



# The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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## Help Wanted, Apply Within

Do you remember your Pilgrim Walk and the talks about serving others? Do you remember how well your sponsor and the team members helped you before, during and after your Walk? Do you remember how amazed and impressed you were by all the agape and how the food just kept on coming?

Do you remember the music on your Walk? Have you been inspired by the music at Gatherings and Candlelights? Would you like to share your talent?

The Greater Austin Emmaus Fourth Day Group needs your help! Jon Nelson, our music coordinator and Deena Raynor, the agape coordinator are stepping down from these positions and we need volunteers to serve. Thanks Jon and Deena for your great service!

The Music Coordinator can either lead a music team of volunteers at Gatherings and Candlelights or make arrangements for various church praise bands to play. Please contact Gene McConnell, Board Member for Gathering Support, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions. I've heard many talented musicians at Gatherings, Walks and Candlelights, so I know a future Music Coordinator is out there!

If agape is more your style, the Agape Coordinator has the Walk agape lists at Gatherings, coordinates with lay directors and/or servant team coordinators about items available from previous walks, keeps informed about remaining agape needs, and sends reminders when to deliver agape. Please contact Diane Merwarth, Board Member for Walk Support, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions. Don't forget that we always need agape for Walks, too.

Have you ever thought about serving on a team, but you aren't sure how to apply? It is easy – just go to [www.austinemmaus.org](http://www.austinemmaus.org) and you can fill out an application on line or update your information. If you prefer paper and pen, we will have applications at the next Gathering.



Think about ways you can serve others through the Walk to Emmaus.

De Colores! Leslie Smith, Lay Director Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group



## Welcome New Butterflies ~ ~ Fly With Christ

Girl's Flight #305 ~ July 10-13, 2008 ~Twin Oaks	Boy's Flight #309 ~July 24-27, 2008 ~Twin Oaks
Natolie Dees Alyssa DeVilbiss Hannah Duron Hannah Field Hayli Kellar Megan Kennedy Lindsey Keys Caitlin Lander Maggie LaPoint Rachel Luna	Patrick Brown Chase Brunnemann Robby Clevenger Ethan Collier Ben Culpepper Johnathan Doherty Jeff Doherty Keegan Fischer TK Goldsberry Jakob Greinert



Kelsey Meister  
 Hayley Munguia  
 Natalie Newberry  
 Taylor Peyton  
 Kelsey Reeves  
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# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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## The Walk Talk Deadline for October is September 20th!

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories, Group appreciation and reflections to  
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or email to [franklingdom@gmail.com](mailto: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 6!

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

## 2008 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's Walk #1451 Highland Lakes	Sept. 11 – 14	Belinda Smith, Lay Director Cheryl Broome, 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.

## Proposed 2009 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk # 1485 **McKinney Roughs	Feb. 26 – Mar. 1	Jim Anthony, Lay Director Jim Mayfield, Spiritual Director
Women's Walk # 1497 Highland Lakes	April 23 – 26	Teddy Broeker, Lay Director Andy Smith, Spiritual Director
Men's Walk # 1513 Highland Lakes	Sept. 10 – 13	Keith Bible, Lay Director Sue Wells, Spiritual Director
Women's Walk # 1530 Highland Lakes	Oct. 22 – 25	Joan King, Lay Director Georgia Stone, Spiritual Director

\*\*Please Note the February Walk is at McKinney Roughs, located on Highway 71 between Austin and Bastrop.

### Emmaus Walk 1451

Women's Walk #1451 will take place September 11-14th, 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

Diane Albin	Missy Allen	Chris Bistline	Sue Bordovsky	Donna Broberg	Lara Brown
June Davis	Karen Edwards	JoAnn Elliott	Linda Elliott	Gina Franklin	Madeline Henners
Ryan Jensen	Gayle Norris	Erin Norris	Sue Payne	Sally Rodgers	Teri Shapiro
Donna Smith		Belinda Vasquez		Chris Weihl	
Belinda Smith – <i>Lay Director</i>		Cheryl Broome – <i>Spiritual Director</i>		Leslie Smith – <i>Board Rep.</i>	

### Emmaus Walk 1456

Men's Walk #1456 will take place September 25-28th, 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

Todd Baker	Greg Barnes	Rick Beale	Keith Bible	Mark Boomgaarden	Melvin Chambers
Charles Chupco	Barry Day	Richard Hasting	Bill Henderson	Tommy Horndt	Gary Johnson
Monte Marshall	Myles McKemie	Harry Nicholson	Dirk Ray	Bill Schoening	Phil Steinbach
Harold Sundbeck		Rita Thompson		George Tolleson	
Randy Nettles – <i>Lay Director</i>		Tom Deviney – <i>Spiritual Director</i>		Dale Williams – <i>Board Rep.</i>	

## **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, August 14, 2008 at Northwest Hills UMC. In Attendance were: Leslie Smith, Lay Director; Jim Anthony, Assistant Lay Director; Bud Broeker, SWTC Board Representative; Jack Foreman, Member Services; Diane Merwarth, Walk Support; Gene McConnell, Gathering Support; and Mike Rhodes, Treasurer.

Leslie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was opened with prayer by Bud Broeker. The minutes from the July 10, 2008 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The General Fund balance on July 8, 2008 was \$2,979.15 and the closing balance on August 5, 2008 was \$3,386.15. On these same respective dates, the Scholarship fund balance was \$982.73 and after the award of \$120.00 scholarship funds in July, the closing balance was \$862.73. The treasurer's report was accepted.

On August 12, 2008 the GAE4DG Team Selection Committee met and selected potential team participants for Men's Walk #1485 on February 28, 2009 and for Women's Walk #1497 on April 23, 2009. The committee's selections were approved and provided to the respective Lay Directors for each Walk.

