



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Reminders for Emmaus Walk 1597

Sponsor Hour: 7:00 pm, Thursday, February 10th

Candelight: 7:30 pm, Saturday, February 12th

Closing: 3:30 pm, Sunday, February 13th

[Directions to Camp Young Judaea](#)

<http://www.cyjtxas.org/clientuploads/PDF/directions%20to%20CYJ.pdf>



2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's Walk #1597 February 10-13

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Men's Walk #1607 March 24-27

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Women's Walk #1629 Sept. 22-25

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Men's Walk # 1640 Oct. 20-23

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:
<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



The Walk Talk Deadline for March 2011 is February 20th!

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!

LOCAL LAY DIRECTOR ORIENTATION (LLDO)

February 5, 2011 8:00a-1:00p
First United Methodist Church, Pflugerville

LLDO is a half-day session for Greater Austin Emmaus Walk Leadership teams (any and all team members, but especially for LD, BdRep, OTC, and ALDs), OR for anyone who is interested in what it takes to lead a Walk. LLDO does not replace the SWTX Emmaus Walk/Flight Leadership Training, but rather adds a local component to the training. Every 4DG has its "local color" and every site has its particular quirks. Some of the topics covered are site specifics, money in/money out, closing out a Walk, music, etc.

Please register with Kathy Shaw at kathyshaw@swbell.net, use LLDO as the subject line.

Agape Signup Online

The signup for Women's Walk to Emmaus #1597 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1597agape

The signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1607 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1607agape

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.

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: February 26, 2011, Manchaca UMC, Austin TX

Date: March 26, 2011, First UMC, Victoria TX

Date: April 2, 2011, First UMC, Johnson City TX

The Epiphany of Our Lord

The readings for the second Sunday of Christmas and the Epiphany declare that Jesus, as true God, became a human being to save the world from sin and eternal death. He is the only way to salvation, and all who are brought to faith through His testimony have received the right to become the children of God. The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth come through Jesus Christ (John 1).

The visit of the Magi proclaims that Jesus came for all people and receives them unto Himself. The Magi came with gifts to worship the Savior of the world (Matt 2). Even John the Baptist makes this clear when he cries out, "Look, The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" and then says, "I testify that this is the Son of God." (John 1).

The Gospel reading for the third Sunday after Epiphany begins with the quote from Isaiah saying that the Gentiles -- "the people living in darkness have seen a great light" (Matt 4). The disciples are called, and then the reading ends stating, "Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him" (Matt 4).

Jesus is calling us to empty ourselves of any worthiness that we might claim of ourselves and to rely only on the mercy of God. Those are the people Jesus was talking about in the Beatitudes. These people are blessed because they do not rely on themselves but find comfort and joy from God alone. Luther says that, when all is said and done, we are only beggars.

Epiphany is the time where we rejoice that salvation has come through Jesus for all people. It also is the time that we, of all people, should renew our mission efforts. The harvest fields are ripe for harvest. Let us pray for more workers to join us in this work which our Lord has called us to do for the salvation of the world.

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, December 2, 2010 at The Rock. In attendance were: Gene McConnell – Lay Director; Bob Duplantis – Member Support; Myles McKemie – Gathering Support; Diane Merwarth – Walk Support; Sandy Brooks – Assistant Lay Director; Roxie Greenway – Treasurer; Cheryl Broome, Spiritual Director and Cortney Smith – Chrysalis Board.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Gene McConnell. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as read by a motion by Myles McKemie, seconded by Bob Duplantis.

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

Roxie Greenway announced that she will implement a new accounting procedure following collections at gatherings and candlelight. The treasurer and a board member will count funds collected. She further announced that the calendar year end was coming up and would check what the conference needed from the Board.

Diane Merwarth presented the walk report for Walk 1593.

Diane Merwarth announced that we have child care covered for the March walk. Diane will circulate the agape list for Walk 1597 and is requesting volunteers for the servant team for this walk.

Myles McKemie reported that the next meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church on January 6. The February gathering will be held at Lake Travis United Methodist Church and there will be a team consecration. Myles further announced that Nicki and Tom, our music team coordinators, have been doing an excellent job.

Cortney Smith announced that she is rotating off the Chrysalis Board and a new person from that Board will be attending Austin Emmaus Board meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to attend the gathering. The next gathering will be held on January 6 at First United Methodist Church in Austin.

Austin Community Opportunities and Missions

WHAT: CROP HUNGER WALK 2011

WHEN: Saturday, March 5, Registration at 9:30 a.m.; Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 6, Registration at 1:45 p.m.; Walk begins at 2:30 p.m

LOCATION: Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park, 6614 Blue Bluff Road

PURPOSE: To raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting.

Check with your church for a CROP Walk Recruiter or visit www.cropwalk.org to sign up.

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE:

The 2010's Women of Faith conference was AWESOME! I can't even begin to describe how wonderful it is to worship in an arena with your friends and 14,000 other ladies.

This year, Nancy Minchew is gathering a group of ladies for the 2011 conference in San Antonio: Friday, October 21, 10:00am - 3:30pm & 7:00pm - 10:00pm; and Saturday, October 22, 9:00am - 5:00pm at the Alamodome. Speakers are Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Lisa Whelchel, Sandi Patty, Nicole Johnson and Andy Andrews, with musical guests Mandisa and Amy Grant. We want you to put it on your calendar now - and commit to coming with us.

This year we are offering a new option. We ANTICIPATE the cost of the conference will be around \$175. This is for tickets, lunches on Friday and Saturday, hotel, transportation, and a group t-shirt. The ONLY item that will not be covered is dinner on Friday evening. Payment options are available.

Tell your friends and family - we have plenty of room for everyone that wants to attend. TELL NANCY ASAP! We will suggest a \$20 deposit to hold your spot. That way, we know how many tickets to pre-order.

Please Contact Group Leader: Nancy Minchew nancyminchew@gmail.com

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

February 2011

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

June 2011

Thursday, June 2, 2011
University UMC
2409 Guadalupe

March 2011

Thursday, March 3, 2011
Westlake UMC
1460 Redbud Trail

July 2011

Thursday, July 7, 2011
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center

April 2011

Thursday, April 7, 2011
Crestview UMC
1300 Morrow Street



May 2011

Thursday, May 5, 2011
Riverbend Church
4214 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.

Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

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