



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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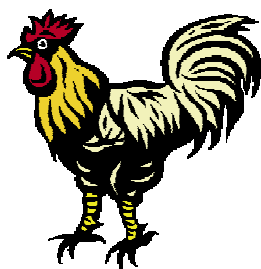
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Welcome New Pilgrims

**Women's Walk #1497
Apr. 23 - 26, 2009
Highland Lakes**

- Julie Borders
- Karen Bowker
- Stephanie Buscemi
- Vickee Byrum
- Ramona Callia
- Kerri Ann Chambless
- Deborah Connors
- Ashley Davis
- Connie Doland
- Eva Franco
- Amy Gibbs
- Megan Helmbrecht
- Dana Hendricks
- Keri Holder
- Vicki Hutchison
- Vickie Morgan
- Charlotte Scott
- Jean Solana
- Karen Solms
- Denese Todd
- Christina Yates



Introductions

Greetings from the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board. I am **Jack Foreman, the incoming Lay Director** for the 4th Day Group and I would like to introduce to you our new members of the Board. Our new **Treasurer** is **Roxie Greenway**. Roxie, as many of us know and love, has many years of service to the Austin Emmaus Community. She attended Walk #374 at Mt. Wesley in September of 1994 where she set at the table of "Rocking Radical Rebecca". Roxie was Lay Director of Walk 895 in March of 2001 and has served on the Greater Austin Emmaus Board as Assistant Lay Director, Lay Director and Community Board Representative.

Responsible for **Gathering Support** for the 2009 / 2010 this year is **Allen Updike** from Covenant UMC. Allen attended Walk 1485 in May of 2008 where he set at the Table of Matthew. Ask Allen and he will tell you that his Emmaus Walk was a "life saving event and the best thing that every happen to him." Allen has not been bashful about his Emmaus service by volunteering to serve on the 4th Day Board, serving twice on a Servant Team and on the upcoming Conference Room Team for the Chrysalis Flight in July and Emmaus Walk in September.

Bob Duplantis, Member Support Coordinator, also is joining the Board for 2009 / 2010. Bob's Emmaus Walk was #1387 in September of 2007 where he set at the table of Paul. Bob says that Emmaus is a "live changing even, it really is." Bob has been a regular member of several Servant Teams and can be counted on to support the Austin 4th day Group. Welcome Bob.

As we welcome our new members I hope you will join me in thanking those Board Members who are retiring from the Board. Mr. Mike Rhodes for his many years of service as Treasurer. Also, for Jim Anthony, for years of service to our Emmaus Community.

De Colores!
Jack Foreman, Lay Director
Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group



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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:
<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



The Walk Talk Deadline for July is June 20th!

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 6!

We'll be looking for you!

Where to Find Peace and Security

When Jesus told his disciples, "Peace be with you," and when He speaks the same to you in the midst of your feelings of insecurity and uncertainty, you can be sure He is not just uttering trite words.

The love of God is more than words of comfort. Jesus, because of his love for us, sought us out by coming down from heaven. He came for us and became one of us -- so that we might be forgiven, so that we might be saved, and so that we might have abundant spiritual riches, regardless of our material or physical circumstances.

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, Jesus offers a powerful peace that is for all people. In the midst of your concerns about your health, the condition of your finances, or the state of our nation and world, Jesus comes and promises peace.

The apostle Peter writes, "*Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you*" (1Peter 5:7). Peter should know. He was the disciple who was determined to walk to Jesus on the water but sank when his faith failed him. He was the one at whom Jesus shouted, "*Get behind Me, Satan!*" (Mark 8:33) when he refused to accept that Jesus had to die. Peter was the one who pledged, "*Even if all fall away, I will not*" (Mark 14:29) -- and then the same night, three times he denied even knowing who Jesus was.

