



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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De Colores!

Welcome New Pilgrims

Men's Walk #1686, October 25-28, 2012

Camp Young Judaea

Michael Agudelo
Jeremy Bell
Rodney Canion
David Chambers
Jim Cox
Kenneth Drayden
Jerald Dykstra
Aaron Elias
David Farmer
Tom Fornshell
Kent Foster
Ron Franklin

Todd Galiga
Jeffrey Gibbs
Joel Hammond
John Heal
Tim Hill
Karl Kamrath
Ford Keating
Thomas Knutsen
Charles Koenig
Cameron Labunski
Ken Leshner
Jesse Paz

Robert Powell
E. Wynn Presson
Derrick Price
Mario Rodriguez
Nathan Strange
Brad Thompson
Joseph Thompson
David Whitley

In Memorial
John Sansing



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:10-14

Wishing the Emmaus Community a Blessed Christmas!



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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!



Potential Sponsors!

Please give prayerful consideration to who you might sponsor for the upcoming 2013 walks!

It is never too early to sponsor a pilgrim. So get busy finding your pilgrim candidate, pray pray pray, discuss the walk with them, and get their applications in to the SWTX Emmaus Registrar to fill these walks.

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.

Walk Sponsorship and Fees also make wonderful gifts.

2013 Austin Sponsored Walks

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

George Tolleson, Lay Director
Monte Marshall, Spiritual Director
Jack Foreman, Board Rep.
Kathy & Ted Shaw, ST Coordinators

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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

Susan Curtis, Lay Director
Judy Baskin, Spiritual Director
Diane Merwarth, Board Rep.
Sherry Wilkison, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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

Bob Duplantis, Lay Director
Jack Foreman, Board Rep.

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Women's Walk # 1730 Nov. 7-10, 2013

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Agape Signup Online

The signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1690 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1690agape

The signup for Women's Walk to Emmaus #1707 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1707agape

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.

Chrysalis News

Dear brothers and sisters of the GAEC,

If you've never served on a Chrysalis, you don't know what you've been missing! Chrysalis is the Walk to Emmaus for high school youth. It takes its name from the growth process (or chrysalis) that a caterpillar goes through as it becomes a butterfly. This growth symbolizes each youth's transformation through Christ into the person God has called them to be. Chrysalis builds up young leaders in the church.

Historically, we have offered two Chrysalis flights every summer – one for boys and one for girls. During the summer of 2014, we want to start offering four flights every summer. To do this we need more men and women from the Austin area who are willing to serve on teams – including those with a desire to eventually serve as lay directors. This summer of 2013, we will have two flights for which we are selecting teams:

June 26-29 Girls Flight 367 in Victoria

August 1-3 Boys Flight 375 in Victoria

If you are interested in serving with Chrysalis, please contact Tim Deschner at (512) 934-8077 or email me at tdeschner@att.net. Do not think that you must be in your twenties to work with youth! We are looking for men and women of *all ages*. All that's required is a heart for Christ and for young people – God will take care of the rest.

De Colores and Fly with Christ,

Tim Deschner

Lay Director for Austin/Crossroads Next Step Group



Anticipation

It seems that half the fun of Christmas is looking forward to it. For a child it was a mind filled with wondering and dreaming of what awaited on Christmas morning. As an adult it's a little different. I look forward to seeing the expressions of excitement and happiness as family members open the presents I gave them.

The first Christmas, when the greatest gift of all was given, was marked by an anticipation that had stretched across the centuries. The people of Israel had anticipated the coming of a Redeemer/Rescuer for centuries. As time marched on, Old Testament singers and sages, prophets, priests, kings and generals spoke of the Messiah who would come and deliver God's people. And they waited.

Then an angelic messenger brought news to an engaged couple in Nazareth that the time of waiting was over. Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, an elderly man also anticipated the birth of a King. He had received a promise that he would personally see the Christ in his own lifetime. *There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.* (Lk 2:25,26). As a result of this promise, Simeon spent his days in the temple awaiting this promise and living in anticipation of the moment he would see the Messiah of Israel. *Simeon came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bondservant to depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."*

What a fantastic scene -- as Mary and Joseph watched a completely contented man do the most important thing he would ever do -- celebrate Jesus. May our celebration of the Christ be defined by the unique contentment of the heart that comes from knowing Him.

