



# The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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## Welcome New Pilgrims

**Men's Walk #1485  
Feb. 26 - Mar. 1, 2009  
McKinney Roughs**

- Rob Abbott
- Darren Allee
- Adam Anthony
- Jim Austin
- David Bailie
- Mike Benaglio
- Kevin Brackmeyer
- Carl Bridges
- Bruce Cardwell
- Mike Criscolo
- Pierre Deschesnes
- Ron Frye
- Ryan Gravatt
- Richard Hargraves
- Steve Hursting
- Hank Husky
- Tom Keller
- Keith Maxie
- Jim McCutcheon
- Kevin McHorse
- Roger Moore
- Ryan Ohls
- Mike Pantin
- Gene Pollastro
- Dale Richard
- Daniel Sena
- Tim Solms
- James Spiegel
- Mark Sprague
- Ron Thompson
- Robert Todd
- Tom Washmon
- Scott Wilcox
- Edward Yale
- Mike Yancey

## Spread the News!

They still couldn't believe it. It happened so fast. They hadn't even had a chance to say goodbye. Yes, Jesus had tried to prepare them but they hadn't believed it could happen. Not now. Not so horrifically.

Just last Sunday, Jesus had been welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of Hosanna by believers. They had heard rumors that Jesus had enemies but couldn't those people see that He was the Messiah? The crowd's opinion changed so fast. Now they were all afraid.

The women had gone early in the morning to Jesus' tomb but he wasn't there. Jesus had also tried to tell them that He would live again but that didn't occur to them. Until – there He was in the garden! That was really Jesus! He talked to them and then the women hurried back to tell the disciples.

News traveled fast among Jesus' followers but it was still hard to comprehend. It wasn't until He appeared to two on the road to Emmaus, in Jerusalem, and in Galilee that they finally understood. They weren't supposed to keep the lessons to themselves either. Jesus commanded the disciples to tell His story. It wasn't easy, but they persisted in spreading the Word as have their descendants. That is where we come in. We are supposed to continue spreading Jesus' words, deeds and the Easter story. Are you ready?

I would like to say thank you to Jim Anthony who has served as Assistant Lay Director for the Greater Austin Emmaus Fourth Day Group this year and also Lay Director for Walk #1485. Jim has resigned from the board due to health and work issues. Jim greatly believes in sharing Jesus' Good News and the power of the Walk to Emmaus in strengthening the local churches. I greatly appreciate how Jim has persevered this year to complete his commitments. Thanks Jim!

Now let's go spread that Easter story!  
De Colores! Leslie Smith, Lay Director Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group

### On the Road to Emmaus Luke 24:30-35 (NIV)



When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! **The Lord has risen** and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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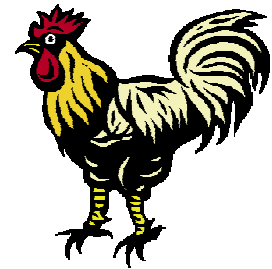
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## The Walk Talk Deadline for May is April 20th!

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories,  
Group appreciation and reflections to  
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## 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!**

## 2009 Austin Sponsored Walks

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

### Emmaus Walk 1497

Women's Walk #1497, April 23 - 26, at Highland Lakes.  
**Please Sponsor a Pilgrim, the deadline is April 9th.**

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

Teddy Broeker – <i>Lay Director</i>	Rev. Andy Smith – <i>Spiritual Director</i>	Kathy Shaw – <i>Board Rep.</i>
Rev. Missy Allen	Sarah Bowles	Rev. Tina Carter
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		Kristin Hampsten
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		Christine McKemie
		Rev. Jeannie Whitehurst

### Thank You, Jim Anthony!

Jim Anthony has been serving this year as Assistant Lay Director of the Greater Austin Fourth Day Group. In addition, he has served as Lay Director for Walk #1485. Jim has decided he must resign from the GAE4DG Board due to work and health considerations. Thank you Jim for all the work you have done this year. Jim has persevered through health issues so that Walk #1485 could occur. We appreciate everything Jim has done to promote the Walk to Emmaus in his home church and Austin.

