



## The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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### **Advent. Preparing for Christmas. What does it mean to you?**

Advent is supposed to be a time of preparing for the Christ child to arrive. A time to welcome our Lord, but sometimes we forget. Many years we get lost in the parties, commercialism and encouragement to buy, buy, buy. This year we may get lost in worry about our jobs, bills, and the economy in general. It doesn't help that all we seem to get in the news is how bad things are, but we need to try to remember why we really want to celebrate.

We can go to our Emmaus Service Sheets if we need reminders how to keep Christ in our life. The sheet reminds of us of morning devotions, prayer, worship attendance, communion and spiritual retreats. It next reminds us to study the Bible, daily spiritual guides, religious publications, and attend classes. Most of these things are FREE.

The service sheet also reminds us to take the good news of Christ to our families, friends and communities. Many of us are so busy, spending extra time with family and friends can be a real blessing. Yes, the financial needs in our communities are great, but if you can't give money, perhaps you can help serve breakfast for the homeless or visit a nursing home. If we will just look around, there are many ways to share our faith.

Christ came for us all! Isn't that reason enough to celebrate?

I wish you all a blessed Christmas!

De Colores!

Leslie Smith, Lay Director Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:10-14 (NIV)



**Wishing the Emmaus Community  
a Blessed Christmas  
and a Safe Happy New Year!**

# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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4th Day Group Website:  
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### The Walk Talk Deadline for January is December 29th!

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 8!

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

# Epiphany Ministries of Texas

Epiphany Ministries of Texas



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.

## Giddings Epiphany #12 - December 5-7, 2008

De Colores Emmaus Community,

The Giddings Epiphany #12 team is inviting you to attend closing on December 7, 2008. I am writing to you hopefully to inspire you to attend our closing on Sunday, December 7 at 3:30 pm. Epiphany does not have 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Marilyn Jackson, Lay Director; phone: 281-259-4472 or email: msjack99@att.net

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

Epiphany Ministries of Texas Website: <http://www.texasepiphany.com/>

## Chrysalis News

**January 17-19, 2009**

**Chrysalis Journey at Mt. Wesley, Kerrville**

**Cost: \$185.00 (Scholarships Available)**

**Young Women's Lay Director: Cortney Smith (cortneymeister@gmail.com)**

**Young Men's Lay Director: Darren Mock (dmock@ti.com)**

A Journey is a three day retreat for young women and young men ages 18-24 year old. You'll spend time in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing, and discussion. You'll experience the love of God through prayers and the acts of service from a loving support community. Think of it as three days for you to discover or re-discover you spiritual self, to analyze and realize who you are in Christ.

Registration forms are posted on the SWTX Conference and Greater Austin Emmaus Community websites, or you may contact one of the Lay Directors or a member of the Chrysalis Next Steps Group. Darren Mock (dmock@ti.com) or Kathe Boothby (klboot@aol.com)



**Next Chrysalis Hoot:  
January 24, 2009**



## 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.

### Important Information for Emmaus Men's Walk 1485 February 26- March 1, 2009 McKinney Roughs

McKinney Roughs is located on Highway 71 East, approximately 13 miles on the other side of Austin Bergstrom International Airport and is immediately adjacent to the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort. This will be the first time the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group has used McKinney Roughs for a Walk, and there are some significant differences between Highland Lakes and this site.

McKinney Roughs has a large dining hall and a "chef's dream" commercial kitchen; however, there is no kitchen staff. Yet God does provide. Within our 4th Day Community, a Men's Reunion Group, which includes several chefs, has volunteered to be present on site for the entire Walk and to prepare each of our meals. Indeed this is "manna" from heaven and an amazing gift of agape!

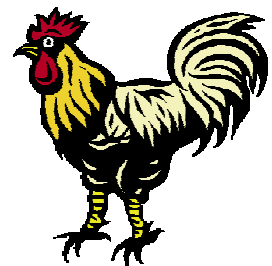
Sleeping accommodations will be Bunk House Style. McKinney Roughs has 3 two story dorms with ample shower and restroom facilities on each floor. The servant team, the lay/clergy team and the pilgrims will each use one of the dorms. Transportation restrictions at McKinney Roughs do not permit the use of golf carts on campus. However, this restriction does not extend to wheel chairs or individual motorized "scooters." Also, private automobiles cannot pull up next to the dorms for unloading pilgrims. Although the distance between the various facilities (dorms, chapel, conference room and dining hall) is not great; one needs to be aware of these limitations. If any sponsor or pilgrim has further questions, please contact one of the individuals below.

Twenty Pilgrims must be registered with SWTC by January 22, 2009 to avoid cancellation of Walk 1485. This date is two weeks earlier than most Walks. McKinney Rough contract provisions with SWTC require event confirmation by this date in view of the high demand for use of its facilities. Cancellation within 32 days prior to Walk 1485 would incur significant financial penalties.]

