



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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De Colores!

Welcome New Pilgrims

**Women's Walk #1629, September 22-25, 2011
Camp Young Judaea**

Pat Abbott
Rebecca Allen
Ern Armstrong
Connie Booth
Jennifer Bynum
Melissa Call
Karen Coburn
Rondaline Craft
Yolanda Cuellar
Cindy Enders
Pat Fiero

Emily Hammond
Bonnie Harvey
Christi Heisner
Nancy Hempel
Nancy Hobbs
Donna Langley
Alesha Lester
Elizabeth Morris
Heidi Parrish
Mary Lou Plumb
Brenda Rains

Susan Rang
Sharon Reeves
Marjorie Richesin
Kelly Roloff
Ves Shogi
Hillarie Smith
Laura Smith
Pat Spiegel
Taffy Sweet
Stacey Thomas



Board Nomination Committee

Gary Johnson, the chairperson of the Nominations Committee, is recruiting members to serve on the upcoming Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee is responsible for developing nominations for open board positions each year. If you are interested on serving on this committee or nominating someone for a board position, please contact Gary at Gary@gae4dg.org

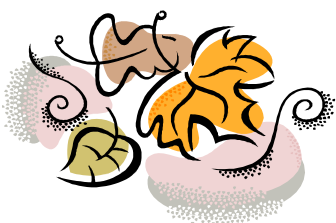


Lay Director
Assistant Lay Director
Gathering Support
Walk Support

Board Positions:

Member Services
Treasurer
Board Representative to
SWTXC

Chrysalis Representative
Immediate Past Lay Director
Spiritual Director



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

2011/2012 Board of Directors and Volunteers

Lay Director

Sandy Brooks
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Spiritual Director

Rev. Cheryl Broome
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4th Day Board Representative

Roxie Greenway
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Assistant Lay Director

Gary Johnson
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Myles McKemie
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Board Member for Walk Support

Bobby Callison
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Board Member for Member Services

Bob Duplantis
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Treasurer

Anne Rioux
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Immediate Past Lay Director

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Chrysalis Representative

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Tom Carstarphen
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Walk Talk Editor

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Dear Lord,

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of others, and grant us cheerful, giving hearts that bring you glory. Amen.



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



The Walk Talk Deadline for December is November 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!



Upcoming 2012 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's Walk # 1644 February 2-5

Robbie Cripe, Lay Director
Madeline Henners, Spiritual Director
Sandy Brooks, Board Rep.
Anne Rioux, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact: rjcripe1@austin.rr.com
contact: Sandy@gae4dg.org
contact: Anne@gae4dg.org

Men's Walk # 1659 May 3-6

Bud Broker, Lay Director
Ray Kaiser, Spiritual Director
Gary Johnson, Board Rep.
Myles McKemie, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact: bbroker@austin.rr.com
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contact: Myles@gae4dg.org

Agape Signup Online

The signup for Women's Walk to Emmaus #1644 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1644agape

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.



Relationships

We need to grow as Christians throughout our lives and not just when we are young and attending Sunday school or confirmation classes. Our relationships with the Lord and other people needs to grow each day. The Holy Spirit guides us in this spiritual and practical growth as we study and immerse ourselves in God's Holy Word.

Isn't it interesting how we as human beings want to look good in the eyes of others? The 12 disciples were no different. They wanted to know who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven (Matt 18:1). Jesus answered by placing a child in their midst and says that whoever humbles himself as a little child is very precious in the eyes of God.

In the parable of the landowner who hires workers at different times during the day and pays everyone the same pay, we see the old Adam at work. Would a little child question the Father's generosity? We become envious of others and their positions, status or wealth in life. Many times we speak ill of them instead of praising the Father for being generous.

When we set ourselves up as someone more important than someone else, we are on a slippery path. God calls us to a childlike faith where our honor comes from the forgiveness and love of the Father. Living in this forgiveness and love, we are to forgive and love one another. We are most honored by being children of the heavenly Father. No earthly position or worldly power can come close to or compete with the relationship the Father has with us and the relationship we have with others because of the Father's love.

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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, September 1 at Covenant United Methodist Church. In attendance were: Sandy Brooks - Lay Director; Cheryl Broome-Spiritual Director; Gary Johnson - Assistant Lay Director; Roxie Greenway - 4th Day Representative; Anne Rioux – Treasurer; Bob Duplantis – Member Services; Myles McKemie – Gathering Support; Bobby Callison – Walk Support. Also in attendance was Tom Rioux.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Sandy Brooks. Reverend Cheryl Broome gave the opening prayer. The Board Minutes from the August meeting were not available in print and were emailed to the Board, to be reviewed and approved following the meeting.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Anne Rioux. The bank balance was \$9,551.82. Sandy mentioned that the Board would need to make changes to the bylaws to allow for the Treasurer's position to be made a voting position. There was a review of the unencumbered funds. There was a discussion concerning walk expenses and that the Lay Director payments inflate the expense payout average for each Walk. The financial statements were accepted. Roxie made a motion to stop the 10% Fund for Chrysalis and instead to fund/give money to Chrysalis for Flight assistance. Also, to return this 10% fund to unencumbered funds. Anne Rioux seconded and the motion passed. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Roxie Greenway reported that Bud Broeker, Lay Director for the May 2012 men's walk, had set a team selection date of October 18 at Covenant UMC. Sandy stated that she will include this meeting in the announcements at the gathering following the board meeting. Roxie also announced that Madeline Hennes will be the Spiritual Director for the women's walk # 1644, to be held in February 2012. In addition, a Spiritual Director has not yet been named for the October 2012 men's walk.

Gary Johnson provided an update on the issue of obtaining a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, and it would require submitting a copy of the bylaws. Further, he stated that the bylaws may need to be changed in order to meet the requirements for an IRS approval. Gary is to be forwarded a copy of the bylaws for review.

Sandy Brooks provided an update on the marketing campaign and she hopes to have an Emmaus table at Riverbend Church. Bobby Callison suggested that the Board buy 4-5 copies of the DVD "What is Emmaus?" for use at the various churches. Their cost is \$10 each.

There was a discussion of the status of the upcoming fall Walks. At this time both the women's and men's walks have 20 registered pilgrims and expect to have approximately 30 pilgrims for the walks.

Myles McKemie, Gathering Support, provided an update on upcoming gatherings. He stated that the Board may need to find another church to host the November gathering. He said that there is a possibility of having the gathering at Simpson UMC or Wesley UMC. Myles provided an update on the churches sponsoring the gatherings for the first four months in 2012. They are:

January: First UMC-Austin
February : St. Marks UMC
March: Cedar Park UMC
April : Lake Travis UMC

Cheryl Broome closed with a prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Attendance at the Gathering was 122.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Johnson



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2011 Gatherings

November 2011

Thursday, November 3, 2011
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Drive

December 2011

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



Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

Contact:

Board Member for Gathering Support
Myles McKemie
myles.mckemie@ergon.com

2012 Gatherings

January 2012

Thursday, January 5, 2012
First UMC Austin
1201 Lavaca Street

February 2012

Thursday, February 9, 2012
St. Mark UMC
601 W. Braker Lane

March 2012

Thursday, March 1, 2012
Cedar Park UMC
600 W. Park Street

April 2012

Thursday, April 5, 2012
Lake Travis UMC
1502 N. Ranch Road 620