



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Greater Austin Emmaus Board Summer Campaign

The Greater Austin Emmaus Board is planning to visit Austin churches over the summer months to provide information about Austin Emmaus and publicize the upcoming Walks. The Board would like to set up a small table in a high traffic area (near the coffee pot?) with printed material on the Walks, Pilgrim registration forms, sponsorship packets, and other Emmaus information. This same information can be left on-site for distribution if the church prefers. If you are interested in helping with this project or having a Board member visit your church, please contact any Board member.

Greater Austin will host Women's Walk #1629, September 22-25 and Men's Walk #1640, October 20-23. Both walks will be held at Camp Young Judaea in Wimberley. The walks still have room for more Pilgrims. It is never too early to sign up. Please contact any Board member for information.



Chrysalis News

Sponsor Your Butterflies for Chrysalis!!

The Chrysalis Community is sponsoring two Flights this summer:

Girl's Flight # 346 **June 16, 2011** **Cathedral Oaks**
Steph Bridwell, Lay Director Val Sansing, Spiritual Director

Boy's Flight # 353 **July 28, 2011** **Austin First UMC**
Tim Deschner, Lay Director Kyle Toomire, Spiritual Director



Registration forms are posted on the SWTX Conference website:

<http://www.umcswtx.org/mw-chrysalis.html>

or you may contact any member of the Chrysalis Next Steps Group.

Scholarships are available!

2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

<p>Women's Walk #1629 Sept. 22-25 Gina Franklin, Lay Director Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director Roxie Greenway, Board Rep. Nancy Minchew, ST Coordinator</p>	<p>Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley contact: franklingdom@gmail.com contact: roxieg@austin.rr.com contact: nancyminchew@gmail.com</p>
<p>Men's Walk # 1640 Oct. 20-23 Jack Foreman, Lay Director Monte Marshall, Spiritual Director Gene McConnell, Board Rep. Kathy Shaw, ST Coordinator</p>	<p>Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley contact: jcforeman@sbcglobal.net contact: gene.mcconnell@jicompanies.com contact: kathyshaw@swbell.net</p>

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De Colores!

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



The Walk Talk Deadline for July 2011 is June 20th!

Please send your articles, Community Opportunities,
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!**

Agape Signup Online

The signup for Women's Walk to Emmaus #1629 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1629agape

The signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1640 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1640agape

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.



Servant Team Helpers for Walk #1629

Servant Team helpers are needed for Women's Walk #1629 that will be held at Camp Young Judaea in Wimberley September 22-25. Servant Team members are the behind-the-scenes workers who support the walk by setting up for the various activities during the walk, preparing food, making agape drops, lighting the pathway between buildings at night, and running 'errands'. You can serve for the full weekend or for a part of the time, but we especially need those who can commit to the entire weekend. Nancy Minchew is the Servant Team Coordinator, and you can contact her at nancyminchew@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on the team. This is a great way to serve and be a part of the Walk.

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

July 9, 2011
August 27, 2011
November 5, 2011

Nixon First UMC
San Angelo First UMC
Kingsville First UMC

Pentecost Power for Our Witness

Yearly we observe Pentecost 50 days after Easter. The story seems strange, with the crowded room, the rushing wind; the tongues of fire, people from many nations hearing the disciples speak in their native languages. What does it mean for us?

Jesus' words give meaning to the event: "You will be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Since Jesus will soon ascend into heaven, He intends for the apostles to proclaim the Good News in word and deed. They are to bear witness to the ends of the earth. What a challenge! The disciples were confused, weak, afraid -- wavering in their witness.

The purpose of Pentecost remains for us. We are His witnesses in our own homes, next door, at work, in our community, and throughout the world. Big job. And we hesitate, rationalize, stumble, fear -- wavering in our witness.

For that reason God makes available to us the power of Pentecost. The disciples were emboldened to bear witness. Uneducated, sinful, afraid, the Holy Spirit transforms them into unashamed witnesses who cannot but speak the things that they have heard and seen -- in the temple, before the council, in the synagogues. Pentecost power in the Word of God.

We also receive God's Pentecost power. Looking to the crucified and risen one, and convicted of our sins, we repent and believe the Gospel. We cannot help but speak and live the things we have heard and seen through God's Word.

Thank you, Father, for the outpouring of Your Holy Spirit in that first Pentecost. Pour out Your Spirit through the Word so we may witness to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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, April 7, 2011 at Crestview UMC. In attendance were: Gene McConnell – Lay Director; Bob Duplantis – Member Support; Diane Merwarth – Walk Support; Sandy Brooks – Assistant Lay Director; Roxie Greenway – Treasurer; Cheryl Broome, Spiritual Director; Jack Foreman, Past Lay Director; Kathy Robbins, Chrysalis Rep. and Tom Rioux.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Gene McConnell. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as read by a motion by Bob Duplantis, seconded by Sandy Brooks.

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. There is a balance of \$4136.96 available in the account.

Bob Duplantis moved that we write off the \$100 due to Greater Austin Emmaus from the Southwest Conference and the \$146.25 in team fees that is believed to be uncollectible. Seconded by Gene McConnell and passed.

Roxie Greenway reported that we have our federal ID number for Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group. The name on the GAE4DG checking account has been changed from Southwest Texas Conference Greater Austin Emmaus to Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group.

Jack Foreman and Gene McConnell will work toward a media kit and Sandy Brooks and Bob Duplantis will work on email list and communications. The Board approved \$500 for this purpose.

Jack Foreman, Gene McConnell and Sandy Brooks agreed to contact pilgrims' sponsors from walk 1607 to ask them to move to the fall walk.

Kathy Robbins reported that there will be a Chrysalis Hoot on April 29 at Dripping Springs UMC. The Girls Chrysalis Flight is scheduled for June 16-18, the Boys Flight is scheduled for July 28-30, and a Journey is scheduled for January 5-7.

Cheryl Broome will be looking at the 5th Day Retreat to see if this can be done within Emmaus.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00. There were 72 in attendance at the gathering.

Austin Community Opportunities and Missions

This section is for area-wide opportunities and missions that are available to anyone within our Emmaus Community.

If you would like your events to be listed in the WalkTalk, please send the information to franklingdom@gmail.com. The WalkTalk is published the first week of every month, deadlines are listed on Page 2.

Thank You, Gina Franklin, WalkTalk Editor

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

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

June 2011

Thursday, June 2, 2011
University UMC
2409 Guadalupe

November 2011

Thursday, November 3, 2011
Riverbend Church
4214 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.

July 2011

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

December 2011

Thursday, December 1, 2011
Parker Lane UMC
2105 Parker Lane

August 2011

Thursday, August 4, 2011
Bethany UMC
10010 Anderson Mill Road



September 2011

Thursday, September 1, 2011
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road

Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

October 2011

Thursday, October 6, 2011
First UMC Pflugerville
500 East Pecan

Contact:

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