



## The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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### Welcome New Butterflies

Girl's Flight #295  
August 2-4, 2007  
Twin Oaks

Amber Allen  
Kristi Allison  
Danielle Bedford  
Katie Breese  
Kaitlyn Brooks  
Brianna Carrie  
Marissa Cerra  
Kalynda Cochran  
Brittany Connors  
Stephanie Contreras  
Meera Day  
Caitlyn Dennig  
Michele Dennig  
Ilissa Flores  
Jordan Herselman  
Jessica Herzog  
Jalisa James  
Rebekah Knapp  
Erin Murchison  
Ashlee Paiz  
Laura Peek  
Brandi Ramon  
Lauren Reeves  
Alyssa Rodriguez  
Marina Salazar  
Kaitlyn Sisk  
Bethany Stetson

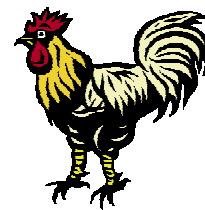
### Summer Finally Arrived

The GAE4DG trailer is loaded and in place in time for Walk 1387 starting 6 September 2007. Many, many thanks to Kathy Shaw for orchestrating it, and to the many people who donated, sewed, constructed or otherwise supplied everything for it! The nice folks at Highland Lakes have allowed us to keep it right behind their office – it would be hard to find a more convenient place.

Walk 1387 has “made” in that there are more than the minimum number of pilgrims signed up with three weeks to go! Candlelight is 7:30 PM on Saturday 8 September and closing is at 3:00 PM on Sunday 9 September at Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center – y’all come, hear! Both candlelight and closing are in the conference center across from where the Miles auditorium was before it burned down. The conference center worked well for the last walk and is a lot less work than using the dining hall as we did for the first walk after the fire.

My congregation has been including a series of personal faith stories in the Sunday worship service. The first story was presented by Pastor Andy Smith wherein he highlighted his Walk to Emmaus in goading him into the ministry. I have the privilege on September 2<sup>nd</sup> of telling my faith story as the sixth, and last, of these faith stories. I will also talk about my life changing Walk and how I was transformed by two simple ideas: feed my sheep, and God doesn’t call the equipped, but equips the called! The end result was that I was forced out of my comfort zone into things like Stephen Ministry and this job. I perhaps should feel guilty about using this faith story opportunity to promote the Walk to Emmaus, but I don’t.

De Colores  
Bud Broeker, Lay Director  
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**The Walk Talk Deadline has been moved to the 25th of every month!!**

**The Walk Talk Deadline for October is September 25th!**

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories, and reflections to  
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or email to [rts@austin.rr.com](mailto:rts@austin.rr.com)

### Were You There?

There were **82** attendees at the August Gathering!  
Have you been going to the monthly Gathering?  
**Why not?!?!?!?**  
They are normally on the first Thursday of each month. Childcare is available at all Gatherings!  
Check out the schedule on page 6!

**We'll be looking for you!**

## 2007 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1387  
Highland Lakes

Sept. 6 – 9

Dale Williams, Lay Director  
David Payne, Spiritual Director  
Bud Broeker, Board Rep.

Women's Walk #1409  
Highland Lakes

Nov. 15 – 18

Nancy Minchew, Lay Director  
Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director  
Sherry Wilkison, Board Rep.

## 2008 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1425  
Highland Lakes

March 6 – 9

Gene McConnell, Lay Director  
Monte Marshall, Spiritual Director  
Jim Anthony, Board Rep.

Women's Walk #1435  
Highland Lakes

May 1 – 4

Anne Rioux, Lay Director  
Sue Wells, Spiritual Director  
Tonna Marcyes, Board Rep.

Women's Walk #1451  
Highland Lakes

Sept. 11 – 14

Belinda Smith, Lay Director  
TBA, Spiritual Director  
Leslie Smith, Board Rep.

Men's Walk #1456  
Highland Lakes

Sept. 25 – 28

Randy Nettles, Lay Director  
TBA, Spiritual Director  
Wayne Roche, Board Rep.