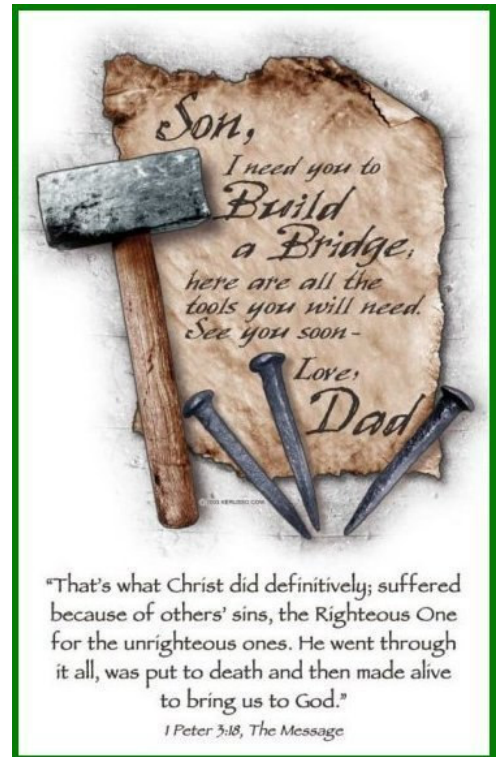
Still, Jesus forgave all of Peter's weaknesses and failures -- and then empowered him to become a bold witness to those who needed to hear the salvation story.

That life-transforming change can be yours as well. Let the Lord take the worry off your shoulders. Cast your cares upon Christ, knowing He cares for you. Put your trust in Him with full confidence that -- no matter what circumstances you face -- you are secure in His love.

Thanks be to God!

De Colores!

Gerard Kern



2009 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk # 1513
Highland Lakes

Sept. 10 – 13

Keith Bible, Lay Director
Val Sansing, Spiritual Director

Women's Walk # 1530
Highland Lakes

Oct. 22 – 25

Joan King, Lay Director
Georgia Stone, Spiritual Director

Chrysalis Flights!!

Register Now!! Time to get your butterflies ready for the most awesome of adventures - a Chrysalis Flight!! All youth who are currently in 10th - 12th grades are invited to attend.

July 8-11: 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 4th Day Group Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Tuesday, 7 May 2009, at Memorial United Methodist Church. In Attendance were: Leslie Smith, Lay Director; Bud Broeker, SWTC Board Representative; Jack Foreman, Assistant Lay Director; Diane Merwarth, Walk Support; Gene McConnell, Gathering Support; Cortney Smith, Chrysalis, Mike Rhodes; Treasurer and Rev. Georgia Stone, Spiritual Director.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 by Lay Director Leslie Smith with an opening Prayer by Rev. Stone. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Diane Merwarth and Bud Broeker.

The finance report was presented by Mike Rhodes and approved on a motion by Gene McConnell and Diane Merwarth. Mike reported as follows:

Ending balances as of 4/30/2009:	General Fund: \$4,557.46
	Scholarship Fund: \$912.23

Bud Broeker reported on sale of the new Worship books and Service Sheets. Bud was directed to purchase 100 additional Service Sheets for resale to the membership.

Teddy Broeker reported on the recent women's walk where there were 21 pilgrims at five (5) tables.

Bud Broeker reported that he prepared electronic versions of the schedules, forms and letters for upcoming Walks.

Bud Broeker reported the upcoming dates for Lay Director training and that the information is posted on the web site.

Old Business:

The Board of Directors picked two (2) possible dates to meet with Walk Lay Directors. Bud is to schedule with the 2009 and 2010 Lay Directors a time for a two (2) hour meeting for the purpose of sharing goals and expectations. Possible dates are 26 May and 9 June.

Rev. Georgia Stone and the Board discussed the selection process for Spiritual Directors.

Motion was made by Jack Foreman and Diane Merwarth to acknowledge the service and dedication of outgoing Lay Director Leslie Smith and Treasure Mike Rhodes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM with a closing prayer by Rev. Georgia Stone.

Minutes submitted by: Jack Foreman

2010 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1541 Highland Lakes	February 11-14	Rocky Wilcox, Lay Director Gene McConnell, Board Rep.
Women's Walk #1556 Highland Lakes	April 22-25	Chris Weihl, Lay Director Roxie Greenway, Board Rep.
Men's Walk #1585 Highland Lakes	October 7-11	Gary Johnson, Lay Director Jack Foreman, Board Rep.
Women's Walk #1599 Highland Lakes	November 18-21	Dianne Merwarth, Lay Director Cortney Smith, Board Rep.

