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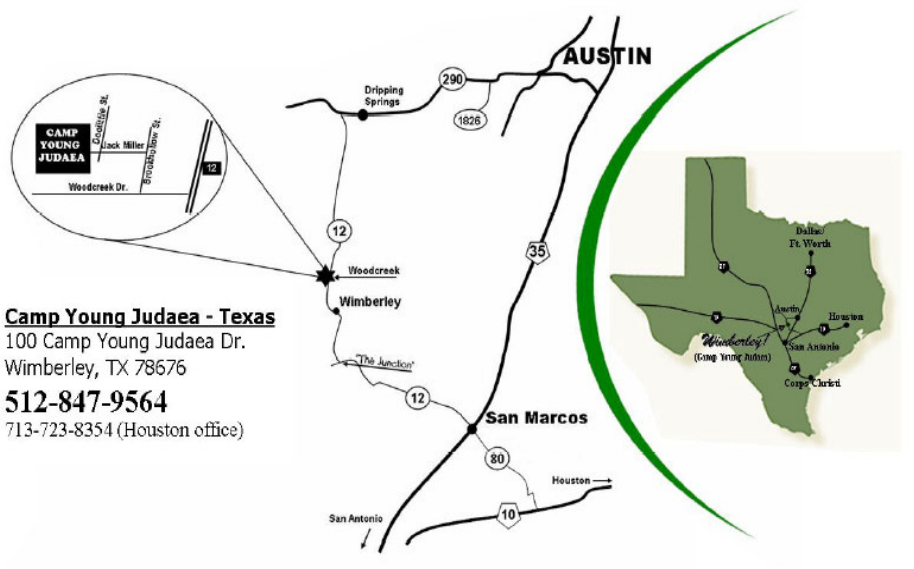
Reminders for Emmaus Walk 1580

Sponsor Hour: 7:00 pm on Thursday October 7th
Candelight: 7:30 pm on Saturday October 9th
Closing: 3:00 pm on Sunday October 10th



From Austin:

Take MOPAC (Loop 1) South to 290 West toward Johnson City. About 15 miles outside of Austin, at the Dripping Springs traffic light (immediately after Home Depot) turn left onto Ranch Road 12. After about 14 miles take a right at the Woodcreek Drive traffic light to enter The City of Woodcreek. Go down Woodcreek Drive and turn right at the stop sign onto Brookhollow. Then take the 3rd left onto Jack Miller Drive. Straight ahead you'll see the gate to camp!
Welcome to CYJ!



Camp Young Judaea - Texas
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Wimberley, TX 78676
512-847-9564
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GAE4DG Board Member Message:

THE NOVEMBER GATHERING, Greetings to all 4th Day Friends;

I wanted to remind all of our November Gathering at Oak Hill UMC, Thursday the 4th of November. Remember singing starts at 7:00 PM. If you've not been to hear and enjoy the music that our new Musical Director Nickie Hyde is coordinating with host churches, you are really missing a treat.

Diane Merwarth is the Lay Director for Walk 1593. Diane attends Oak Hill UMC and this team will be commissioned at the November Gathering. Please come join us, help show this team faith and support for Walk 1593. Your love and support are so appreciated by team members. I look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas time is coming and the advent Season will be here before you know it and we'll celebrate the Gathering before Advent at the Rock in Cedar Park. Mark your calendars for a great celebration on December 2nd at The Rock!

De Colores
R.M. Myles McKemie, Board Rep, Gathering Support

Board Position and corresponding committees/roles under that position:

Gathering Support

-Communion Steward

-Host Church Coordinator

-Music Leader Coordinator

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 November 2010 is Oct. 25th!

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!



Fall



Emmaus Walk 1593

Women's Walk #1593 will take place November 18-21, at Camp Young Judaea.

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

Diane Merwarth – <i>Lay Director</i>	Veda White – <i>Spiritual Director</i>	Cortney Smith – <i>Board Rep.</i>
Sue Abold	Cindy Aintablian	Jennifer Anderson
Beth Bible	Cheryl Broome	
Diane Coleman	Robbie Cripe	Susan Curtis
Carolyn Duderstadt		
Dawna Eckwall	Carla Gilmore	Marsha Hughes
Michele Lang		
Amy Mitchell	Gail Parsons	Mimi Raper
Deena Raynor	Robin Richard	
Val Sansing	Terri Sloan	LeeLeen Sundbeck
Ruth Ann Trulove		



Agape Signup Online

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.