McKinney Roughs is a beautiful 1,100 acre nature site with a campus that is well suited for an Emmaus Walk. For more information regarding the site, one is encouraged to "google" LCRA McKinney Roughs Nature Park. Of the identified sites resulting from this search, two especially recommended for viewing are (1) LCRA-McKinney Roughs Nature Park and (2) [PDF] McKinney Roughs Nature Park."

De Colores,

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## Christ the King

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor. 9

**Gracious God, You have called us into your family and blessed us with all that we have. Receive our commitments and use them in ways that will give you glory, assist in expanding Your kingdom, and be a source of blessing to many. Fill each person present today with a generous heart, a deep trust in Your provision, and a joyful spirit. Keep our eyes focused on the mission You have given us to "make disciples" and grant us servants hearts individually and together as Your people. We pray in the strong and loving name of Jesus. Amen.**

De Colores! Gerard Kern

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

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

**Chrysalis Leadership Training :** 01/17/09, San Antonio University UMC

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.

## Volunteers Needed!

### Music Coordinator:

The GAE4DG is looking for a music coordinator volunteer. This role consists of coordinating with Host Churches, Lay Directors and the GAE4DG's wonderful musicians to provide music at Gatherings and/or Candlelight Service. Music is an important part of each Gathering and Walk.

### Childcare:

The GAE4DG is looking for child care volunteers for Candlelight Service for each Walk. This role requires several reliable volunteers with a current personal background check on file as required by SWTC, GAE4DG and the Walk sites. The need for a qualified group of volunteers to provide child care is essential. The response will determine whether child care at Candlelight Services may be provided.

For more information or if you are feeling called to serve in either of these roles, please contact any Board Member listed on Page 2.





## 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, November 6, 2008 at Bethany UMC. In attendance were: Leslie Smith, Lay Director; Rev. Georgia Stone, Spiritual Director; Bud Broeker, SWTC Board Representative; Jim Anthony, Assistant Lay Director; Jack Foreman, Member Services; Gene McConnell, Gathering Support; Mike Rhodes, Treasurer and Cortney Smith, Chrysalis.

Leslie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M and was opened with prayer by Rev. Georgia Stone. Minutes from the October 2, 2008 meeting, as amended, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The General Fund's starting balance on October 1, 2008 was \$4,359.15 and its ending balance on October 31, 2008 was \$3,009.20. After a quarterly distribution to the Scholarship Fund, the balance was \$807.23. The treasurer's report was approved.

The contract between SWTC and McKinney Roughs for Men's Walk 1485, February 26- March 1, 2009, requires registration of 20 Pilgrims with SWTC no later than January 22, 2009 in order for the Walk to make. This date, which is more than a month before the start of Walk 1485, highlights a very real need to actively broadcast this information. Additionally, site differences exist between Highland Lakes and McKinney Roughs. Information regarding the much earlier date by which the decision on whether the Walk "makes" is determined and the site differences will be provided to Gina Franklin for publication in Walk Talk, the respective points of contact at each church will be notified, and announcements will be made at the December and January Gatherings.

The schedule for Team Commissioning services include Chrysalis Journeys 25A and 25B on January 8, 2009 at Hyde Park UMC; Emmaus Men's Walk 1485 on February 5, 2009 at First UMC and Emmaus Women's Walk 1497 on April 2, 2009 at First Pflugerville UMC. Commissioning Liturgy handouts will be prepared for distribution at the Gatherings by the respective Lay Directors.

The SWTC Emmaus board meeting was held on October 24-25, 2008 in San Antonio. Bud Broker's report included information regarding the capability in January, 2009 for online sign up for Prayer Vigils, the decision that clergy will use the liturgy in the Director's Manual for Dying Moments on each Walk instead of the new liturgy previously distributed by SWTC and the appointment of Adrian Gonzales as the new SWTC Emmaus Registrar.

The GAE4DG must submit requested dates for 2010 Emmaus Walks to SWTC in December. Potential dates for 2 Men's and 2 Women's Walks were selected for the board to consider and if approved at the December board meeting, the dates will be submitted to SWTC.

Child care at Candlelight Services for each Walk remains an issue. There are no persons who may reliably be called upon from a pool of known volunteers with a current personal background check on file as required by SWTC, GAE4DG and the Walk sites. The need for a known and qualified group of volunteers to provide child care is essential. This need will be presented to our 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community at the next few Gatherings and also published in Walk Talk. The response will determine whether child care at Candlelight Services may be provided.

