



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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De Colores!

Welcome New Pilgrims Men's Walk #1690, February 7-10, 2013 Camp Young Judaea

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A word from the Lay Director

Last month the Gathering was moved to February 14 in order to not conflict with Walk 1690. It was held at Wesley United Methodist Church, a beautiful church built in the early part of the 20th Century. We had a wonderful time of service, joyful music, and received many blessings from the witness of the fourth day speaker and of course, Pastor Sylvester Chase. Thank you Wesley UMC, for your warmth and love in sponsoring the February Gathering.

We are in the middle of Lent and I feel called to share with you some "core values" from God's Word that have been an encouragement to me.

God's Word is rich with wisdom, freedom from fear, and full of direction and hope. I pray that the reading of His Word will lift, unite and encourage you on your walk with Christ.

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| ✦ <i>With Christ, as believers, we can do everything we are called to do. (Phil. 4:13)</i> | ✦ <i>Exercise stewardship principles. (1 Peter 4:10)</i> |
| ✦ <i>Apart from Christ, we can do nothing for His Kingdom. (John 15:5)</i> | ✦ <i>Convey Hope. As believers, the best is yet to come! (Rom. 15:13)</i> |
| ✦ <i>We will proceed by God's will. (James 4:15)</i> | ✦ <i>In all things, use right speech. (Col. 4:6)</i> |
| ✦ <i>We are servants of the Body of Christ (1 Timothy 4:6)</i> | ✦ <i>Always encourage others. (Ephesians 4:29)</i> |
| ✦ <i>In all things, strive to do them with excellence (1 Cor. 10:31)</i> | ✦ <i>May we experience unity so that the world will know that You sent us and that You love them as much as You love us. (John 17:20-23)</i> |
| ✦ <i>Overcome all evil with kindness; practice compassion. (Col. 3:12-13)</i> | ✦ <i>Never assume we will be in business tomorrow. (Prov. 27:1)</i> |
| ✦ <i>Never stop praying. (1 Thes. 5:17)</i> | ✦ <i>Everything we do is ministry, or we should not do it. (2 Cor. 4:1)</i> |
| ✦ <i>Practice an attitude of gratitude. (1 Thes. 5:18)</i> | |

See you on the Walk!

Gary Johnson, Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
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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 May Women's Walk or the 2013 fall walks. Once again we challenge each Reunion Group to sponsor at least one pilgrim for these walks. 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 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.

Women's Emmaus Walk 1707 (May 2-5) Update:

Our third team meeting was on March 2nd and the final meeting will be April 13th, at Berkeley UMC. We have an awesome team preparing for The Best Walk Ever!

We are blessed to have 5 confirmed pilgrims already, but, of course we have space for many more. It takes the work of many of you in the Emmaus community to get the word out to women who may be interested in going on a Walk, and to be sponsors for these women.

Contact me if you have questions: Susan Curtis, Lay Director, Walk 1707, [512 280-1313](tel:5122801313)

2013 Austin Sponsored Walks

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

contact: curtis@prismnet.com
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Men's Walk # 1720 Sept. 26-29, 2013

Bob Duplantis, Lay Director
Tina Carter, Spiritual Director
Jack Foreman, Board Rep.
Anne Rioux, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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

Tonna Marcyes, Lay Director
Richard West, Spiritual Director
Roxie Greenway, Board Rep.
Gina Franklin, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Agape Signup Online

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 27-29 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

A Clean Heart Create In Me

C.S. Lewis (1898-1963) ranks as one of the greatest Christian apologists of the 20th century. He had a keen eye for deception and muddled thinking. When it came to spiritual matters, he took on not only the outright atheist, but the lukewarm and halfhearted Christian. Here are some excerpts from his works for our Lententide.

SOMETHING TO REPENT -- Psalm 51:1-2

Christianity tells people to repent and promises them forgiveness. It therefore has nothing (as far as I know) to say to people who do not know they have done anything to repent of and who do not feel that they need any forgiveness. It is after you realized that there is a real Moral Law and a Power behind the Law; and that you have broken that law and put yourself wrong with that Power -- it is after all this, and not a moment sooner, that Christianity begins to talk.

LOSS AND GAIN -- Luke 9:23-24

The principle runs through all life from top to bottom. Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end: submit with every fiber of your being, and you find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.

Lord Jesus, help me to remember that I will lose nothing of value by putting you first and foremost in my life.

De Colores! Gerard Kern

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

Volunteers Needed!