2010 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1580	October 7-10	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
Gary Johnson, Lay Director		contact: gary.johnson360@yahoo.com
Monte Marshall, Spiritual Director		
Jack Foreman, Board Rep.		contact: jcforeman@sbcglobal.net
Sherry Wilkison, ST Coordinator		contact: rwilkison@austin.rr.com
Women's Walk #1593	November 18-21	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
Diane Merwarth, Lay Director		contact: dianemerwarth@att.net
Veda White, Spiritual Director		
Cortney Smith, Board Rep.		contact: cortneymeister@gmail.com
Bud Broeker, ST Coordinator		contact: bbroeker@austin.rr.com



2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

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| <p>Women's Walk #1597 February 10-13
 Lori Foster, Lay Director
 Colleen Haley, Spiritual Director</p> | <p>Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
 contact: lfoster@austinnetworking.com</p> |
| <p>Men's Walk #1607 March 24-27
 Rocky Wilcox, Lay Director
 Tina Carter, Spiritual Director</p> | <p>Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
 contact: rwilcox44@austin.rr.com</p> |
| <p>Women's Walk Sept. 22-25
 Gina Franklin, Lay Director</p> | <p>Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
 contact: franklingdom@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>Men's Walk October 20-23
 Jack Foreman, Lay Director</p> | <p>Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
 contact: jcforeman@sbcglobal.net</p> |

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: October 2, 2010, First UMC, Corpus Christi TX

Date: November 13, 2010, Coker UMC, San Antonio TX

Dear Lord,
 give us eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of others, and grant us cheerful, giving hearts that bring you glory. Amen.



Simultaneously two people

We concentrate on one at the expense of the other to our own peril

A young man applying to Princeton University some years ago seemed to have a firm grip on honesty. When asked on the application to list his personal strengths, he wrote: "Sometimes I am trustworthy, courageous, loyal, helpful, friendly, kind, wise, thrifty and cheerful." (Must have been a Boy Scout)

Further down on the form, when asked to note some weaknesses, he wrote: "Sometimes I am not trustworthy, courageous, etc...."

Self-perspective is hard to come by in this life. One minute we think we're God's gift to the human race. The next minute we recognize what a jumbled mess we've made of different relationships and how miserably we have failed God. We live all-put-together lives and still leave footprints of hypocrisy every place we walk. We are rich and powerful beyond measure, yet empty and weak just the same.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian dissident who witnessed every facet of human nature while in the gulag, knew our universal condition: "If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line of dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being."

We are heirs of a precious insight. One winter while wrestling with the third and fourth chapters of Romans, Martin Luther discovered that we are not mostly good and partially bad. We are completely loving and completely lousy -- both at the same time. We are wholly saint and wholly sinner.

We are whole people -- wholly redeemed and wholly sinful, never one without the other. We are the apple of God's eye, yet our behavioral report card is anything but commendable. At first, this paradox may appear too bizarre to grasp. But every good parent who must deal with a tough teenager knows what it's like to also love that same child as if there were no tomorrow.

These constantly side-by-side conditions offer a wonderful dynamism for the Christian life. The trick, of course, is not to ignore one at the expense of the other. Neither smugness nor self-denigration work well for faithful living. The challenge is to make sure we never favor one side over the other.

De Colores!

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, September 2, 2010 at Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. In attendance were: Gene McConnell – Lay Director; Bob Duplantis – Member Support; Myles McKemie – Gathering Support; Diane Merwarth – Walk Support; Jim Anthony – Board Rep; Pastor Cheryl Broome – Spiritual Director; Sandy Brooks – Assistant Lay Director; Roxie Greenway – Treasurer and Jack Foreman – Past Lay Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Gene McConnell, with an opening prayer by Diane Merwarth. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as read by a motion by Bob Duplantis, seconded by Diane Merwarth.

The treasurer's report was presented by Roxie Greenway and was approved unanimously upon a motion by Jack Foreman with a second from by Bob Duplantis.

