



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Gathering Dates

Please note the following changes on
Gathering Dates:

February 9, 2012—moved to 2nd week to
avoid conflict with Walk 1644

April 12, 2012—moved to 2nd week to
avoid conflict with Maundy Thursday

May 10, 2012—moved to 2nd week to
avoid conflict with Walk 1659

GAE4DG BYLAW AMENDMENTS

GAE4DG is voting at the February 9th gathering on bylaw amendments. The amendments are to add the treasurer as a voting member and to allow for ad hoc members of the board to assist as board reps on walks. If there are any amendments from the community, please forward to Sandy Brooks at Sandy@gae4dg.org, or bring them to the gathering.

Emmaus Walk # 1644

Please support this Walk with your prayers, your agape, and your presence at Candlelight and Closing. Please keep the pilgrims and team members in your prayers, and remember, there are many unseen and unsung community members working on the Servant Team!

Robbie Cripe, Lay Director Madeline Henners, Spiritual Director Sandy Brooks, Board Rep.
Jennifer Anderson Denise Barker Heidi Baskin Karen Bowker Steph Bridwell Paula Bryant
Roberta Carnes Susan Curtis Carol Dolfuss Barbara Drake Lois Draper Shana Dudley
Bob Duplantis Debby Duplantis Connie Ellis Sid Hall Kristin Hampsten David Henners
Marsha Hughes Jennifer Kendrick Cynthia Kepler-Karrer Joan King Debby Krueger Alesha Lester
Cindy Martin Tonna Marcyes Chris McKemie Diane Merwarth Colleen Meyer Darla Nicholson
Alana Oehler Kaye Owen Adele Peterman Robin Richard Anne Rioux STC Tom Rioux STC
Jen Stuart Harold Sundbeck LeeLeen Sundbeck Taffy Sweet Debbie Ties Silvia Villareal

Reminders for Emmaus Walk 1644

Sponsor Hour: 7:00 pm, Thursday, February 2nd

Candlelight: 7:30 pm, Saturday, February 4th

Closing: 3:30 pm, Sunday, February 5th

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

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Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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



The Walk Talk Deadline is on the 20th of each month!

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 gathering schedule on the last page!

We'll be looking for **you!**

2012 Austin Sponsored Walks

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

contact: Gary@gae4dg.org

contact: Myles@gae4dg.org

Women's Walk # 1674 **Sept. 20-23**

LeeLeen Sundbeck, Lay Director
Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director
Roxie Greenway, Board Rep.

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact:

contact: Roxie@gae4dg.org

Men's Walk # 1686 **Oct. 25-28**

Derly Tijerina, Lay Director
Charlie Baskin, Spiritual Director
Gene McConnell, Board Rep.

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact:

contact: Gene@gae4dg.org

Team Selection for Fall, 2012 Walks

Team selection for the fall, 2012 walks is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th. Please contact Roxie Greenway at roxieg@austin.rr.com if you are interested in serving on the Conference Room team for either of these walks.

Women's Walk #1674

September 20-23, 2012

Camp Young Judea

LeeLeen Sundbeck, Lay Director

Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director

Roxie Greenway, Board Representative

Men's Walk #1686

October 25-28, 2012

Camp Young Judea

Derly Tijerina, Lay Director

Charlie Baskin, Spiritual Director

Gene McConnell, Board Representative

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.

GRACE

The grace of God offers us a life that is amazing and good.

The grace of God is not something that must be earned. It is a free gift from God that **no one** can escape.

The grace of God is more than mercy. It is complete forgiveness and full, abundant love. Grace reveals the true nature of God's presence within us and quickens in us a realization of our innate **goodness and divinity**.

Abiding under divine grace, I am spiritually secure. Fullness of life is completely assured. I am saved. **Believe. Expect. Receive.**

For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -- Ephesians 2:8

Law and Gospel Both Necessary

When some of us talk about "law and gospel," we are usually referring to the effect or impact of the Bible on human lives. In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther discusses each of the Ten Commandments by saying, "We are to fear and love God, so that..."

It may help to think of law and gospel this way: the Bible functions as law when it causes us to fear God, and it functions as gospel when it causes us to love God. When we do both, we can tackle the explanations in the catechism.

The Bible speaks words that accuse us and convict us of sin. Although we know that God is good, we should realize that God treats sin with severity -- judging and punishing us to bring us to repentance and righteousness. This is good, but fearful.