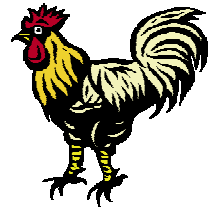
The GAE4DG policy for consideration of scholarship applications and potential funding up to 1/3 of a Pilgrim's fee for attendance on an Emmaus Walk was reaffirmed. The Sponsor for a Pilgrim who seeks scholarship assistance shall provide the Board Treasurer a completed Pilgrim Team Application and Scholarship Assistance form together with payment of the Pilgrim's remaining 2/3 fee. After board approval of the scholarship request, the Treasurer will submit the Pilgrims' completed Team Application form and fee to Southwest Texas Conference.

Discussion Items: (1) The need for selection of a new Agape Coordinator and a new Music Coordinator and ongoing efforts to fill these positions. These needs will be announced at future Gatherings and published in Walk Talk. (2) The continuing need for better understanding by all GAE4DG members of the role and scope of responsibility of the various activity coordinators and for increased communication between the coordinators and board members with whom each works and reports. (3) Other areas the board identified for further discussion and action included (a) attendance at Gatherings and means by which increased attendance may be achieved, (b) the decline in the number of Pilgrims participating in GAE4DG Walks and means by which this participation may be increased and (c) opportunities and avenues by which greater communication among the board, the Points of Contact of each church and members of GAE4DG may be encouraged and accomplished.

With full recognition that members of the GAE4DG want to feel a part of and to have an authentic sense of connection, the board will seek effective and creative means to achieve this goal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with a closing prayer by Gene McConnell.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Anthony



### **The Place of Possessions in Our Lives**

In Mark's gospel chapter 10, Jesus is teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. We live in one of the wealthiest countries on earth, yet Jesus says it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God. To the man who wants to inherit eternal life, Jesus' advice is to sell all that he owns and give it to the poor so that he may have true treasure in heaven.

We must admit that money and possessions can have a power over us. It is easy for us to define our self-worth by how much money we make, what kind of home we live in, what kind of car we drive, and what kind of clothes we wear. It is often guilt that causes us to respond to the needs of others less fortunate than we are.

Though Jesus' words seem impossible, he tells his disciples that with God all things are possible. We all fall short of the kingdom, so we live by God's mercy and forgiveness. We respond to the gospel not to earn God's favor but to show forth the good news in our lives.

We may not be in a place to give away all that we own, but Jesus' words may challenge us to rethink the place of money and possessions in our lives. We are called to leave behind all that hinders our relationship with God and others. By living with less we may gain all kinds of new possibilities for ourselves and for a world in need of the abundance that comes from God.

De Colores! Gerard Kern

## Austin Next Steps Chrysalis Board Minutes

July 22, 2008

**In Attendance:** Debbie Sandifer, Briana Roehling, Joel Roehling, Kevin Fowler, Cortney Smith, Paul LeBlanc, Mackey Welch, Liz Gray, David Weaver, Kathe Boothby, Rev. Tanya Eustace, Darren Mock

**Minutes:** Motion to accept June Board Meeting minutes. Second. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** June balance \$4,130.23,  
Net to date \$4578.59, of this \$2,000 food check for Boys Flight  
Current total \$2,718.23 reflects all checks written for food and all deposits for Girls Flights  
Darren to send out treasurer reports to Board.  
Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Second. Motion carried.

**Shirts:** Selling for \$10, additional bulk order will be placed if needed.

**Chrysalis Leadership Training:** Cortney contacting to see if one can be held in Austin. Last year held at Bethany UMC for \$100.

**Girls Flight #305 (July 10-13) Report:** Working close out items. Food checks from conference being corrected.

**Scholarships:** Motion to approve 1 scholarship. Second. Motion carried.

**Boys Flight #309 (July 24-27):** Between 19-22 butterflies signed up. Some other last minute butterflies are being signed up. Ensuring sponsors fulfill requirements for their butterflies including letters.

**Next Year Board:** Tanya is following up on Spiritual Director and discussion on potential board members.  
Email prayer request to Hays Praise and Austin email distribution groups for next years board. If interested let us know by 8/4/08.

**Potential Lay Directors -** Discussion on candidates

**Journey:** Need to check trailer at Highland Lakes to see what is out there for Chrysalis/Journey.  
Cortney calling Laura Rhodes on contract.

### **Chrysalis 2009:**

Locked in dates for July 23-26. Cortney will call for contracts.  
Boys Spiritual Director, several team members for both Boys and Girls have been identified. Continue praying for team.

### **Hoot (8/8/08)**

Held at BUMC, Cortney ordering pizza. Music for Hoot was discussed. Briana will recruit girls speaker.

### **January Hoot (Saturday January 24)**

**Next Meeting** – August 26, 2008

Submitted, Darren Mock

## 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)

**Date:** October 4, 2008      **Location:** Boerne

**Date:** January 24, 2009      **Location:** Buda

**Date:** March 14, 2009      **Location:** San Angelo

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.



## **Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings**

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

### **September 2008**

Thursday, September 4, 2008

Tarrytown UMC

2601 Exposition Blvd.

Speaker: Derly Tijerina

### **October 2008**

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Covenant UMC

4410 Duval Rd.

Speaker: Meri Marcyes

### **November 2008**

Thursday, November 6, 2008

Bethany UMC

10010 Anderson Mill Rd.

Speaker: Charles Chupco

### **December 2008**

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Riverbend

4214 Capital of Texas Hwy.

(Loop 360)

Speaker: TBA

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

### **Set the Date!!**

**GAE4DG is now accepting  
volunteer host churches and  
speakers for the upcoming 2009  
Gatherings.**

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

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