Ending balance as of 8/31/10: \$7,116.08.

Roxie reported that Walk 1555 has been resolved and that an amended report to conference will result in \$45 to be paid to Chrysalis.

Jim Anthony reported the "The Gift" will be handled as each 4th Day Community chooses. A handout about "The Gift" will be included in each closing packet. No amount of donation will be suggested. Bob Duplantis agreed to edit the current hand out and will send it to the Board via email. The revised hand out will be approved for distribution prior to the next walk.

Roxie Greenway recommended that twice a year, the 4th Day Community will donate the money collected at the gathering to The Gift. The Board agreed to consider this recommendation at a later date.

Jim Anthony referred to the break even analysis previously sent to the Board. This analysis is used to set pricing for upcoming walks. Based on this analysis, walks Camp Young Judea for 2011 will be \$210.

Jim reported that the Spiritual Director and Assistant Spiritual Directors on walks are also to be progressive service. After discussion by the Board, it was agreed that Pastor Cheryl Broome will work with the Conference database in meeting this requirement.

Bob Duplantis addressed the concern that the current database for team selection is not current, particularly for people who served on walks in the Hays Praise community. Sandy Brooks agreed to review the database to identify persons who may have served in the Hays Praise community and work to have these individuals provide their previous experience on walks to be included in the database.

Jim reported that the question of local pastors was addressed and that local pastors can be Assistant Spiritual Directors on walks, but not Spiritual Directors. He further reported that in the Emmaus service, The Great Thanksgiving is to be given in its entirety by clergy.

Gene McConnell announced that Walk/Flight Training is scheduled for October 2 in Corpus Christi, November 13 in San Antonio and February 26 in Manchaca.

Gene McConnell asked the Board for open leadership positions. Myles McKemie reported that he still needs a host church coordinator and a communion steward. Bob Duplantis reported concern for coordinating reunion groups and the need for a Reunion Group Coordinator. Data on reunion groups can be collected through each church's point of contact. Bob Duplantis will follow up. Myles McKemie reported that he still needs a child care coordinator for gatherings and for candlelight.

Myles McKemie announced that the October gathering will be at Wesley UMC, the November gathering will be at Oak Hill UMC, and the December gathering will be at The Rock.

Diane Merwarth reported that we still need a child care person for walks. She will work with Tom Rioux to amend the current agape list.

Gene McConnell announced that the Lay Director for the Men's Walk in October, 2011, will be Jack Foreman and the Women's Walk in September will be Gina Franklin.

Bob Duplantis reported that based on the information he received regarding our status as a 50-1(C)(3), we are unsure of our current status. Jim Anthony, Bob Duplantis and Roxie Greenway will discuss possible solutions and report back to the Board.

Jack Foreman pointed out that, as Board Rep for the upcoming Men's walk, he reviewed each talk against the expanded outline, and recommended that all Board Reps should review talks against the expanded outline.

Pastor Cheryl Broome discussed the selection of clergy at candlelight. Traditionally, the Lay Director for the walk selected the clergy for candlelight. However, the 4th Day Spiritual Director is responsible to locate the clergy for candlelight. The Lay Director and Spiritual Director for the Walk should coordinate with the 4th Day Spiritual Director that they have selected a clergy for candlelight, or that they need the community Spiritual Director to provide one.

Gene McConnell handed out outline for the CCEC Report of the Board Representative for Emmaus Walks.

Roxie Greenway reported on the recently held Local Lay Director Training. She reported that a CCLI number has to be included on any handout of printed materials. The music team and servant team need to report any copyrighted materials they hand out. Roxie further reported that any food contained in agape must be pillow agape to comply with Camp Young Judea's Kosher requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 to attend the gathering. The closing prayer was given by Pastor Cheryl Broome.

There were 142 people in attendance at the gathering.

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

October 2010

Thursday, October 7, 2010
Wesley UMC
1160 San Bernard

November 2010

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

December 2010

Thursday, December 2, 2010
The Rock
1901 W. New Hope
Cedar Park

Contact:

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Upcoming 2011 Dates

Thursday, January 6, 2011
Thursday, February 3, 2011
Thursday, March 3, 2011
Thursday, April 7, 2011
Thursday, May 5, 2011

Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