But the Bible also speaks words that convey God's grace and forgiveness to us, comforting us and giving us hope: these words function as gospel and cause us to love God.

As you listen to the Scripture each Sunday, think about each lesson in these terms: "What does this 'word of God' do to me?" We'll hear Jesus calling his followers to deny themselves and take up their crosses (Mark 1). Next we will be confronted with the fearsome image of Jesus with a whip, standing in the temple and denouncing religion that is just a commercial enterprise (John 2). Then we will hear about the good news of God's kingdom that Jesus proclaimed, and we will hear the beloved passage that Luther called "the gospel in a nutshell" (John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ...")

Scriptures reveal a God who is demanding, a God who won't settle for less than what is absolutely best for us. That God is fearful. But I love this fearful God. Don't you?

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, December 1, 2011, at Parker Lane United Methodist Church. In attendance were: Sandy Brooks-Lay Director; Gary Johnson-Assistant Lay Director; Gene McConnell-Immediate Past Lay Director; Roxie Greenway-4th Day Representative; Bob Duplantis-Member Services; Myles McKemie-Gathering Support; Tom Rioux-Food/Gift Agape Coordinator and Kathy Robbins-Chrysalis Representative.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Sandy Brooks. Roxie Greenway gave the opening prayer.

Gary Johnson presented the minutes to the November Board Meeting. Bob made a motion to accept and Roxie seconded. The minutes were adopted.

Anne Rioux presented the Treasurer's Report. Bob moved that the report be adopted and Gary Johnson seconded. The treasurer's report was adopted.

Anne reported that she had received a request by a servant team member for a scholarship. There was a discussion that the scholarship fund should always be replenished whenever it falls below \$500. There was a further discussion on how we should treat such items, as a scholarship or as an expense to the Walk. Bob suggested that it should be treated as an expense. Also discussed was whether there should be a limit on how many times a person may receive a "team scholarship" and this might be dependent on how many times such person has served. Of concern is the possible overuse of scholarships by any one individual. Roxie made a motion that up to half the scholarship be allowed, pending the completion of the scholarship form and Board approval. Anne seconded and the motion was adopted.

Sandy Brooks reported that Reverend Charlie Baskin has agreed to serve as the Spiritual Director for the October 2012 Men's Walk.

Sandy led a discussion of the changes to the bylaws. One of the changes was that the Audit Committee appointment would be with the Lay Director. Bob moved that we approve the bylaws as submitted, contingent upon email approval by the Board. Sandy seconded and the motion was approved.

Myles McKemie reported that the next Gathering would be at First UMC Austin on January 5 and that the February gathering would be on February 9 at Cedar Park UMC. He stated that there would be an email blast to communicate this to the Emmaus Community.

There was a discussion of a communications issue with the music team for candlelights. Of concern is who should be handling these communications and that the Servant Team Coordinator should be the person handling these communications.

Roxie discussed the ongoing concern with mass communications to the community, the web host and the costs involved. She will discuss with Bud Broeker.

Gene McConnell discussed the need to be marketing for the next women's and men's walks. There was a discussion of costs and Gene will check with Jack Foreman before ordering the posters to be used in the various churches.

Kathy Robbins, Chrysalis Representative, noted that they would be needing similar poster boards advertising the Chrysalis Flights for next summer.

Gary Johnson discussed the Nominations Committee and his efforts to have one in place by mid-January. The October *Walk Talk* covered this issue and asked for those interested in serving on the Nominations Committee to contact him.

Gary provided the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:08. There were 93 in attendance at the Gathering.

Submitted by Gary Johnson

Nominations for the 2012-2013 GAE4D Board

Nominations are being taken for potential candidates to fill the upcoming Board positions being vacated this year. If you are interested in serving or know someone that would make a great board member, please contact Gary Johnson for more information. Gary Johnson : Gary@gae4dg.org

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2012 Gatherings

February 2012

**Thursday, February 9, 2012
Cedar Park UMC
600 W. Park Street

March 2012

Thursday, March 1, 2012
St. Mark UMC
601 W. Braker Lane

April 2012

**Thursday, April 12, 2012
Lake Travis UMC
1502 N. Ranch Road 620

May 2012

**Thursday, May 10, 2012



** Please note these Gatherings are on the second Thursday of the month due to schedule conflicts.

Reminder:

Childcare Services are available at all Gatherings.

Contact:

Board Member for Gathering Support
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