



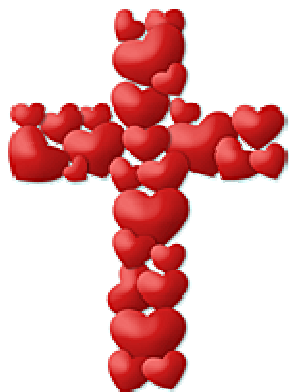
The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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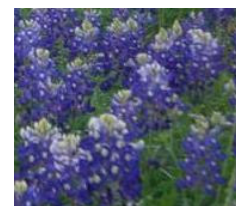
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Is May in Spring or in Summer? April has been in Spring.

Having spent the last few weeks working on fences destroyed in a brush fire, I am thankful that April is in Spring, not in Summer. The speed with which my world has turned green amazes me. It seems like only a few weeks ago the land was all brown and dried and a fire waiting to happen (and it did). But now, green has taken over in a magnificent witness of the rebirth of God's world. Now if only the bluebonnets would do their thing—I may have to settle for just a few of these beautiful creations.



As stated last month, but worth repeating, the Gatherings for June and July are not on the first Thursday of the month, but on the second Thursday. The first week of June is the time for the annual United Methodist conference in Corpus Christi. Since the purpose of the Emmaus movement is to develop leaders in the Church, it is no surprise that so many of the Emmaus Community are indeed leaders of their church and will be out of town the first Thursday. This is a yearly occurrence and we delay the June gathering each year. July, however, is unusual this year in that the Independence Day holiday is the day after the first Thursday and the start of a three day holiday. Therefore, because so many of our folks are expected to be going away that weekend, we decided to delay the Gathering until the next week.

Women's Walk #1435 is only a week away as this is being written, and a number of new and exciting things will happen at this walk. While the Walk will be at the familiar Highland Lakes site, this is the first time that Candlelight and Closing will be held in the Tabernacle. This is their recently closed in auditorium type facility between the dining hall and the lake. When you arrive for Candlelight (Singing starts at 7:30PM), just drive straight past the Inn and dining room and you will be guided to parking. Don't miss this initial use of the beautifully appointed Tabernacle.

It isn't too early to sponsor folks for the September Walks- #1451 for Women and #1456 for men. The dates are September 11-14 and September 25-28, respectively.

Don't forget to check out the new web site at www.austinemmaus.org, and register your Reunion Group if you haven't already done so. We are getting a lot of requests for reunion Group info from both new pilgrims and people moving into the area, and so far only thirteen Reunion groups have been registered. It is extremely easy to register a group, so if you are the group contact, why not register your group? In fact, you don't have to be the contact, or coordinator, or head, or manager, or group master or whatever, as long as you know the contact's email address.

To be on the list for Email reminders of monthly Gathering, walk/candlelight updates and other news, join our Yahoo Group. Go to www.yahoo.com and follow the instructions. Our group name, not surprisingly, is AustinEmmaus.

De Colores
Bud Broeker, Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

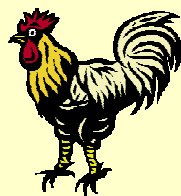
Important Information

**Women's Walk #1435
May 1 - 4, 2008
Highland Lakes**



Candlelight

Singing starts at 7:30
Worship starts at 8:00
Childcare available



Closing:

Community arrives at 3:00
Pilgrims arrive at 3:30

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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The Walk Talk Deadline for June is May 26th!

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories, Group appreciation and reflections to
Gina Franklin 12905 Irongate Ave., Austin, TX 78727;
or email to franklingdom@gmail.com

Were You There?

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 7!

We'll be looking for you!

Epiphany Ministries of Texas

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Manifesting God to Incarcerated Juveniles

Epiphany Mission:

The mission of Epiphany Prison Ministry is to offer incarcerated youth an opportunity to change their lives and value systems by introducing them to Jesus Christ. Epiphany seeks to meet the basic need of the “Stars” to feel that their lives are worthwhile because of God’s endless love for them.

Description:

Epiphany Ministry is a short three-day course in Christianity that brings to incarcerated juveniles the message of God’s love, grace and forgiveness. Epiphany is modeled after similar weekend ministries such as Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, and Chrysalis weekends.

Agape:

Epiphany agape is in the form of prayers, financial donations and visual presentations. Prayer by individuals or groups for the epiphany are necessary to fill the prayer vigils before, during and after the weekend. With the prayer coverage, the team is able to testify to the presence of the Lord in that place and allows the Lord to work in the lives of these youth. Also financial agape is needed to cover the cost of each youth attending the event. Epiphany operates purely on the donations and support of the community. Visual presentations are in the form of Posters, Banners, Placemats and/or letters of the Love of God for the “Stars”.

