



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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A Word from the Lay Director

My church has been selected to participate in a renewal program called *The Healthy Church Initiative* where it is reviewed by specialists to determine our strengths and where we can improve. It involves an inventory of where we are and what our mission is.

Do you ever feel like that? Maybe feeling you are spinning your wheels and questioning if what you are doing is what Christ wants you to do? Are your talents being used in a way that is pleasing to Him?

I bet this is an ongoing issue for Christians and it is good to take stock of where we are in Christ, and what actions we should be taking that would be pleasing to him. Remember that Christ commissioned his disciples to be **change agents** for Him. In the 28th chapter of Matthew, Christ gave instructions to his disciples. He said “**go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**”

Yes, those were our marching orders given by Jesus. It is a very big calling and something that Emmaus does a good job of doing; raising up and making disciples. For this reason I feel that serving in Emmaus is pleasing to Christ.

See you on the Walk! Gary Johnson, Lay Director
Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

Potential Sponsors!

Please give prayerful consideration to who you might sponsor for the upcoming walk and get the process moving as quickly as possible. Once again we challenge each Reunion Group to sponsor at least one pilgrim. This challenge, of course, extends to individuals as well. Let's get busy and get the pilgrim applications in to the SWTX Emmaus Registrar to fill this walk.

Don't forget that the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group has 1/3 scholarships available, download the form at <http://www.austinemmaus.org/reg.php>. Also check with your local church for other scholarship opportunities. Do not let cost stand in the way of a potential pilgrim, talk to your board members on ways to help.

Emmaus Walk # 1686

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!

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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!**



Reminders for Emmaus Walk 1686

Sponsor Hour: 7:00 pm, Thursday, October 25th

Candelight: 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 27th

Closing: 3:30 pm, Sunday, October 28th

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

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2012 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk # 1686 Oct. 25-28

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Agape Signup Online

The signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1686 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1686agape

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.



2013 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk # 1690 Feb. 7-10, 2013

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

George Tolleson, Lay Director

Jack Foreman, Board Rep.

Women's Walk # 1707 May 2-5, 2013

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Susan Curtis, Lay Director

Diane Merwarth, Board Rep.

Women's Walk # 1720 Sept. 26-29, 2013

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Men's Walk # 1730 Oct. 24-27, 2013

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley



Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World

KAIROS

KAIROS is a 4-day ministry, with roots common to the Walk to Emmaus, that brings the Good News to inmates in prisons. Christ commanded us to make disciples everywhere, to the ends of the earth, and he reminds us that as we do for the least and the last among us, we also do for Him (*Matt. 25:34-40*). December 27-30 are the dates for Kairos Weekend 54 in the Ferguson Prison near Madisonville. Paul Draper (cell: [201-394-8810](tel:201-394-8810), email: thedraperfamily@gmail.com) is preparing a team to accompany Jesus Christ into the unit. If you would like to be part of the Inside or Outside Teams, please contact Paul before mid-October. Also, the free-world Christian community sends in tokens of agape love, including letters, \$125 inmate sponsorships, child-crafted placemats, prayer vigil commitments, and THREE THOUSAND DOZEN home-baked cookies. The weekend candidates, our Brothers in White, are shocked and moved by a selfless love that many of them have never known their whole lives. Jesus has made men wholly new through Kairos. If you would like to contribute in any way, or -- even better -- if you are willing to be a point contact for your church to gather contributions, please contact Paul.

Courage with Faith (Exodus 16:2-4,9-15)

The congregation with the Israelites had some words of complaint about their current situation. "We are hungry!" they said. "You led us out away from what we once knew to a place we have yet to see, with a life and food we know nothing about. In our old life we at least knew that our stomachs would be filled..." They were feeling lost in the wilderness, lost between what was and what would be. What a challenge it can be to follow God's lead, to make changes in our lives, even when the changes are for our own good.

It can help to remember that God was there in the wilderness with the Israelites and God is with us in our wildernesses today: "...they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud." In the wilderness, we need to trust that God knows where we are.

Ever-present God, remind us that you are with us today. Help us as we walk through the changes and challenges of life by feeding our courage with faith. Amen.

De Colores! Gerard Kern

Volunteers Needed!

Want to support the Emmaus Community and earn some money at the same time?

We are looking for adults who love children and want to help provide child care for Candlelight. You will be paid \$40 for your service. We provide the place, activities, snacks, and the children.