### ★ **Lost Sheep/Lost Song Books - Same Basic Story**

- ★ "Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep and doesn't know where to find them."
- ★ Let's make that "GAE4DG has lost it's song books and doesn't know where to find them."
- ★ Over the years our supply of teal colored "fish" song books has dwindled down to the point of "Oops, we don't have enough." So, we, like Little Bo Peep, are searching for our lost ones. The missing books are probably marked as South Austin or North Austin Emmaus.
- ★ If a "fish" book has followed you home from a Gathering, or if some were left behind at your church, would you please let me know so we can get them back home, with or without wagging tails!

- ★ Thanks much, and DeColores -
- ★ Kathy Shaw, GAE4DG Board Representative [kathyshaw@swbell.net](mailto:kathyshaw@swbell.net)
- ★ (And finder of lost song books)



## Is It Time?

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"People can go to church daily and come away the same as they went. For they think they need only listen at the time, without any thought of learning or remembering anything. Many a man listens to sermons for three or four years and does not retain enough to give a single answer concerning his faith -- as I experience daily. Enough has been written in books, yes; but it has not been driven home to the hearts" (*Luther's Works, Vol. 53*)

Luther understood that there was a need for formal services, yet dreamed of a time when there'd be a need for another kind of experience -- one where people who were serious about their faith could be a part of a community where everyone was deeply involved in practicing the Christian life.

"The new kind of service should be a truly evangelical order and should not be held in a public place for all sorts of people. But those who want to be Christians in earnest and who profess the gospel with hand and mouth should sign their names and meet alone in a house somewhere to pray, to read, to baptize, to receive the sacrament, and to do other Christian works." He dreamed that out of a Christianity aimed at telling people about Jesus would one day come house churches, small groups and other expressions of community that are dedicated to discipleship, deeper conversation and helping one another to speak and practice Christianity. Luther recognized that in his day, such a dream was unrealistic -- its day had not yet come.

Today the question for us is, after 500 years, is it finally time?

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

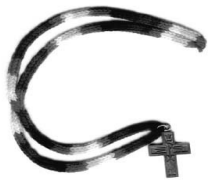
### Psalm 139 (NIV)

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.
- 5 You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

## SWTX Emmaus Leadership Training Sessions

To register for an Emmaus Leadership Training Event please go to [www.swtxumc.org/emmaus](http://www.swtxumc.org/emmaus) or contact Emmaus Register at [Emmaus@umcswtx.org](mailto:Emmaus@umcswtx.org)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Area</u>
September 22	First UMC 900 S. Shoreline Blvd.	Corpus Christi
October 6	John Wesley UMC 8300 NE Zac Lentz Pkwy	Victoria
November 10	Harlingen: Wesly UMC 1406 E. Austin Ave	Valley



## Opportunities:

**Pilgrim/Butterfly**, would you like to say a few word to the community? You can write a brief message for the *WalkTalk*. Send your message to Gina by the 25th of each month!

## Volunteer Needed!

GAE4DG is looking for a volunteer for:

**Reunion Group List Coordinator:** responsibilities will include updating and editing the GAE4DG reunion groups listings from email corrections; also providing the updated lists at Gatherings.

If you are feeling called to serve in this role, please contact Wayne Roche: 266-1813 or [wroche@austin.rr.com](mailto:wroche@austin.rr.com)

## Lay Directors!



Emmaus and Chrysalis Lay Directors, before your walk/flight weekend, it is *your* responsibility to send your **team list** to the *Walk-Talk* 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 the Database Coordinator, and again to the *WalkTalk*, so we can welcome them to the GAE4DG!.

## Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, July 5, 2007 at Manchaca UMC. In attendance were:

Bud Broecker, Lay Director	Georgia Stone, Spiritual Director
Leslie Smith, Assistant Lay Director	Kathy Shaw, Board Rep
Wayne Roche, Board Member for Member Support	Mike Rhodes, Treasurer

Bud Broecker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer by Georgia Stone.

