



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Emmaus Walk # 1629

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!

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2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's Walk #1629 Sept. 22-25

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Men's Walk # 1640 Oct. 20-23

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Potential Sponsors!

Women's Walk 1629 and Men's Walk 1640 still has room for **pilgrims**. Please give prayerful consideration to who you might sponsor for these Fall walks. Let's get busy and get the pilgrim applications in to the SWTX Emmaus Registrar. Don't forget that the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group has scholarships available, download the form at <http://www.austinemmaus.org/reg.php>

Reminders for Emmaus Walk 1629

Sponsor Hour: 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 22th
Candlelight: 8:00 pm, Saturday, September 24th
Closing: 3:30 pm, Sunday, September 25th

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

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De Colores!

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



The Walk Talk Deadline for October is September 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 6!

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.



John the Baptist: Surprise!

The birth of John was a surprise on many levels. His parents were well beyond childbearing age. His birth was foretold by an angel to his father, who immediately became speechless. He was named by God. His cousin was conceived by the Holy Spirit and would be the Savior of the world. This was no ordinary baby!

God is a God of surprises. He takes nothing and makes a world. He fills a boat with animals and saves a family from a flood. He uses a reluctant talker to convince Pharaoh to free a nation. He wakes His people up to the sight of manna covering barren ground. He demolishes walls with the sound of trumpets. He spits up a prophet from a fish's stomach. He teaches uneducated fishermen to be eloquent. He reaches into a lunch bag and feeds five thousand people. He makes ordinary bread and wine holy. He sends His Son to die and restores Him to life. He heals sick people. He makes sad people happy. He makes dead people live. And He takes sinners like you and me and makes us saints.

Ours is truly no ordinary God! Just ask John the Baptist. Just ask yourself. How has God surprised you?

Dear God, thank you for doing the impossible for our world and for me. Amen.

De Colores! Gerard Kern

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

November 5, 2011

Kingsville First UMC



Upcoming 2012 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's Walk # 1644 February 2-5

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Men's Walk # 1659 May 3-6

Bud Broker, Lay Director

Myles McKemie, ST Coordinator

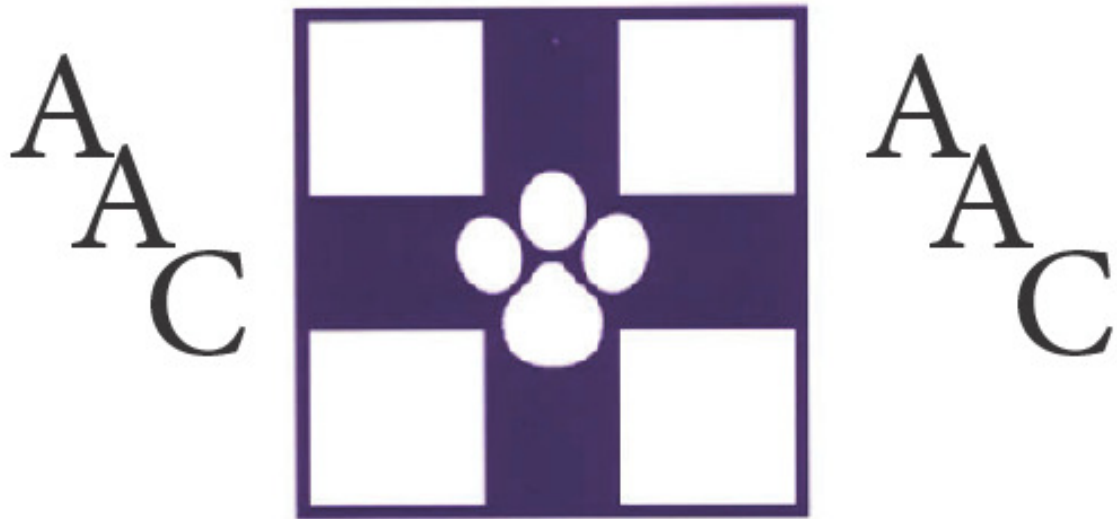
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- ~ Animal memorial services



*Sharing respect for the spiritual nature of the human-animal bond,
and a deep love for all of God's creatures, regardless of species.*

Rev. Cheryl Broome AustinAnimalChaplain@gmail.com (512) 569-5701

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August 15, 2011

TO: All SWTX Emmaus Community Fourth Day Groups
FROM: SWTX Emmaus Community Executive Committee
SUBJECT: Emmaus' relationship with other similar weekend programs

For the past several years, there has been a good deal of discussion in the SWTX Emmaus Community about Emmaus and its relationship with other similar weekend programs. Since last fall, your Executive Committee has been in conversation with Greg Engroff, International Lay Director, Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis, Upper Room, in an attempt to get answers and clarifications regarding those issues and concerns. Out of those conversations have come several "items" of which I want to make sure you are aware.