De Colores! Gerard Kern

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group - Board of Directors Meeting
Tarrytown United Methodist Church
Thursday, October 4, 2012

The following were in attendance: Gary Johnson-Lay Director; Anne Rioux-Asst. Lay Director; Cheryl Broome, Spiritual Director; Debby Duplantis-Treasurer; Tom Rioux-4th Day Board Representative; Sandy Brooks-Immediate Past Lay Director; Bobby Callison-Walk Support; and Tim Deschner, Austin Crossroads/Chrysalis Representative.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Gary Johnson. Bobby Callison offered the opening prayer. The minutes from the September 2012 BOD meeting were read. Tom Rioux moved to accept the minutes, and Bobby Callison seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The Board discussed an email submitted by Bob Duplantis regarding signage to help the community get to Candlelights at Camp Young Judaea. One idea was to install balloons at the turn from Highway 12 and at Camp Young Judaea's sign near the entrance. Since Bob is the Servant Team Coordinator for upcoming Men's Walk #1686, he will determine what will work and report back his recommendations to the Board.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Debby Duplantis will transfer funds from the unencumbered funds to the scholarship fund to maintain a minimum \$500 balance for scholarships. She further requested approval to purchase a stamp for depositing checks into the GAE4DG bank account. Gary Johnson moved that Debby should do so, Tom Rioux seconded and the purchase was approved unanimously. Anne Rioux moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Bobby Callison seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Callison reported that as of October 4 there was no one in place for child care for the Candlelight for Walk #1686 in October. He has asked Pastor Dana Hamilton of Wimberley UMC to bring their child care personnel on board to cover Candlelights for us. Bobby reported that posters for marketing walks at other churches are pending. The Board discussed the ongoing issue of speaker microphones, as the speakers for Walk #1674 prefer lapel mics over the headphone mic. Bobby moved that the Board approve the purchase of a lapel or ear mic costing up to \$250; Tom Rioux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Member Support—Tom Rioux reported that Jim Burgess is working with Bud Broeker on Yahoo access and email blasts.

The Board reviewed Tom Rioux's suggested Tips for Becoming a Lay Director and approved them subject to minor revisions and posting in the Walk Talk. Tom presented a list of proposed candidates for Lay Directors for the second half of 2013. The Board approved the list and Tom will proceed to contact the candidates. The Board reviewed documents Tom Rioux has drafted for Responsibilities for Walk Lay Directors, Board Representatives and Servant Team Coordinators.

Sandy Brooks advised that the GAE4DG revised bylaws are pending approval by the Southwest Texas Conference. Anne Rioux is deliberating about nominees for Assistant Lay Director and Gathering Support positions which will need to be filled June 2013. Cheryl Broome is working on nominees for the Spiritual Director position which will need to be filled June 2013.

Tim Deschner reported on upcoming 2013 Chrysalis Flights and Journeys. Women's' Journey #27 led by LD Cindy Becker, SD Leigh Lloyd-Gregg, and BR Ehrikka Hodge is scheduled at Twin Oaks on January 2-5. The Girls' Flight #367 is pending on June 26-29 and will be led by Stephanie Cortez at First UMC Victoria. There is a Boys' Flight #375 scheduled for August 1-3 led by Russell Kacer at First UMC Victoria. Tim will explore the financial needs for the 2013 weekends and advise the Board. He will submit an article to the Walk Talk regarding the need for Austin Lay Directors for two additional Flights in Austin. Tim is working with church Youth Directors to generate sign-ups for Flights.

The 2013 Walk dates are February 7-10 (Men's Walk #1690, LD George Tolleson, SD Monte Marshall, BR Jack Foreman, STC Kathy and Ted Shaw), May 2-5 (Women's Walk #1707, LD Susan Curtis, SD Judy Baskin, BR Diane Merwarth, STC Sherry Wilkison)

Other reports:

The 4th Day Speaker for the October Gathering is Cary Dietert.

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 (2nd Thursday), March 7, April 4, and May 9 (2nd Thursday).

Lee Leen Sundbeck and Roxie Greenway filed a report on Walk 1674. Cheryl Broome advised that Teri Sloan will present a proposal for speaker amps for future Conference Room Teams.

Bud Broeker has stepped down as database coordinator. Tom Rioux offered to assume the tasks. Gary Johnson nominated Tom for the job, Bobby Callison seconded the nomination and the Board approved Tom Rioux as database coordinator.

Cheryl Broome closed the meeting with prayer.

There were 124 people in attendance at the September 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

December 2012

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



Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

2013 Gatherings

January 2013

Thursday, January 3, 2013
First UMC Pflugerville
500 East Pecan Street
Team #1690 Commissioning

February 2013

Thursday, February 14, 2013

March 2013

Thursday, March 7, 2013

April 2013

Thursday, April 4, 2013

May 2013

Thursday, May 9, 2013

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