



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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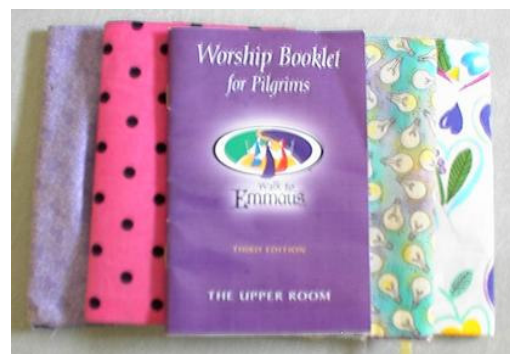
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New Purple Books

Greetings from the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group. If you have attended a Gathering or a Walk recently you know there is a new Worship Booklet for Pilgrims, better known as the Purple Book. This is the Third Edition. The new edition is different but still the same. Significant prayer and dialogue by both clergy and lay person from the local communities to the national Emmaus organization went into this edition. The goal was to incorporate updated liturgies, more modern prayers and helpful aides for pilgrims Fourth Day Journey.

Before you panic, the new Purple Book is the same size and will fit in your existing book cover. The "Sacrament of the Lord's Supper" still starts on page 26 but page 26 is one page past the staples. And, the "Prayer to the Holy Spirit" is still on page 48, which is now the last page. Copies of the new "Worship Booklet" are available at the Gathering for \$3.00. Also, new copies of the "Service Sheet" are available for \$1.00. If you would like to buy bulk copies for your reunion group or local church Emmaus community please contact me by e-mail at JCForeman@SBCGlobal.net.



De Colores!

Jack Foreman, Lay Director

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

Prayers for Chrysalis Flight 325 & 327

Please support these Flights with your prayers, your agape, and your presence at Candlelight and Closing. Please keep the team members in your prayers, and remember, there are many unseen and unsung community members working on the Servant Team!

Chrysalis Flights!!

Still Time to Register!! 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 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!

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
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The Walk Talk Deadline for August is July 25th!

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 7!

We'll be looking for you!



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

New Agape Signup Online

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group has entered a new era. The signup for agape for a GAE4DG-sponsored Walk to Emmaus is now available on the web. This will be a TRIAL for the walks to be held this fall (September and October), but we will still have a paper version to pass around at gatherings. If this is successful and meets all of our needs, we would like to consider phasing out the paper version so that everyone can signup on the web to support the GAE4DG-sponsored Walk to Emmaus.

The first web-based signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1513 was unveiled at the GAE4DG Gathering at Parker Lane UMC on Thursday June 11, 2009. The signup is at <http://www.mysignup.com/walk1513agape> and is free. Several laptop computers were available at the Agape Feast following the Gathering for attendees to use to signup for agape.

The general format at the web site is a list of instructions at the top of the page, followed by a grid of 6 columns with many rows for the items needed. The 1st column is the "Count" of the number of items to bring for each "I'll bring this!" button on a row. The 2nd column is the "Item" description which sometimes contains information such as "bag of 48", "1.5 lbs.", or "1 quart". The 3rd-6th columns are the "I'll bring this!" buttons.

The list of items is in alphabetical order. If you want to search for a particular item, you can enter <Control-F>, enter the name in the Find box, and press the Next pushbutton. An example is "notebook" which finds "Secretary notebook for each table" and "Table Notebooks".

When you press one of the "I'll bring this!" buttons, the web will prompt you to enter

- First Name (this item is required and will be visible on web),
- Last Name (this item is required and will be visible on web),
- E-Mail (this item is required and will NOT be visible on web),
- Telephone Number (512-123-4567 format) (this item is required and will NOT be visible on web),
- description of the agape for "Agape, dining room or pillow" (leave this field blank for other items such as "chips" or "water") (this item is optional and will NOT be visible on the web), and
- Undo Code (a password you create and use if you want to undo your signup) (this item is required and will NOT be visible on web).

If you have previously entered this information, everything but your E-Mail will be filled in for you if you sign up for more than one item.

When you press the "I promise that I will bring this!" button at the bottom of the page, your information will be entered into the database. There is a slight possibility that someone else on another computer might have pressed the exact same "I'll bring this!" button and completed their information before you, so please check your item to be sure that your First Name and Last Name are listed for the item.