Music at Emmaus Gatherings and Candlelight Services remains a continuing discussion item based upon comments from within the Community. An effort to achieve consensus for this essential part of worship shall continue. The need for a volunteer to come forward and to serve as the Music Coordinator for our 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group is likewise essential and will prove helpful in this ongoing effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. with a closing prayer by Cortney Smith.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Anthony

### Greater Austin Emmaus/Chrysalis Email Update List:

Subscribers will be sent information about upcoming Gatherings, as well as other Greater Austin Emmaus information and needs. This is NOT a discussion email list, but an information email you will receive. Your email address will not be made public, and will not appear to others who receive the information.

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## **Austin Next Steps Chrysalis Board Minutes**

### **Austin Chrysalis Standing Committee**

September 9, 2008

**In Attendance:** Paul LeBlanc, Kathe Boothby, Rev. Tanya Eustace, Sandy Brooks, Jim McClain, Taylor Peyton, Ehrikka Hodge, Cortney Smith, Penny Mills, Paul LeBlanc, Darren Mock

**Minutes:** Motion to accept August Standing Committee Meeting minutes. Second. Motion carried.

#### **Standing Committee**

Reviewed contact information and discussed potential board members

Election of Leadership Positions 2008 Board Members: Secretary, Treasurer, Spiritual Director, Agape Coordinator, Prayer Vigil Coordinator, and Publicity Coordinator,

#### **Treasurer's report**

\$6523.27. No outstanding checks. Boys Flight working close out.

~\$463 needed to be paid to us by conference since Food Stipend was not sent for Girls Flight.

Check being written to Hays Praise

Butterfly refund check to write and check to refund Boys Flight team member who did not attend.

Audit will be performed. Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Second. Motion carried.

#### **Reviewed highlights of meeting with Cheryl (Conference Board Lay Director)**

Having representatives for the conference board meetings, 9/20. Email Cortney if you can attend.

Establish committee for team selection, include people not on the board

Team selection committee meeting working towards early October

#### **Dates for next summer Chrysalis Flight**

July 9-12<sup>th</sup> is preteen camp so many youth will be committed to that; Considering dates for July 9-12<sup>th</sup> and July 23-26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Austin Chrysalis Standing Committee**

October 28, 2008

**In Attendance:** Kathe Boothby, Tracy Boothby, Penny Mills, Liz Gray, William Gray, Sandy Brooks, Jim McClain, Ehrikka Hodge, Briana Roehling, Joel Roehling, Cortney Smith

**Minutes:** Minutes were accepted with these corrections to the September Attendance: Penny Mills was not in attendance, Joel and Briana Roehling were added. Second. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer not in attendance. No report.

#### **Standing Committee**

Ehrikka Hodge accepted the Lay Director in Training position and was approved. Second. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Went over minutes from Chrysalis Conference Meeting.

#### **New Business:**

Journey Updates: Boys – in need of a Marriage and singles talk. Names were suggested as possibilities for Marriage talk. Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held and it went well. In need of 1 youth for the Study talk, 1 more musician, 1 for Marriage talk possibly because couple asked haven't as yet responded. Both Journeys will probably have a need for several scholarships. As far as people needed for both Boy's and Girl's Flights, Tracy with check with the UT Wesley Foundation for possibly suggestions. The next Girls Journey meeting will be at Marble Falls on November 7-8, this will be an over-night meeting.

Chrysalis Flights for 2009 Report: We will switch the Girls flight from July 9-11 to July 23-25, the Boys flight will be July 9-11. We are still looking for a Boy's Lay Director.

Talked about coming up with a new design for Journey and Chrysalis. Should be have two different designs? Cortney will check on turn around time for shirts and we can wait until closer to the Journey time to possibly decide on a whether to do two or one designs.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Next meetings - November 18, December 16

Chrysalis Journeys - January 17-19, 2009 at Mr. Wesley

January Hoot – Saturday January 24, 2009

## **Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings**

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

### **December 2008**

Thursday, December 4, 2008  
Riverbend  
4214 Capital of Texas Hwy.  
(Loop 360)  
Speaker: Ange Kogutz

### **January 2009**

Thursday, January 8, 2009  
Hyde Park UMC  
4001 Speedway  
Speaker: TBA

### **February 2009**

Thursday, February 5, 2009  
1st Church of Austin  
Lavaca & 12th Street  
Speaker: TBA

### **March 2009**

Thursday, March 5, 2009  
Crestview UMC  
1300 Morrow Ave.  
Speaker: TBA

### **April 2009**

Thursday, April 2, 2009  
First UMC of Pflugerville  
500 East Pecan Street  
Speaker: TBA

### **May 2009**

Thursday, May 7, 2009  
Memorial UMC

### **June 2009**

Thursday, June 11, 2009  
The Rock UMC

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

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

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