More Information:

For more information write to Epiphany Ministries, PO Box 590578, Houston, Texas 77259-0578 or visit their website at <http://www.texasepiphany.com/>

Giddings Epiphany #11 is May 8-11, 2008

Weekend Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

De Colores Emmaus Community,

My name is Anne Wilkinson and I am the Lay Director for Giddings Epiphany #11 on May 9-11, 2008. I am writing to you to hopefully inspire you to attend our closing on Sunday, May 11, 2008 at 3:30 pm. Epiphany does not have a candlelight or some of the other “Emmaus” events, but we do have closing, and it is one of the highlights for these young men to know that there is a Christian community out there that loves them just because God loved us first.

As a community, you enter into the chapel silently and sit behind a divided wall as we joyfully singing. When the entire community enters and is settled in their seats, we then pull back the divider and there sits our 4th day community. To see the look on the boys’ faces is a memory I cherish every time. “Who are these people that they would come and see me?” is usually their response. It is a very moving and memorable time for them, and it will be for you also.

Our weekend is also very structured, so we ask that you be to the Guard House by 3:00 pm to be escorted to our cafeteria until you can be allowed into the chapel. There are guidelines that need to be followed, so please call or e-mail me and I will get you those guidelines. I would like to have your name and driver’s license number ahead of time, but please feel free to come at the last minute also.

Here are the basics: Driver’s license and keys only may enter the unit. Dress appropriately and conservatively, not tight fitting or revealing clothes, caps, hats or scarves; do not wear open toe or backless shoes; etc. Please contact me for further instructions.

Thank you very much for your prayers and your participation,
De Colores, Anne Wilkinson, 832-423-4182, anneathome@comcast.net

PS: Pat Doughty is an active team member from Bethany UMC in Austin and may be contacted for specifics about the program at 512-797-0623 or patriciadoughty@yahoo.com

2008 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's Walk #1451
Highland Lakes

Sept. 11 – 14

Belinda Smith, Lay Director
Cheryl Broom, Spiritual Director
Leslie Smith, Board Rep.

Men's Walk #1456
Highland Lakes

Sept. 25 – 28

Randy Nettles, Lay Director
Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director
Dale Williams, Board Rep.

Chrysalis News

It's time, it's time!! Time to round up this year's butterflies for the most awesome of adventures - a Chrysalis Flight!! All youth who are currently in 9th - 12th grades are invited to attend.

The Austin Community is sponsoring two Flights this summer:

**July 10-13: Girls' Flight # 305 at Twin Oaks in Buda,
Lay Director: Briana Roehling; Cost: \$140**

**July 24-27: Boys' Flight # 309 at Twin Oaks in Buda,
Lay Director: Kevin Fowler; Cost: \$140**



Registration forms are posted on the SWTX Conference and Greater Austin Emmaus Community websites, or you may contact one of the Lay Directors or any member of the Chrysalis Next Steps Group. Scholarships are available!

Traveling

Psalm 122:1 "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

Hebrews 10:23-25 "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Whenever my wife and I get in our car and travel across our great country to visit relatives and friends, and explore new places along the way, we marvel at the beauty of nature as well as mankind's cultural and technological achievements. But what gives meaning to it all are those occasions when we gather with other members of the Body of Christ on Sunday mornings. With family, friends, and complete strangers we heard the Gospel proclaimed, received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, followed familiar liturgies, sang new and old hymns, and encouraged one another with Christian fellowship. Such opportunities to "go to the house of the Lord" and to "hold unswervingly to the hope we profess...spur one another toward love and good deeds" gave us reason for celebrating the creation, acknowledging our need for God's grace, and sharing the fruits of the Spirit.

As we move about in life, whether on vacation or moving to new locations, let us "not give up meeting together." And especially in this Easter Season as we see those among us who may be visitors or new comers, let us welcome them and include them in our Christian fellowship. Let us share our faith with one another so that we may be moved to love and good deeds. Then we and our guests will exclaim with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

Let us pray. Gracious Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name, we praise you for creating us with such individual differences but with a common longing for you. Grant that we may affirm our common humanity and discover the joy of encouraging one another in our journey through life. Help us to realize the presence of your Holy Spirit among us so that we will hold fast to the confession of our common hope in Jesus Christ for the sake of your world.. Amen.

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at Crestview UMC. In attendance were:

Bud Broeker, Lay Director
Leslie Smith, Assistant Lay Director
Mike Rhodes, Treasurer

Georgia Stone, Spiritual Director
Kathy Shaw, Board Rep
Jack Foreman, Gathering Support

Bud Broeker called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer by Georgia Stone.

Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2008 meeting was approved. (Mike Rhodes motion, Kathy Shaw second)

Treasurer – Mike Rhodes gave the following report:

	General
Balance as of 2/29/08	\$5108.27
New Balance as of 3/31/08	\$2918.23
Previous scholarship balance	\$1041.02
New Balance as of 2/29/08	\$1014.23

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

Discussion was held on candidates for lay director for one of the 2009 Men's Walks. A motion to approve a candidate was made by Jack Foreman and seconded by Leslie Smith. Kathy Shaw will check with the candidate to see if he agrees to serve.

Kathy reported that Dale Williams has agreed to serve as the Board Rep for Walk 1456.