If interested, please contact Bob Callison at 512-345-4796 or bobbycallison@swbell.net

Church Bulletins BLOOPERS

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group - Board of Directors Meeting
Covenant United Methodist Church
Thursday, August 2, 2012

The following were in attendance: Gary Johnson-Lay Director, Anne Rioux-Asst. Lay Director, Cheryl Broome, Spiritual Director, Debby Duplantis-Treasurer, Jim Burgess-Member Support, Tom Rioux-4th Day Board Representative, Sandy Brooks-Immediate Past Lay Director, Bobby Callison-Walk Support, and Myles McKemie-Gathering Support.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Gary Johnson. Cheryl Broome offered the opening prayer. The minutes from the July 2012 BOD meeting were read. Tom Rioux moved to accept the minutes subject to minor changes recommended, and Myles McKemie seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

A discussion ensued about exploring possible cooperation between GAE4DG and Hays Praise 4th Day Group to supply walks with walk leadership and/or pilgrims. Sandy Brooks reported that she would follow up with her contacts in the Hays Praise 4DG, and Spiritual Director Cheryl Broome plans to speak to Pastor Dana Hamilton of Wimberley UMC about how we can develop meaningful cooperation.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Treasurer Debby Duplantis contacted the members of the conference room team for Walk 1644 to resolve the outstanding fees. Two scholarships were requested for team members for Walk 1686. Myles McKemie moved that the scholarships be awarded subject to accessing the SWTC award first, if available. Gary Johnson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. A discussion ensued about purchasing worship books and reunion cards. Anne Rioux moved that the Board purchase 100 reunion group cards and 50 worship books (30 books to be sent to Marble Falls which will reimburse us for them). Gary Johnson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Tom Rioux moved that the Treasurer's report be approved, Gary Johnson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Tom Rioux reported that the Team selection meeting for Walk 1690, February 7-10, 2013 will take place at First UMC in Pflugerville at 7 PM on Friday, August 3, 2012. He reviewed those candidates who have experience and need one more Conference Room Team experience to qualify as future Lay Directors.

Tom Rioux reported on the SWTC Emmaus Board of Directors' meeting held in San Antonio July 21, 2012 and on the Upper Room Leadership Development meeting held in San Antonio July 28, 2012. There were several policy and procedural items reviewed and discussed and it was agreed that the Board would work on those as soon as possible.

Tom Rioux recommended that beginning January 2014, that GAE4DG members wishing to serve on walks should be encouraged to serve on a Servant Team prior to serving on a Conference Room Team. A discussion ensued and the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Anne Rioux asked what the GAE4DG was doing to advertise the Fall 2012 walks to the community and churches. Myles McKemie said he would request that the persons acting as Points of Contact at member Methodist churches be advised that the Board would fully support an effort to recruit pilgrims between now and September.

Other reports:

Myles McKemie confirmed the following:

Judy Yemington would be the Fourth Day speaker at the August 2, 2012 Gathering.

Bethany UMC will host the September 6, 2012 Gathering which will include the commissioning of the team for Walk 1674.

Tarrytown UMC will host the October 4, 2012 Gathering which will include the commissioning of the team for Walk 1686.

Westlake UMC will host the November 1, 2012 Gathering.

Parker Lane UMC will host the December 6, 2012 Gathering.

First UMC Pflugerville will host the January 3, 2013 Gathering which will include the commissioning of the team for Walk 1690.

Additional dates for Gatherings for the first half of 2013 are February 14, March 7, April 4, and May 9.

Bobby Callison reported that a question arose about the Upper Room's position on allowing persons who have not attended a Walk to participate in reunion groups. The rule was reviewed and confirmed that a member of a reunion group need not have gone on a walk.

As Kathy Robbins is no longer the Board's Chrysalis Representative, it was agreed that we need to contact the new person and invite him/her to GAE4DG Board meetings.

Sandy Brooks closed the meeting with a prayer.

There were 131 people in attendance at the July 2012 Gathering.

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Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2012 Gatherings

October 2012

Thursday, October 4, 2012
Tarrytown UMC
2601 Exposition Blvd.
Team #1686 Commissioning

November 2012

Thursday, November 1, 2012
Westlake UMC
1460 Redbud Trail

December 2012

Thursday, December 6, 2012
Parker Lane UMC
2105 Parker Lane

Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

Contact:

Board Member for Gathering Support
Myles McKemie
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2013 Gatherings

January 2013

Thursday, January, 2012
First UMC Pflugerville
500 East Pecan Street
Team #1690 Commissioning

February 2012

Thursday, February 14, 2012

March 2012

Thursday, March 7, 2012