At the January and April 2011 SWTX Emmaus Board meetings, the following revision to Article 7, page 12, Section 1 of the SWTX Emmaus Community Policies & Procedures Manual 2009 was presented, voted on, and passed by the Emmaus Board.

Fourth Day Groups are composed of persons who have completed any three-day event recognized by the Roman Catholic Cursillo Movement International which currently includes: The Episcopal Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Via de Cristo, Tres Dias, Kairos Prison Ministry, Presbyterian Pilgrimage, Chrysalis Journey, and Chrysalis Flight.

This revision was intended to clarify that those 4th Day programs (and their related teen programs) are the ones that can trace their roots directly back to the original Catholic Cursillo movement begun in Majorca Spain in the 1940s. Greg Engroff has made it very clear that it is not Upper Room that bestows such recognition; it is the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis International Office in concert with the International Advisory Committee (IAC). He also made it clear that it was up to the SWTX Emmaus Community whether or not to recognize the "pilgrimage" of individuals who attended one of those 4th Day programs. The SWTX Board decided that pilgrims who have attended one of these programs can be part of SWTX Emmaus without having to attend an Emmaus weekend as a pilgrim. For example, if an individual who attended Episcopal Cursillo now wants to support Walk to Emmaus instead of Episcopal Cursillo (for whatever reason) they may do so. Their Emmaus team service would start with outside team service and then move to progressive service on inside teams.

One of the major points of discussion has been whether or not a member of an Emmaus Community (and in our unique situation, a member of a 4th Day Group) can serve on both Emmaus and other program teams. The following statements come from a December 2010 letter from Greg Engroff.

We cannot serve two masters. Commit to one or the other. **Not both.** What we would not want is for people to be moving back and forth, serving on each other's team and sending pilgrims to one group's weekends only to support the other group. There are no cross-overs; not team and not pilgrims.....

Greg has made it clear to us that this directive does not differentiate between "Cursillo-related" programs and others - it doesn't matter if we are talking about Via de Cristo or ACTS, about Cursillo or the Great Banquet or any other program. We are to serve one program. The exception is the Kairos Prison Ministry, but even there the strong recommendation is to serve Emmaus one year and Kairos another year - don't try to do them both in the same year.

This directive from Greg's letter is for the laity. Clergy answer to a different calling (if you will) and we cannot dictate where they can/cannot serve. However, we do ask that clergy not serve more than one program a year - we ask that they honor and support the directive that came to the laity.

Two big dangers in cross-over service are (1) individual "burn-out" and (2) blending of elements from one program into the other. People who serve on teams too frequently get tired and burned out, and they tend to just drop out of both programs; a terrible loss for all concerned. And it is the rare 4DG that can be successfully vigilant in guarding against transfer of elements from other programs into an Emmaus weekend event. Too often a "really nice" or "special" element from another program is slipped into an Emmaus Walk, and of course the pilgrims who experienced that weekend, think everything that happened was "Emmaus," even though it wasn't. Element additions get perpetuated from weekend to weekend, and before long the Emmaus weekend is no longer purely Emmaus - it is a hybrid. We have seen that happen again and again. Walk to Emmaus is a copyrighted program; we cannot modify it to make it "our own."

A number of years ago SWTX Emmaus made a conscious effort to move closer to the model, eliminating some non-Emmaus elements that had been added (such as Las Mananitas, and having "Angels" in the Conference Room). All who were involved in Emmaus at that time can remember that the "house cleaning" was a painful process - feelings were hurt and some people dropped away from Emmaus. But we in the SWTX Emmaus Community are in Covenant Agreement with Upper Room not only to follow the copyrighted Emmaus model but also to remain true to the intent of the Walk to Emmaus. We constantly strive to uphold that covenant.

On behalf of the SWTX Emmaus Community I thank each and every one of you who serves God through your involvement in Emmaus and your leadership in your church. For that is truly what Emmaus is about - building leaders for the church. Emmaus is only successful when it moves individuals out of the weekend event conference room and into the world.

May God bless the work each of you does in his name.
De Colores - Kathy Shaw, SWTX Emmaus Community Lay Director
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Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

September 2011

Thursday, September 1, 2011
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road
Walk 1629 Team Commissioning

October 2011

Thursday, October 6, 2011
First UMC Pflugerville
500 East Pecan
Walk 1640 Team Commissioning

November 2011

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

December 2011

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

Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

Upcoming 2012 Gatherings

January 2012

Thursday, January 5, 2012

February 2012

Thursday, February 2, 2012

March 2012

Thursday, March 1, 2012

April 2012

Thursday, April 5, 2012



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