



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Want to Serve on a GAE Walk Team?

Would you like to serve on the team for a GAE Walk? Have you completed a Team Service Application form? Team selection for the GAE Winter/Spring 2012 Walks is coming up soon, and we need to hear from you if you are interested in serving on a team. Here's the process:

1. Go to the GAE website, www.austinemmaus.org
2. Click the 'Forms' link in the left-hand menu.
3. The Team Selection Application is the last one in the list.
4. Complete and submit the application on-line. (Limited amount of information collected.)
5. If you have prior team service (anywhere—not just Austin!) please download and complete the long form and mail it to the address listed or hand it to any Board member at the next Gathering.

It is important for the Team Selection Committee to have your updated team service experience on file. It may be time to update your information if you submitted your application form more than 3 years ago, or if any of your contact information has changed (especially phone # and email address.) We want to stay in touch with you!

Want to serve as a Walk Lay Director? If so, be sure to check the box on the form. Lay Directors must meet a number of team service requirements, and the Team Selection Committee assigns Lay Director Candidates to the teams so they can meet these requirements.

Want to serve on a Servant (Outside) Team? There is no application needed to serve on a Servant Team. Please contact the individual Walk Servant Team Coordinators or any Board member for more information on this team service.

Want to serve on the Team Selection Committee? The Team Selection Committee is comprised of the Walk Leadership Team, (Lay Director, Spiritual Director, Board Rep) GAE Board members, and Members at Large from the GAE 4th Day Group. Members at Large play an important part in team selection as they bring a broad view of many more potential team members to the Committee. The Committee strives for a balance on the team that includes age, church denomination, ethnicity, and team service experience. Team Selection is held approximately 6 months prior to the date of each Walk, and you can serve on the Committee one time or several times. Contact Roxie Greenway, GAE Board Rep, at roxieg@austin.rr.com if you are interested in serving on the next Team Selection Committee.



Chrysalis News

Sponsor Your Butterflies for Chrysalis!!

Boy's Flight # 353

Tim Deschner, Lay Director

July 28, 2011

Kyle Toomire, Spiritual Director

Austin First UMC

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!



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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De Colores!

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



The Walk Talk Deadline for August 2011 is July 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!**

2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's Walk #1629 Sept. 22-25

Gina Franklin, Lay Director
Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director
Roxie Greenway, Board Rep.
Nancy Minchew, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact: franklingdom@gmail.com

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Men's Walk # 1640 Oct. 20-23

Jack Foreman, Lay Director
Monte Marshall, Spiritual Director
Gene McConnell, Board Rep.
Kathy Shaw, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact: jcforeman@sbcglobal.net

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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.



Moving

Oh, the headaches of moving! A house to sell. Moving arrangements, sorting, garage sales, packing, and leaving. A house to purchase in the new community. Many details concerning utilities, doctors, services, church and school choices, and adjustment to a new job. Not to mention the emotional turmoil of leaving good friends and reestablishing roots. Yet God leads us into new situations as part of His plan for our lives..

God similarly came to Abraham with a call to leave his homeland and travel long miles to a promised land. God was establishing special people who would carry out His promises for the world. Out of that special nation would come the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

No doubt Abraham faced obstacles and the wrenching experience of leaving his homeland. Nevertheless, the writer to the Hebrews tells us, "By faith Abraham ... obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." (Heb 11:8). "He was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

God calls us to live for Him in a new land. By faith we obey. His promise, fulfilled in Christ's death and resurrection, stands sure for us. We live as pilgrims in this world and will someday experience the joys of living in the heavenly "city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home; Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home; And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

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, May 5, 2011 at Westlake 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; Myles McKemie – Gathering Support; Gary Johnson and Bobby Callison – nominees to board.

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

The treasurer's report was presented by Roxie Greenway and was approved unanimously upon a motion by Diane Merwarth with a second from by Jack Foreman. There is a balance of \$3949.80 available in the account and the scholarship fund contains \$721.00. The Board also unanimously approved transferring the \$2 overpayment from Walk 1597 to the scholarship fund.

Jack Forman reported on the Marketing Plan. Ten churches were identified who will interface with the Board to market Emmaus to their membership. The churches may identify a Sunday where two board members will be at their services to promote Emmaus. Marketing brochures will be available for this purpose. Additionally, the board will contact pilgrims for the last 2 years to encourage them to sponsor pilgrims on upcoming walks.

Roxie Greenway attended the recent Southwest Conference Board meeting in San Antonio. She reported that all Board members must be in a reunion group. Additionally, the SW Conference will be auditing walks by sitting in the conference room at some time during a walk. Roxie suggested we move the dates of our proposed walks for next year because our current choices are in close proximity to Hays Praise walks. On a motion by Bob Duplantis and seconded by Gene McConnell, the dates for the 2012 walks were changed. Roxie will follow up with the Southwest Conference for approval.

The Southwest Conference recommended each community purchase "Sustaining the Spirit" for each team member on a walk. On a motion by Bob Duplantis and second by Myles McKemie, the board will purchase these books for each walk.

Kathy Robbins reported that Chrysalis had a Hoot in Dripping Springs 2 weeks ago and it was well attended. She reminded the Board of the upcoming Chrysalis flights this summer and a Journey scheduled for January.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00. There were 87 in attendance at the gathering.

Luke 12:27-28 (The Message)

Walk into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They don't fuss with their appearance—but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. If God gives such attention to the wildflowers, most of them never even seen, don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?



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

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

July 2011

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

November 2011

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

August 2011

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

December 2011

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

September 2011

Thursday, September 1, 2011
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road

October 2011

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



Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

Contact:

Board Member for Gathering Support
Myles McKemie
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