The GAE4DG Board has approved the move of Jack Foreman from Board Member for Member Services to the Assistant Lay Director position. Jack will become Lay Director in June.



### Chrysalis Flights!!

**Save the Date!!** Time to start thinking about this year's butterflies for the most awesome of adventures - a Chrysalis Flight!! All youth who are currently in 10th - 12th grades are invited to attend.

**July 9-11: Boys' Flight # 325 at Marble Falls UMC**

**July 23-25: Girls' Flight # 327 at Marble Falls UMC**



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

## **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, March 5, 2009 at Crestview United Methodist Church in Austin. In Attendance were: Leslie Smith, Lay Director; Bud Broeker, SWTC Board Representative (Member Services); Jack Foreman, Member Services (Assistant Lay Director); Diane Merwarth, Walk Support; Gene McConnell, Gathering Support; Mike Rhodes, Treasurer, Georgia Stone, Spiritual Director; Jim Anthony, Walk Lay Director; and Cortney Smith, Chrysalis Representative.

Jack Foreman called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. and the meeting was opened with prayer by Georgia Stone.

Bud reported that new worship books will be available starting with Walk #1494 and going forward. The books will be the same size but be an updated version of the previous book. There will also be a 9 page addendum for the Lay Director Manual (3-Day Schedule). This addendum can be accessed on the Southwest Texas Conference website. A motion was made that the Board purchase 100 reunion cards and 100 of the new worship books to sell to the community at Emmaus Gatherings. The worship books will be sold for \$3 and the reunion cards will be sold for \$1. The motion was seconded and carried.

The minutes from the February 5, 2009 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The General Fund balance on February 28, 2009 was \$3,281.60. An additional \$3060.00 was available for distribution for Walks. The Scholarship Fund balance was \$939.23. There was also \$48 available for distribution to Chrysalis. The total balance was \$7,328.83.

Mike Rhodes suggested that the Board consider that his term will end this year and that consideration should be put into who will serve as the next Treasurer, so that Mike can provide training. Mike will not be available for the April Gathering and Bud Broeker will collect the offering and deposit the funds. The treasurer's report was approved.

Leslie Smith reported that Jim Anthony had submitted his resignation as the Board's Assistant Lay Director. The resignation was accepted and the Board thanked Jim for his service.

There was discussion regarding a replacement for the vacant Assistant Lay Director position. Bud Broeker made a motion to appoint Jack Foreman as the Assistant Lay Director for the remainder of the term. Bud offered to take over Jack's Member Services responsibilities. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jack Foreman will recruit members for a nominating committee for the positions that are opening up during the next Board term. Jim Anthony offered to serve on the nominating committee. The vacant positions are: Member Services, Treasurer, and Assistant Lay Director.

Bud Broeker led a discussion about possible male and female candidates to serve as Walk Lay Directors in 2010, 2011, and the future. Bud Broeker will contact individuals who have achieved the required team service positions and gauge their interest in serving in the position.

Bud Broeker reported that there is no longer a need for an interpreter for the upcoming Women's Walk.

Jim Anthony and Gene McConnell provided a Report for Walk #1485. The spirit of the weekend and the positive impact on the Pilgrims was discussed. There was discussion regarding the importance of limiting the time of talks to the amount allotted in the weekend schedule and talk outline. A site report from Kathy Shaw was considered and the use of McKinney Roughts for future Walks was encouraged.

A Local Lay Director Training will be held on March 28, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church of Pflugerville. All Walk Lay Directors, Assistant Lay Directors, and if possible Spiritual Directors should attend. The Board is also encouraged to attend. Those interested in attending need to register with Kathy Shaw.

There was discussion regarding the requirement that individuals only serve on one inside team each year and only two within three years. It was suggested that the Board ask Don Greenway to serve as the Board Representative for Keith Bible's Walk to replace Jack Foreman so that Jack would not serve on two inside teams within one year. The Board agreed and Don Greenway would be asked.

