



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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MARCH GATHERING LOCATION CHANGE!

The March Gathering will be held at **Hyde Park Christian Church** at 610 East 45th Street. It is located one block east of Duval Street on 45th Street (between I-35, Airport exit and Duval Street, about one mile north of campus). Easiest landmark: one block north, then one block east of Hyde Park Bar & Grill. Singing will begin at 7:00 p.m. and Worship at 7:30 p.m. with the agape feast following. The team for Walk 1607 will be commissioned.

The GAE4DG community would like to thank Hyde Park Christian Church for hosting the March Gathering on such short notice. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Emmaus Walk 1607

Men's Walk #1607 will take place March 24-27, 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

Rocky Wilcox – <i>Lay Director</i>	Tina Carter – <i>Spiritual Director</i>	Bud Broeker – <i>Board Rep.</i>
Doug Aycock	Lynn Barton	Keith Bible
Cary Boddeker	Jay Brim	
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Paul Dubois	Carl Fisher	Scott Foster
Ed Garcia	David Graham	Sam Johnson
Vance Morton	Ryan Ohls	Tom Rioux
Charles Stephens	Mike Willford	



Reminders for Emmaus Walk 1607

Sponsor Hour: 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 24th

Candlelight: 7:30 pm, Saturday, March 26th

Closing: 3:30 pm, Sunday, March 27th

[Directions to Camp Young Judaea](http://www.cyjtxas.org/clientuploads/PDF/directions%20to%20CYJ.pdf)

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:
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The Walk Talk Deadline for April 2011 is March 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 5!

We'll be looking for you!

2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1607 **March 24-27**

Rocky Wilcox, Lay Director
Tina Carter, Spiritual Director
Bud Broeker, Board Rep.
Susan Wilcox, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Women's Walk #1629 **Sept. 22-25**

Gina Franklin, Lay Director
Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director
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Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Men's Walk # 1640 **Oct. 20-23**

Jack Foreman, Lay Director
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Gene McConnell, Board Rep.
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Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Agape Signup Online

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.

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 \$185. 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! She will get you the needed information to sign up.

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

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

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at First United Methodist Church, Austin. In attendance were: Sandy Brooks – Assistant Lay Director; Bob Duplantis – Member Support; Diane Merwarth – Walk Support; Roxie Greenway – Treasurer; Jim Anthony – Board Rep; Jack Foreman – immediate past Lay Director; Pastor Cheryl Broome – Spiritual Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Sandy Brooks, with an opening prayer by Pastor Cheryl Broome. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as written on a motion by Jim Anthony, seconded by Diane Merwarth.

The finance report was given by Roxie Greenway, and was approved unanimously upon a motion by Bob Duplantis with a second from Jim Anthony.

Ending balance as of 12/31/10:	\$5002.02.
Balance in the scholarship fund as of 12/31/10:	\$508.73

Roxie also reports that a year end finance report for 2010 has been drafted. This report will be reviewed by 2 Board members to ensure accuracy, and the final report will be submitted to the conference office.

Jim Anthony proposes a meeting be scheduled for team selection for the fall Walks. February 8th is selected as the date pending availability of the Lay Directors, Spiritual Directors and Board reps for these Walks, with a location to be announced.

Diane Merwarth reports that child care will be available for Walk 1607 in March, and attempts are still being made to secure child care for Walk 1597.

Old Business: Diane reports that she will submit the order form for ordering a second copy of the Thursday night video.

New business: discussion was begun regarding the clarifying and structuring the role of the Board Rep on Walks. This led to additional discussion about the selection of Lay Directors for future Walks. It is acknowledged that there are a number of qualified and interested individuals, as well as many on the way to become qualified, for Lay Director consideration. No decisions were made during this discussion, but it is the intention of this board to further discussions on both topics and establish some guidelines for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM with a closing prayer by Pastor Cheryl Broome.

Addendum: Gathering attendance: 75

A Heavenly Reunion

Many of us were moved by the rescue of the 33 miners in Chile. A tunnel collapsed in early August, and early rescue attempts failed. People gave up hope, but miraculously after 17 days Chileans rejoiced when they learned the miners were alive. Imagine being trapped under tons of stone, unable to see the sun for 70 days, afraid of running out of oxygen, the heat. Trapped in a virtual hell, some turned in faith to Jesus. Before his rescue, 19-year-old Jimmy Sanchez wrote a note proclaiming: "There are actually 34 of us, because God has never left us down here." Another said later: "God and the devil were fighting over me, and God won."

Like those miners, a day comes for Christians when they are lifted up, one by one. "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev 7). Manuel Gonzales was the first man sent down to the miners, to see if the capsule could make the journey. To save the miners he had to put himself in their position. He didn't leave until the last miner had been rescued. His heroism has been largely overlooked.

Jesus left the safety of heaven to descend into the depths of this fallen world. He put Himself in our position, to save us. He showed the way out; he showed the way of salvation.

One day, we too will be lifted up by angels out of this great tribulation to heaven. And like each Chilean miner, we will be welcomed by our loved ones who died in the faith. There will be a great celebration! Praise and thanks be to Jesus, our Immanuel!

De Colores! Gerard Kern

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

March 2011

Thursday, March 3, 2011
Hyde Park Christian Church
610 East 45th Street

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.



June 2011

Thursday, June 2, 2011
University UMC
2409 Guadalupe

Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

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