Austin Next Steps Chrysalis Board Minutes

April 28, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathe Boothby, Tracy Boothby, Sandy Brooks, Penny Mills, Cortney Smith, Briana Roehling, Greg Mills, Jim McClain, Ehrikka Hodge, Darren Mock

MINUTES: Minutes were read. Minutes approved and seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Beginning balance of \$1659.22 Journey closed out. The Journey made money. Girls Journey lost \$483.21 and the Boys Journey made \$553.81. Treasurer's Report approved and seconded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boys Chrysalis –Still looking for Singles talk. Ok with 5 youth tables. Need 1 adult table leader. Need medical person, need 1 more clergy. 1st team meeting was April 18 with 13 in attendance. The next meetings are May 16, June 13 at Bethany UMC and June 27 at Marble Falls.

Contact from Marble Falls today everything good to go.

Girls Chrysalis– First meeting held April 18. Still looking 1 youth table leader. Contacted medical person, waiting to hear back. Discussed free time activities that will be available. Next meetings are May 29-30 at Bethany UMC and June 27 at Marble Falls.

Working on shirt design.

2010 Journeys – Need to locate a site. We are still looking into River Bend as possible site for Journeys. We have a boys LD. We have a possible Girls Journey LD. It was voted and approved. Paul needs to check with his shirt contact from Emmaus. Cortney checked with David Payne about his church but did not hear back.

Darren will be working on the data base.

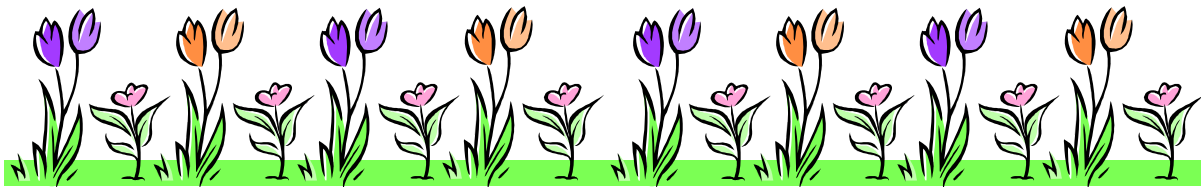
Conference: Working on data base for clergy. Discussed time line for training. LD training is July 11, 2009 to be trained for flights in 2010.

Gathering at Pflugerville went well with just a minor misunderstanding.

Darren will visit Lake Travis on May 17 to discuss Chrysalis. Will set time to visit at Covenant UMC. Looking at youth to talk at Bethany UMC.

Tracy working on flyer and she will send to Cortney and then it will go on to DYPS.

Board that is finished with their 3 year term go out in August . Need to check into Bylaws as to the number of people for Board places.



SWTX Walk/Flight 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: August 15, 2009

Location: Johnson City

Date: Sept. 19, 2009

Location: Beeville

Date: Oct. 17, 2009

Location: Kerrville

Purpose: Training Lay Directors, Board Reps and Spiritual Directors Leadership teams for Emmaus/Chrysalis. The Walk/Flight Leadership Training is required for all incoming Lay Directors and Board Reps and Spiritual Directors. Lay Directors and Board Reps need to attend training within 15 months of serving, Spiritual Directors need to attend training at least once every 3 years. However LT is open to anyone interested in learning more about 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 SWTX Conf Emmaus/Chrysalis Lay Directors and Spiritual Director or their appointees.

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

June 2009

Thursday, June 11, 2009
Parker Lane
2105 Parker Lane
Speaker: Chris McKemie

November 2009

Thursday, November 5, 2009
TBA
Speaker: TBA

July 2009

Thursday, July 9, 2009
TBA
Speaker: TBA

December 2009

Thursday, December 3, 2009
TBA
Speaker: TBA

August 2009

Thursday, August 6, 2009
TBA
Speaker: TBA

Reminder: Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

September 2009

Thursday, September 3, 2009
TBA
Speaker: TBA

**GAE4DG is now accepting
volunteer host churches and
speakers for the upcoming 2009
& 2010 Gatherings.**

Contact:

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October 2009

Thursday, October 1, 2009
TBA
Speaker: TBA