If there is more than one "I'll bring this!" button for an item and you wish to bring more than Count items, you can press 2 of the "I'll bring this!" buttons and bring 2 times Count items, you can press 3 of the "I'll bring this!" buttons and bring 3 times Count items, or you can press 4 of the "I'll bring this!" buttons and bring 4 times Count items, etc.

If you find that you have made a mistake or that you can no longer bring the item, return to the web page, press the "Undo" button under your First Name and Last Name for an item, enter the Undo Code that you entered for this item, and press the "Please free up this time slot" button. After you have done this, it will return to a "I'll bring this!" button and someone else can sign up for the item.

Approximately one week prior to the beginning of a Walk, a reminder e-mail will be sent to you for each item that you have promised to bring. The drop-off locations will be listed in the reminder e-mail.

De Colores! Tom Rioux

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.

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.

A Call From a Passionate Patriot

Patrick Henry's speech reaches through time to our generation. He said, "If we mean not basely to abandon the noble struggle in which we have been so long engaged, and which we have pledged ourselves never to abandon until the glorious object of our contest shall be obtained -- we must fight! I repeat it, sir, we must fight!"

The fearless patriot of liberty reminds us we are not alone in our fight. "The millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

With God on our side and leading the charge, we, like Patrick Henry, must proclaim: "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take: but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

News within the Emmaus Community

Congratulations:

On Friday night, June 5, 2009, at the Southwest Texas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi, Wade Leroy Lindstrom, Lay Director for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1152, was Commissioned as a Minister and elected to Provisional Membership. Men's Walk to Emmaus #1152 was sponsored by the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group and was held at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville on May 13-16, 2004; the Spiritual Director was Dick West and the Board Representative was Tim Payne.

Prayers and Well Wishes:

Along the same line, please keep Liz Klar in your prayers. Liz has been very involved in Kairos and has served on several Emmaus teams. After 30 years of coaching, she has now retired and will be entering seminary this fall with an eye to serving as a chaplain.

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Parker Lane United Methodist Church. In Attendance were: Leslie Smith, Past Lay Director; Bud Broeker, SWTC Board Representative; Gene McConnell, Assistant Lay Director; Diane Merwarth, Walk Support; Roxie Greenway; Treasurer and Bob Duplantis, Member Services Support.

Meeting called to order at 6:08 by Assistant Lay Director Gene McConnell with an opening Prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Roxie Greenway and Diane Merwarth

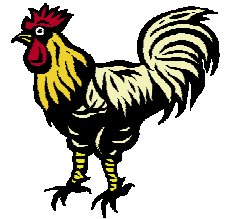
The finance report was presented by Roxie Greenway and approved on a motion by Bud Broeker and Diane Merwarth. Roxie reported as follows:

Ending balances as of 5/31/2009:

General Fund:	\$4,380.96
Scholarship Fund:	<u>\$ 934.23</u>
Overall Total:	\$5,315.19

For the year 06/01/08 – 05/31/09:

Total Annual Income:	\$5,240.91
Total Annual Expenses:	<u>\$1,602.10</u>
Overall Annual Totals:	\$3,638.81



Gene McConnell presented the following tentative list of host churches for the next few months in 2009:

July – Bethany UMC	October – Oakhill UMC
August – Riverbend	November – Northwest Hills UMC
September – Covenant UMC	December –

Bud Broeker reported on sale of the new Worship books and Service Sheets. The costs for these has been recovered on the sales to date already. Roxie Greenway was directed to purchase 50 new Team Manuals for use by the upcoming Walk teams and to purchase 100 additional Service Sheets for resale to the membership.

Bud Broeker reported that he prepared electronic versions of the schedules, forms and letters for upcoming Walks and passed out copies to those on the board that requested them.

Bob Duplantis requested we go around the table and introduce ourselves and our positions on the Board and what church we attend as this was his first Board meeting. As we did this, we also each put our e-mail address on a list for Bob to have and be able to correspond with the Board through e-mails.

