



## The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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### Chrysalis News

#### Time to Start Planning for Chrysalis!!

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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!

#### HOW TO SPONSOR OTHERS

This is taken from DAY FOUR: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey and also found on the Southwest Texas Conference Website: <http://www.umcswtx.org/download.pdf?id=7415>

1. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a walk.
2. Make an appointment with the person or couple for the purpose of discussing their participation in Emmaus.
3. Extend an invitation. Invite them to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ, not just a weekend to go on. Share your faith; explain the basic elements of the walk, its purpose and follow-up dimensions which help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift rather than that they need to go.
4. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
5. Continue to pray, prepare agape letters, enlist the support of their pastor. Collect eight to twelve personal agape letters. Do not ask the team to deliver personal gifts during the weekend.
6. Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72 hour prayer vigil and your presence at the send off, sponsors hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Support the Pilgrim's family by house sitting, baby sitting, and watering plants, picking up the mail, feeding pets or just checking in with the spouse to see if any help is needed.
7. Encourage the Pilgrim in his or her Fourth day involvement. Give you friend an opportunity to talk through and appropriate the experience. Help them find a group. Or, be prepared to start a group with him or her for a period of time until they find others to be in the group. Take them to Gatherings as your guest for a couple of months.
8. Help the pilgrim reenter their Church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
9. Inform the Pilgrim of how he or she can serve the Emmaus community and future walks.
10. Help the Pilgrim sponsor others.

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrims, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love. It is making oneself an instrument of prevenient Grace.

It is recommend by the Upper Room and the SWTC Emmaus Registrar that recent Walk to Emmaus attendees wait 6 months before sponsoring their first Pilgrim. It is also recommended by the SWTC Emmaus Registrar that a Sponsor should sponsor no more than one to two pilgrims on a single Walk.

# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus  
4th Day Group Website:  
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### The Walk Talk Deadline for July 2010 is June 20th!

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories,  
Group appreciation and reflections to  
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### Were You There?

There were 113 at the May Gathering!  
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**  
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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](http://www.mysignup.com/walk1580agape)  
**The signup for Women's Walk to Emmaus #1593 is:**      [www.mysignup.com/walk1593agape](http://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.

### The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The miracle of Pentecost is not merely a past historical event. The Spirit's wondrous activity goes on in the Church today.

What is a Christian to do with Pentecost? Traditionally, the Church has observed this day as one of the most important festivals of the year. But unlike Christmas and Easter, Pentecost doesn't have the cultural attachments that remind us of its significance. There are no decorated trees, lights, or wrapped presents to announce the season, no egg-filled baskets or Easter lilies to proclaim the day. Is Pentecost really as important as the other days?

The Church celebrates the Festival of Pentecost as the fulfillment and conclusion of the Easter season. The name Pentecost, meaning "the fiftieth day," originally referred to the Jewish Festival of Weeks, the time of thanksgiving for first-fruits and the ingathering of the harvest. The Christian Church retained the name to mark the completion of the 50-day period after Easter -- and the first ingathering of believers into the Church.

On Pentecost Christians commemorate the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We recall how a humble fisherman, filled with the Spirit, boldly proclaimed Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead. We give thanks that a multitude of hearers repented and believed. Three thousand people, from all over the world, were baptized and received the gift of the Spirit. Sent by God the Father, and by His Son, Jesus Christ, the Spirit came to continue the Father's work on earth.

The Spirit's activity continues today. That's why the Christian celebration of Pentecost is such a joyful one -- and so vital for the Church to remember. Through the preaching of the Gospel and Baptism, the Holy Spirit calls and gathers believers to Christ and His Church. This gracious work is ongoing; it is not yet completed in our lives. The Spirit works among people of every nation and language -- among all to whom the Church is sent to proclaim the Gospel. For this reason, Christians pray for the continued outpouring of the Spirit and for the fulfillment of His sanctifying work.

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

## 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, May 6, 2010 at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC – Pflugerville. In attendance were: Jack Foreman – Lay Director; Gene McConnell – Asst. Lay Director; Bob Duplantis – Member Support; Sandy Brooks – Gathering Support; Roxie Greenway – Treasurer; Bud Broeker – Board Rep; Leslie Smith – Immediate Past Lay Director; and Cortney Smith – Chrysalis Rep.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Jack Foreman, with an opening prayer by Cortney Smith. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Sandy Brooks, seconded by Leslie Smith.

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 4/30/10: \$4,388.21. Requests to reimburse Diane Merwarth for Coffee supplies, Roxie Greenway for extra expenses on items provided at Walk 1555 and to reimburse Bob Duplantis for postage needed for the followup letters after the Walk was approved on a motion by Bud Broeker with a second by Gene McConnell. Also, Bud Broeker will submit an invoice for the Directors Manuals ordered for Board Members (approximately \$250). Roxie also mentioned that an end of year financial report is owed to Conference.

Bud Broeker gave a conference report stating the Lay Directors, Spiritual Directors and Board Reps for the walks to be held in 2011 are due to conference by July 2010. Bud also requested an agenda item for the next board meeting be a discussion of the new program set up by Conference called the Gift and how GAE4DG will handle its implementation. Bud Broeker then announced he was resigning from the Board as GAE4DG Board Representative to Conference. This will leave an opening on the Board.

Sandy Brooks reports that the next gathering will be at Riverbend Church on June 10<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by the Chrysalis community.

Cortney Smith indicated that they need Butterflies for both the girls and boys Chrysalis Flights this summer.

Gene McConnell presented the nominations from the nominations committee that were to be announced and voted on at the gathering that night: Gene McConnell will move into the Lay Director's position. Sandy Brooks will move into the Assistant Lay Director. Myles McKemie will be nominated for one open board position and Cheryl Broome will be nominated for the Spiritual Director position. Remaining on the board are Roxie Greenway as Treasurer, Bob Duplantis for Member Support, Diane Merwarth in Walk Support and Jack Foreman will move into the immediate Past Lay Director position. One opening will be the Conference Board Rep position.

New business included a walk report by Chris Wehl, Lay Director for Walk 1555 with additional input from Roxie Greenway, Board Rep for Walk 1555. The Walk was a great success. Roxie include ideas of how to improve the schedule on Walks, better manage Agape for Walks, and ideas about recycling trash from our Walks.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM with a closing prayer by Roxie Greenway.

### SWTX Walk/Flight 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)

<b>Date:</b> July 31, 2010	<b>Location:</b> First UMC, Kerrville TX
<b>Date:</b> August 14, 2010	<b>Location:</b> First UMC, San Angelo TX
<b>Date:</b> October 2, 2010	<b>Location:</b> First UMC, Corpus Christi TX
<b>Date:</b> November 13, 2010	<b>Location:</b> Coker UMC, San Antonio 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

### 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.

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