**Minutes** – A motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2007 meeting was approved. (Kathy Shaw motion, Mike Rhodes second)

**Treasurer** – Mike Rhodes presented the current treasurers report as follows:

	General	Scholarship
Balance as of July 5, 2007	\$4763.38	\$1004.63
July Gathering	273.00	34.00
10% transfer to Scholarship	-34.00	
Mailing Expense	-316.63	
Balance as of Aug. 2, 2007	\$4719.75	\$1004.63

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was approved. (Georgia Stone motion, Kathy Shaw second)

**Board Representative** – Kathy Shaw reported that quite a few supplies were received for the agape trailer while it was at Pflugerville and she expects to receive more tonight. We still need song books, dollie, 3 legged stool. It was agreed we will purchase a dollie and Bud will obtain a 3 legged stool.

Kathy has contacted Gene McConnell about setting a date for team selection meeting.

Kathy also gave a report from the Conference Board meeting and some of the highlights/issues discussed were:

- Sponsors need to be sure pilgrims put a second choice for a Walk on their applications, this will save time and effort in case they don't get their first choice;
- Clergy must fill out an application to serve on teams and must be approved by the Conference;
- SWTC has recently revised the bylaws to more closely match the Upper Room model. Kathy has been asked to serve on a sub-committee to review the bylaws to be sure nothing was overlooked or omitted. We will need to review our bylaws during the coming year; and
- There will be a conference-wide Gathering on April 4-6, 2008 at Mt. Wesley and they would like each Fourth Day Group to volunteer to help with various activities.

Kathy also announced that the Local Lay Director orientation will be held August 11 from 9:00 – 1:00 at Pflugerville First UMC. All lay directors and board reps should attend. Those interested in possibly serving as a lay director in the future are also invited.

Jack Foreman could not attend the meeting but he needs churches to host Gatherings in 2008.

Mike Rhodes has received a scholarship application for the September Men's Walk. It was agreed to award \$90 from the scholarship fund. (Kathy Shaw motion, Georgia Stone second)

**Spiritual Director** – Georgia Stone has obtained agreements from two clergy to serve as Spiritual Directors for upcoming Walks. Monty Marshall will serve in March with Gene McConnell and Sue Wells will serve with Anne Rioux in May.

**Board Member/Member Services** – Wayne Roche gave an update on the post card. He hopes they will be mailed out this month. The programmer is finishing up the transfer of data.

**Board Member/Walk Support** – Tonna Marcyes could not attend the meeting, but it was announced that Jeff Jones will be the new walk agape coordinator.

### Other business:

Chrysalis – Candlelight will be this Friday night and closing Saturday.

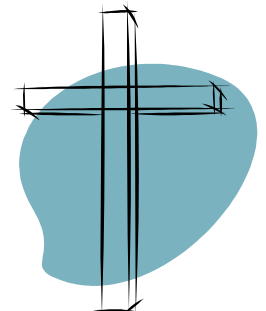
Tammy Christopher from Houston will be here tonight to give a short talk on Epiphany.

Harlan Kilbourn will work on the kneeling rails but they won't be ready for the September Walk.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15, followed by a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Leslie Smith



## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Singing at 7:00 p.m., Worship at 7:30 p.m., Agape Feast Following

### September

Thursday, September 6, 2007  
Covenant UMC  
4410 Duval Road  
Speaker: Nancy Karr

### January 2008

Thursday, January 3, 2008  
Hyde Park UMC  
4001 Speedway  
Speaker: TBA

### October

Thursday, October 4, 2007  
Tarrytown UMC  
2601 Exposition  
Speaker: Carey Dietert

**Reminder:** Childcare Services are available at all Gatherings.

For directions click on Church Links at <http://www.austinemmaus.org>

### November

Thursday, November 1, 2007  
Bethany UMC  
10010 Anderson Mill Road  
Speaker: Chrysalis

**Set the Date!!**  
**GAE4DG is now accepting  
volunteer host churches and  
speakers for the upcoming 2008  
Gatherings.**

### December

Thursday, December 6, 2007  
Simpson UMC  
1701 E. 12th Street  
Speaker: TBA

**If your church has a preference on the  
month to host the Gathering, please get  
your request in early.**

**Please contact Jack Foreman at  
252-1001 or [jcforeman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcforeman@sbcglobal.net)**