Bud Broeker was directed to contact Conference and find a date for the Board to receive the tri-annual training. Roxie Greenway reported that she and Chris Weihl, Gene McConnell and Rocky Wilcox all attended the Walk/Flight Training in LaVernia, Tx on May 16, 2009.

Old Business:

The Board of Directors picked a possible date to meet with Walk Lay Directors of July 14, 2009. Bud Broeker is to contact the 2009 and the spring 2010 Lay Directors for the purpose of sharing goals and expectations on July 14, 2009. Roxie Greenway is going to reserve a room for this at Covenant UMC.

New Business:

The Board of Directors picked a possible date for the next team selection of the spring 2010 men's and women's walks. That date is Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Bud will make an announcement at the Gathering of the date and request for volunteers from the general Emmaus community to participate in the team selection.

Tom Rioux joined the Board meeting to report on the new online Agape sign up system that he created and wanted to do as a trial process for the fall 2009 Walks and reported that he would have a laptop in the family life center at the Agape Feast after Gathering tonight for the community to sign up online for supplying Agape for the next Walk.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM with a closing prayer by Roxie Greenway.

Minutes submitted by: Gene McConnell, Assistant Lay Director



*Then I heard the voice of the **Lord** saying,
"Whom shall I send?*

And who will go for us?"

*And I said, "**Here am I. Send me!**"*

Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)



Austin Next Steps Chrysalis Board Minutes

May 26, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathe Boothby, Sandy Brooks, Penny Mills, Courtney Smith, Greg Mills, Jim McClain, Tanya Eustace, Paul LeBlanc

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Beginning balance of \$1255.22 Non-negotiable, flights need to be closed out within 20 days of the event. Treasurer's Report approved and seconded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Get reports that can be done ahead of time, done so close out is easier.

T-shirts: Paul provided info and prices. We looked over designs and thought shirt number 3 and 5 were the best. Decided to give each butterfly a shirt. If all team members order a shirt it will be ok to wear but if not everyone orders shirts should not be worn (all or nothing).

Boys Chrysalis – 5TH clergy found. Still looking for Singles talk. Need 1 adult table leader. Need speaker for Christian growth. Next meeting is June 13

Girls Chrysalis–Still looking for medical person. Discussed free time activities that will be available. Next meetings are May 29-30 at Bethany UMC and June 27 at Marble Falls.

By-Laws: discussed the number of members that should be on the Board. It is worded that Austin Emmaus should pick and approve the Chrysalis Board. Discussed getting before the Austin Emmaus for approval. Looked over names for potential new board members.

Darren finished with data base.

The Flights for 2010 will be the 2nd and 4th weeks in July, just like this year. The Girls flight will be first on the 2nd week in July. Jim will work the 2010 Girls Flight as SD. Tanya would like to be involved in the Boys Flight in 2010.

Ehrikka will work on the date for team selection for the Journey's.

We can do the Child Protection online, just need to have team members print out the certificate and turn it in.

Hoot: possibly August 8, possibly a swim party.

What is Chrysalis?

<http://www.upperroom.org/chrysalis/whatis/>

Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "chrysalis." On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love.

"Chrysalis" is the name chosen for the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus, its parent movement, because it symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. That growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship.

Chrysalis "Flights" (for 10th through 12th graders) and "Journeys" (for young adults, ages 19-24) are three-day events. This three-day spiritual renewal time provides an opportunity for you to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. The point is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community.

Chrysalis lifts up a way for you to enjoy Christ's friendship and love and to be Christ's friend and partner in the world. The three days focus on God's grace, your experience with Christ as friend, what it means to be the body of Christ, and giving love to a needy world.



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

July 2009

Thursday, July 9, 2009
Bethany UMC
10010 Anderson Mill Rd.
Speaker: Dan Morgan

November 2009

Thursday, November 5, 2009
Northwest Hills UMC
Speaker: TBA

August 2009

Thursday, August 6, 2009
Riverbend
Speaker: TBA

December 2009

Thursday, December 3, 2009
TBA
Speaker: TBA

September 2009

Thursday, September 3, 2009
Covenant UMC
Speaker: TBA

Reminder: Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

October 2009

Thursday, October 1, 2009
Oakhill UMC
Speaker: TBA

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

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