



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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De Colores!

Welcome New Pilgrims

Women's Walk #1555, April 22-25, 2010
Highland Lakes Conference Center

~ Linda Carter ~
 ~ Judi Davis ~
 ~ Carol Dickerson ~
 ~ Cindy Dillion ~
 ~ Lynn Freeman ~
 ~ Mary Geil ~
 ~ Carolyn Henry ~
 ~ Jill Jacobs ~

~ Jodi Leach ~
 ~ Rhonda McFarland ~
 ~ Teresa Messina ~
 ~ Dana Morgan ~
 ~ Donna Pfeifer ~
 ~ Lanette Pogue ~
 ~ Maureen Powell ~
 ~ Kim Royal ~

~ Jessie Silianoff ~
 ~ Meredith Snowberger ~
 ~ Debbie Ties ~
 ~ Ramona Trevino ~
 ~ Silvia Villarreal ~
 ~ Judy Wallace ~
 ~ Amy Wendland ~
 ~ Donna Young ~



God is Good, All the Time



Chrysalis News

Time to Start Planning for Chrysalis!!

For more information contact Angela Cava at angela.cava@marriott.com

or Cortney Smith at cortneymeister@gmail.com

Also plan on coming to the June Gathering, Thursday, June 10, 2010

Chrysalis is hosting the gathering at Riverbend, 4214 N. Capital of Texas Hwy., Austin

The Austin Chrysalis Community is sponsoring two Flights this summer:

July 8-10, 2010: Girl's Flight # 335 at Marble Falls UMC

July 22-24, 2010: Boy's Flight # 339 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 Lay Directors or any member of the Chrysalis Next Steps Group. Scholarships are available!

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 June 2010 is May 28th!

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 5!

We'll be looking for you!



2010 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1580	October 7-10	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
Gary Johnson, Lay Director		contact: gary.johnson360@yahoo.com
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Jack Foreman, Board Rep.		contact: jcforeman@sbcglobal.net
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Women's Walk #1593	November 18-21	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
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Agape Signup Online

The signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1580 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1580agape
The signup for Women's Walk to Emmaus #1593 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1593agape

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 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 button.

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.

Easter and The Promise of Life

The Easter season, which continues for the 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, proclaims yet again that life is ours forever.

At this time of year there are fresh signs of life all around us. Now the mountains of snow and ice are melted by the warmer temperatures, providing the ground with much-needed moisture for the support of reemerging life.

All the beauty and new life that comes with spring are but pale reminders and symbols of the life that is now ours in Jesus Christ. How joyous it is to recall that above all else, Easter, the festival of our Lord's resurrection, gives us the assurance of eternal life in Christ and the certainty of our own resurrection.

The apostle Paul says it so clearly: "If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Cor 15).

These Holy Spirit-inspired words emphasize with great power the miracle of life, even life after death. God, who brought human life into the world through the creation of Adam and Eve and continues to bring life into being through procreation, also promises to restore life to human beings in a way that transcends our comprehension.

"For now we see in a mirror dimly," as Paul puts it. But when Christ returns and we, too, are raised to eternal life, we will see God "face to face." Paul continues, "Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known" (1 Cor 13).

So, as you enjoy all the new life around you -- symbols of the life that is ours in Christ Jesus -- hold closely in your heart the promises of Jesus. He says, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14) and "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11).

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Gerard Kern

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group - Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Riverbend Church. In attendance were: Jack Foreman – Lay Director; Bob Duplantis – Member Support; Sandy Brooks – Gathering Support; Diane Merwarth – Walk Support; Roxie Greenway – Treasurer; Bud Broeker – Board Rep; Pastor Georgia Stone – Spiritual Director; Leslie Smith – Immediate Past Lay Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Jack Foreman, with an opening prayer by Bud Broeker. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as amended by a motion by Bud Broeker, seconded by Diane Merwarth.

The finance report was given by Roxie Greenway, and was approved unanimously upon a motion by Bud Broeker with a second from Sandy Brooks. Ending balance as of 3/31/10: \$8310.37 (this balance includes team fees for Walk 1555). Requests for scholarships for 2 pilgrims for Walk 1555 were also approved.

Bob Duplantis reports that he is still working through the steps to transfer the GAE4thDG internet group communication network. The transfer can be completed once the proof of our religious non-profit status is provided to “Vertical Response.” Bud will follow up on this at the Board Meeting this month.

Sandy Brooks reports that the next gathering will be at Pflugerville United Methodist Church on May 6. The June gathering will be hosted by the Chrysalis community at Riverbend Church.

Diane Merwarth reports that there will be no child care available for Candlelight for Walk 1555. A printed agape list will be distributed at the gathering. The completed prayer vigils will be taken by Roxie to Walk 1555. A suggestion was made to have blank prayer vigils at Sponsor’s Hour for sponsors to sign so that Pilgrims can see those prayer vigils on their Walks. Roxie will get blank forms from Dana Ripley and have them at Walk 1555. Follow-up letters to each Pilgrim will be sent by Bob Duplantis after the walk. Diane Merwarth will send follow-up letters to each sponsor.

Jack Foreman presented Gene McConnell’s nominations committee report: Gene McConnell will move into the Lay Director’s position. Sandy Brooks has been nominated for Assistant Lay Director. Vacancies remain for Gathering Support and Spiritual Director. Remaining on the board are Roxie Greenway as Treasurer, Bob Duplantis for Member Support, Diane Merwarth in Walk Support and Bud Broeker as Board Rep. Jack Foreman will move into the immediate Past Lay Director position.

New business included discussion regarding the request by the Crossroads Chrysalis community to merge with the Greater Austin Chrysalis Community. A motion to accept this request and approve the merger was made by Bob Duplantis and seconded by Sandy Brooks. Discussion pertinent to this motion highlighted the likely pro’s and con’s of this merger. The perceived benefits of such a merger include increasing the pool for qualified team members and Butterflies for each Flight. Possible challenges include logistics of team meetings and board meetings (recommendations have been made that most board meetings could be conducted electronically with conference calls and e-mails), and the travel distance involved in attending candlelight and closing services. Bob Duplantis will contact the lay director to offer assistance with technology and communication strategies. The financial commitments between the two communities will be finalized between the 2 Chrysalis Boards. The motion carried unanimously. Jack will notify Cortney Smith, Chrysalis Board rep, of this Board’s decision and to follow up with Roxie Greenway regarding the action items identified in the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM with a closing prayer by Pastor Georgia Stone.

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: May 15, 2010

Location: Junction FUMC, 902 main, Junction TX

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

May 2010

Thursday, May 6, 2010
Pflugerville UMC
500 E. Pecan, Pflugerville

June 2010

Thursday, June 10, 2010
Chrysalis Hosting at
Riverbend
4214 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.

July 2010

Thursday, July 1, 2010
University UMC
2409 Guadalupe Street

August 2010

Thursday, August 5, 2010
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road

September 2010

Thursday, September 2, 2010

October 2010

Thursday, October 7, 2010

November 2010

Thursday, November 4, 2010
Oak Hill UMC
7815 W. Hwy 290

December 2010

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Reminder: Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

Contact:

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