Due to time limitations the Board was not able to discuss additional points that were to be covered. The Board will meet again on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at Northwest Hills United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cortney Smith

## Austin Next Steps Chrysalis Board Minutes

February 24, 2009

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kathe Boothby, Penny Mills, Cortney Smith, Brianna Roehling, Greg Mills, Jim McClain, Tanya Eustace, Ehrikka Hodge

**MINUTES:** Minutes were read. Correction made in: Journey “nearly closed out”, not closed out. Minutes approved as corrected and seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** No report. The Shirt check cleared.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Signed the Letter of Agreement.

Try to get speakers to speak at youth groups.

*Boys Chrysalis* – The marriage talk confirmed. The music team suggested can't do it but he will try to think of alternatives. LD has been in touch with everyone. The outside coordinator is a yes.

*Girls Chrysalis*– Some conflicts with that weekend as far as involving youth – Quest camp is the same weekend. Still looking for singles and marriage talks.

Working on coordinating extra shower facilities.

Will send out email to the Emmaus community to ask for assistance with providing food for the meals or also to cook.

2010 LD Girls –2011 LD Girls – We discussed potential names for these flights.

2010-2011 Boys - We discussed potential names for these flights

Clergy to consider –Compiled a list of clergy for future flights

Looking to involve San Antonio in the Journey's because they don't have Journey's.

Journey's logistics – check into David Payne's facility.

Board for 2009 – looking for potential new members, youth as well as adults.

WFLT – is the new name for the Emmanuel/Chrysalis training

Gathering on April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Chrysalis sponsored and is at Pflugerville. Also Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in Marble Falls is their community Chrysalis sponsored Gathering

Need to make a formal team selection committee, it will have a 3 year rotation.

Look into the next Conference Chrysalis Board Meeting and who will attend.



## Holy Week

### **How did Holy Week become part of the Church Year?**

Holy Week came together in the fourth century through the practices of the church at Jerusalem. In the days leading up to Easter, the Christians living in Palestine gathered at the various sites where the events recounted in the Gospels took place. There they offered prayers and hymns and relived through Scripture readings the events of that momentous week. Pilgrims from other parts of the world who visited Jerusalem carried home the customs they observed. Thus Holy Week spread across the Christian world.

### **Do all Christian churches celebrate Holy Week and Easter the same way?**

No, Christians vary in how they celebrate Holy Week and Easter, though there has been a growing trend toward a fuller observation of these special days. In Lutheranism, for example, you will find that some parishes conduct services every day of Holy Week, while others observe only Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

### **How does Holy Week prepare us for Easter, the Pinnacle of the Church Year?**

Each of these days provides a liturgical experience that enables Christians to spiritually follow along and become witnesses to the great events of that most important week in all of human history. For instance, on Palm Sunday we join in waving our palms and singing to the King who comes into our midst. On Maundy Thursday we witness the institution of the Eucharist and partake of the feast. On Good Friday we stand in the darkness beneath the cross and worship Christ as He offers His life in exchange for our own, destroying death by death. On Holy Saturday we watch the light of a never-ending day break from death, and we know that, baptized into the Risen One, we will have a life that never ends. **Praise God!**

De Colores! Gerard Kern

## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

### April 2009

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

### May 2009

Thursday, May 7, 2009  
Memorial UMC  
6100 Berkman Dr.  
Speaker: Alberta Shelton

### June 2009

Thursday, June 11, 2009  
The Rock UMC  
2001 W. New Hope Rd.  
Speaker: TBA

### July 2009

Thursday, July 2, 2009  
TBA  
Speaker: TBA

### August 2009

Thursday, August 6, 2009  
TBA  
Speaker: TBA

### September 2009

Thursday, September 3, 2009  
TBA  
Speaker: TBA

### October 2009

Thursday, October 1, 2009  
TBA  
Speaker: TBA

**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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