Storage of items on the agape trailers was discussed. It was agreed that consumable items will not be stored on the trailer since they may be damaged by heat and/or cold. Consumable supplies should be placed on the agape list and left over supplies can be passed to the next Walk lay director.

One scholarship application was received and approved. (Jack Foreman motion, Leslie Smith second)

Leslie Smith reported the nominating committee has found candidates willing to serve on the Board. They will be announced at Gathering in April and May.

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

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Smith

SWTX Emmaus Leadership Training Sessions

To register for an Emmaus Leadership Training Event please go to www.swtxumc.org/emmaus or contact Emmaus Register at Emmaus@umcswtx.org

Date: May 10, 2008

Location: San Angelo: First UMC

Date: June 21, 2008

Location: Luling

Date: August 16, 2008

Location: Corpus Christi

Date: September 27, 2008

Location: Kerrville

Date: October 4, 2008

Location: Victoria

Date: November 15, 2008

Location: Austin



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 with in 15 months of serving, Spiritual Directors need to attend training at least once every 3 years. However 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 there appointees.

Austin Chrysalis Board Minutes

March 25, 2008

In Attendance: Debbie Sandifer, Briana Roehling, Joel Roehling, Kevin Fowler, Glenn Conner, Penny Mills, Kathe Boothby, Tracy Boothby, William Gray, Liz Gray, Mackey Welch, Rev. Tanya Eustace, Rev. James Amerson, Darren Mock

Minutes

Motion to accept February Board Meeting minutes. Second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

\$140 deposit from Hayes Praise Gathering. Motion to accept treasurer's report. Seconded. Motion carried.

Board/Community Training

Anyone planning to be LD/ALD/BR/SD for 2009 will need to go to the SWTX Conference Training. This one is free, otherwise we will need to pay someone to do a special one for us.

SWTX Conference Board Report

Perhaps have Cheryl Broome who is our Spiritual Director representative to the Conference Board give us a report.

Shirts

Decided to use a new shirt company for next year. Tanya has a good contact for shirts that are <\$10. Cortney authorized to research shirt companies and make a recommendation to the board.

Girls Flight #305 (July 10-13)

Need Music Team – need a leader, have youth leader interested in doing it.

Have 3 ATL confirmed, 3 YTL confirmed, 4th almost confirmed

Back table is confirmed

Currently –2 Manor, Buda, 2 Elgin, Manchaca, Crystal Falls, Bethany

3 New, 1 Med Experienced, 2 Experienced, **Need 3 ATL and 1 YTL**

Cook team confirmed

Boys Flight #309 (July 24-27)

Discussed team for Boys Flight both inside and outside.

Confirmed Logistics coordinator

Need Board Rep, been asked

Need YLD, been asked

Cook Team confirmed

Outside Team several volunteers

Request for 1 ATL and 1 YTL

Adult Talks confirmed

Youth Talks prayerfully considering,

Music Team confirmed from multiple churches

Clergy being worked, 3 confirmed

Team meetings locked. Boys Flight out of Twin Oaks at 2pm on Sunday. We will complete last talk, bus to Buda UMC for letters, commissioning, closing.

Candlelight is confirmed for both Boys and Girls Flights at Buda. Separate check for Food will be sent from Conference from Chris.

Journey

Letters have been sent to college associations. Follow up calls will be made in March. Considering January 4th or Martin Luther King Jr. weekend as potential dates in 2009.

Communication

Kathe got email from Wayne Roche asking if we use the Austin Chrysalis Yahoo Groups. Yes we have used it. Facebook and MySpace are great ways to communicate information about Austin Chrysalis. Phone also is key. Need to do it multiple times with multiple media. Letters are old fashion but can work. Suggest having a check list of how best to contact them. Also should send updates to sponsors to get back to their butterfly. Need to also contact church Emmaus groups. Potentially get Youth Directors and Wesley foundation on yahoo group. Need to set up Austin Chrysalis MySpace page and Facebook sites. Suggest to print and put in closing package.

Next Meeting – April 22, 2008

Submitted, Darren Mock



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

May 2008

Thursday, May 1, 2008
Pflugerville First UMC
500 East Pecan Street
Speaker: TBA

June 2008

Thursday, June 12, 2008
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Dr.
Speaker: TBA

July 2008

Thursday, July 10, 2008
TBA
Speaker: TBA

August 2008

Thursday, August 7, 2008
Parker Lane
Speaker: TBA

September 2008

Thursday, September 4, 2008
Tarrytown UMC
Speaker: TBA

October 2008

Thursday, October 2, 2008
TBA
Speaker: TBA

November 2008

Thursday, November 6, 2008
TBA
Speaker: TBA

December 2008

Thursday, December 4, 2008
TBA
Speaker: TBA

GAE4DG is accepting volunteer host churches and 4th Day Speakers for 2008 Gatherings.

Please contact Jack Foreman at 252-1001 or jcforeman@sbcglobal.net

Reminder: Childcare Services are available at all Gatherings.