



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Welcome New Pilgrims

Women's Walk #1593, November 18-21, 2010 Camp Young Judaea

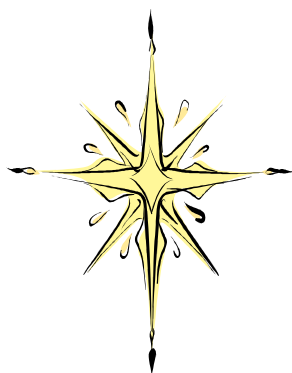
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Wishing the Emmaus Community a Blessed Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year!



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.**"

Luke 2:10-14 (NIV)



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The Walk Talk Deadline for January 2011 is Dec. 20th!

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 4!

We'll be looking for you!

2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

- Women's Walk #1597 **February 10-13** **Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**
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- Men's Walk #1607 **March 24-27** **Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**
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- Women's Walk **Sept. 22-25** **Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**
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Advent's Waiting Lessons

Many of us may have failed at Advent last year. This year we will try again to not let Advent wane too early because we resist the idea of waiting.

We love the Advent readings at church, the prophecies about Emmanuel. But Advent waiting faces a mighty competitor called December, when we visit with friends and relatives we haven't seen for months. We keep up with our neighbors by getting out the ladder and lights. We shop, wrap, stamp and sing. How could we wait? Christmas would run us over.

We can do it, however, by hanging out at God's house, not just at Christmas parties and holiday sales. Advent waiting is mostly about God waiting for us to be born into new life, to re-enter the joy and despair of the world around us.

God heals our Advent waiting pains with stories of ... waiting. During December we are reminded of the vision of our waiting by Isaiah. Tucked into the beginning of Luke is another waiting story. Zechariah and Elizabeth, getting on in years, waited so long for a child they forgot they were waiting. But God remembers the desires of our hearts.

Zechariah was offering incense in the sanctuary when an angel appeared. The angel promised Elizabeth and Zechariah a son, and foretold the gladness that his birth would inspire. Zechariah, jaded by waiting, expressed doubts. Really, Zechariah, you want more of a sign than an angel next to the altar?

Zechariah paid with his voice, perhaps more of a gift than a punishment. Waiting involves becoming quiet. It takes some quiet time to hear the words God gives us. In the end, waiting in hope helped steep Elizabeth's and Zechariah's proclamations that they finally shared aloud with God's people. "This is what the Lord has done for me ...," Elizabeth testified. "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them," Zechariah prophesied (Luke 1).

Baby Jesus will arrive at Christmas, whether or not we "succeed" in our Advent devotion. Jesus is born, and it is the advent of our salvation.

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

Upcoming 2011 Gatherings

December 2010

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



Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

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January 2011

Thursday, January 6, 2011
First UMC Austin
Lavaca Street & 12th Street

February 2011

Thursday, February 3, 2011
Lake Travis UMC
1502 North RR 620

March 2011

Thursday, March 3, 2011
Westlake UMC
1460 Redbud Trail

April 2011

Thursday, April 7, 2011
Crestview UMC
1300 Morrow Street