual director, Board Rep.
- Gathering schedule -- date, church, address, speaker
- Hoot schedule -- date, church, address, speaker
- leadership training info -- both Emmaus and Chrysalis
- updates/changes, if any, to Board structure on page 2
- any other information that the community would need to know/be interested in
- personal reflections, 4th day experiences, etc.



Lay Directors!

Emmaus and Chrysalis Lay Directors, before your walk/flight weekend, it is **YOUR** responsibility to send your **team list** to the *WalkTalk* Editor to be printed so that we can all be in prayer for them. And when your walk/flight weekend is over, it is **YOUR** responsibility to send your **pilgrim/butterfly list** to Tom Rioux, Database Coordinator, and again to the *WalkTalk*, so we can welcome them as new pilgrims!.

Their contact info is on page 2 of each *WalkTalk*. This is how they get added to our database! Help us keep our data current!

Men's Walk

Men's Walk #1344 will take place January 11 – 14, at Highland Lakes. Please support this Walk with your prayers, your agape, and your presence at Candlelight and Closing. Please keep these team members in your prayers, and remember, there are many unseen and unsung community members working on the Servant Team!

Team Members

Derrick Payton
Norman Abdallah

Jim Anthony
Doug Aycock

Todd Baker
Tina Carter

Tom Deviney
Lonnie Doyle

Greg Dyar
Rick Gray

Frank Heffern – *Board Rep.*

Jim Horton
Chris Kingsbury

Monte Marshall
Gene McConnell

Dan Morgan
Frank Morgan

Steve Muzos
Randy Nettles

David Payne
John Swint

Greg Way
Dick West – *Spiritual Director*

Ed White – *Lay Director*
John White



Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
For all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.



– *John Wesley*

Important Reminders!

The *WalkTalk* is the newsletter of the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group. **Information and articles are due by the 15th of each month to:**



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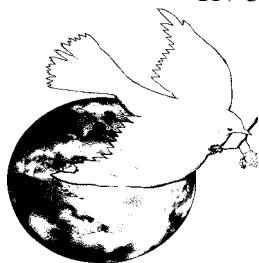


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International Emmaus Newsletter

The International Emmaus Newsletter is **FREE!**
There are two ways to receive it:

1. To receive by email, go to <http://www.upperroom.org/maillinglists/Emmaus-news.html>. (This method is preferable; it reduces their costs of printing and mailing.)
2. To receive it snail mail, send your name and address to Upper Room Walk to Emmaus Newsletter Mailing, P.O. Box 34004, Nashville, TN 37203-0004.



Community clergy, would you like to write a column for the *WalkTalk*? We would love to hear from you! We would call it **Clergy Corner!** You can write as brief or as long as you want (under 400 words). It can be a one time column, or an every month column. Up to you! Send your column to Gina by the 15th of each month!



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Website
<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

Volunteer Needed!

Web Developer/Designer

We are looking for a volunteer web developer/designer to do a total revamp of our website, and maintain the information so that we can provide expanded web services.

If you are feeling called to serve in this role, please contact Wayne Roche:

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

Kevin and Gail Gourley are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Nicole Gourley, to Jordan Raymond Noret, son of Barry and Kellye Noret. Jordan and Robin are students at Texas A&M University, and are planning a January 2009 wedding after they graduate.



Epiphany



Local Church Points of Contact

The GAEC4DG Board has created a database of individuals who have been designated by their respective churches as the Point of Contact (“POC”) for matters relating to GAE4CDG Emmaus activities. With this designation of an individual contact person within each church, the Board and the members of its Emmaus community will have another source for the exchange of information. A church’s POC will be in addition to, and not in substitution of, all present information sources for GAEC4DG such as our existing web site, *WalkTalk* publications, or membership in our Yahoo community group. The POC of each church is requested to remind its members of the availability of these sources of information. Most churches have responded, and follow up requests for this information have been sent to those churches which have not to-date done so. Questions regarding the creation of a POC at a local church may be directed to Kathy Shaw, Community Lay Director (kathyshaw@swbell.net) and to Jim Anthony, Board Member for Gathering Support (jimanthony2@austin.rr.com).

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If you are a member of one of these churches and would like to be the church contact, please contact Kathy Shaw or Jim Anthony.

2007 Austin Sponsored Walks



Men's Walk #1344 Highland Lakes	January 11 – 14	Ed White, Lay Director Dick West, Spiritual Director Frank Heffern, Board Representative
Women's Walk #1355 Highland Lakes	March 8 – 11	Susan Wilcox, Lay Director Sue Wells, Spiritual Director Kathy Shaw, Board Representative
Women's Walk #1385 Highland Lakes	August 23 – 26	Marilyn Horndt, Lay Director Spiritual Director TBD Gail Gourley, Board Representative
Men's Walk #1387 Highland Lakes	September 6 – 9	Dale Williams, Lay Director David Payne, Spiritual Director Tommy Horndt, Board Representative
Women's Walk #1409 Highland Lakes	November 15 – 18	Nancy Minchew, Lay Director Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director Roxie Greenway, Board Representative



GAE4DG GATHERINGS

Singing at 7:00, worship at 7:30, agape feast following!

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

January 4th
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Dr.
Speaker: Dale Williams



February 1st
Crestview UMC
1300 Morrow Ave.
Speaker: Kevin Gourley

MARCH

APRIL

March 1st
Westlake UMC
1460 Red Bud Trail
Speaker: Ken Turlington



April 5th
Wesley UMC
1164 San Bernard
Speaker: TBD

WalkTalk Deadline
January 15th, 2007

Send your articles,
personal reflections,
4th Day stories and
experiences **HERE!**
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