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

We are looking for people 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

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting
Wesley United Methodist Church, Austin
Thursday, February 14, 2013

The following were in attendance: Gary Johnson-Lay Director; Anne Rioux, Assistant Lay Director; Debby Duplantis-Treasurer; Tom Rioux-4th Day Board Representative; Bobby Callison-Board Member for Walk Support; Myles McKemie, Board Member for Gathering Support, Jim Burgess-Board Member for Member Services; and Sandy Brooks, Immediate Past Lay Director. The following were also in attendance: Jack Foreman, George Tolleson, Diane Merwarth, Bob Allen and Chris McKemie.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Gary Johnson who opened with prayer.

Bob Allen, the Point of Contact at Riverbend Church, offered to spearhead a prayer email group with an "opt in, opt out" feature. Participants may send an email prayer request to the email address my4dprayer@yahoo.com, and the request will be forwarded to the other participants. The Board agreed to support this with an announcement at the Gathering, a Yahoo blast, a notice in the *Walk Talk*, and a link on the GAE4DG website.

The minutes for the January 2013 Board meeting were read. Jim Burgess moved to accept the minutes, Myles McKemie seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Anne Rioux advised that she will be making calls to possible nominees for the Assistant Lay Director position opening up this June and will call for a nominations subcommittee in March. There has been a volunteer for the position of Board Member for Gathering Support. The nominees will be presented at the April Gathering and voted on at the May Gathering. Anyone wishing to participate on the subcommittee or nominate someone for the positions should email Anne at Anne@gae4dg.org.

Debby Duplantis presented the Treasurer's Report. Anne Rioux moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Tom Rioux seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

George Tolleson and Jack Foreman gave their report on Walk 1690. George suggested that the database needs to be updated for contact information, and Tom Rioux confirmed he has been working on it. George and Jack both suggested that Gary Johnson and Cheryl Broome contact the District Superintendent about encouraging pastors to promote Emmaus walks to boost pilgrim participation.

Tom Rioux reported he will be reviewing potential candidates for Lay Director for the first half of 2014 and will update the Board at the March meeting. He will contact Camp Young Judaea and the Southwest Texas Conference about rescheduling the first 2014 walk to a later date.

Myles McKemie updated the dates for Gatherings through December, 2013:

- February 14 (2nd Thursday), Wesley UMC
- March 7, First UMC Austin
- April 4, Berkeley UMC (Walk #1707 Team Commissioning)
- May 9 (2nd Thursday), Manor UMC
- June 13 (2nd Thursday), Northwest Hills UMC
- July 11 (2nd Thursday), University UMC
- August 1, Oak Hill UMC
- September 5, Lake Travis UMC (Walk #1720 Team Commissioning)
- October 3, Covenant UMC (Walk #1730 Team Commissioning)
- November 14 (2nd Thursday), TBD
- December 5, Parker Lane UMC (tentative)



Jim Burgess agreed to send a Yahoo blast with a link to the *Walk Talk* when each month's *Walk Talk* is published. Tom Rioux advised he will create a direct link to the Gathering schedule on the website.

Bobby Callison reported that LifeWay Christian Store, 10515 N. Mopac Expressway, has agreed to order Walk book table books 2 weeks in advance of Walks. Our contact person is Deborah Begley. They will allow up to 90 days for returned books if in good condition, and the GAE4DG is free from paying for shipping and taxes. Diane Merwarth agreed to develop a plan for book lists for Walks. Bobby reported that as of now there is no child care available for the May Women's Walk. He advised that at the Welcome Back for Walk 1690 there was low pilgrim attendance and suggested we may need to consider scheduling Welcome Backs at a more central church, and reminded us that the Upper Room set the rule for having them on the Tuesday following a walk. He closed discussing an issue with agape from the Crossroads Ministry which becomes an advertising tool, and that we need to carefully examine sources of agape before handing it out at walks.

The Board reviewed the Upper Room model which prohibits a Conference Room Team member from sponsoring a pilgrim. Co-sponsorship where someone on the outside can respond for a pilgrim is acceptable.

There will be a Girls' Flight 367 June 27-29, Lay Director Stephanie Cortez, and a Boys' Flight 375 August 1-3 in Victoria, Russell Kacer Lay Director. Cost per person is \$100.

Gary Johnson advised he will provide a status report on the 501(c)3 filing at a later date.

Attendance at the Gathering was 87. The Fourth Day Speaker was Ralph Johnson.

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2013 Gatherings

March 2013

Thursday, March 7, 2013
First UMC Austin
1201 Lavaca Street

April 2013

Thursday, April 4, 2013
Berkeley UMC
2407 Berkeley Ave.
Team #1707 Commissioning

May 2013

Thursday, May 9, 2013
Manor UMC
510 North Burnet, Manor

June 2013

Thursday, June 13, 2013
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Dr.

July 2013

Thursday, July 11, 2013
University UMC
2409 Guadalupe St.

August 2013

Thursday, August 1, 2013
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Hwy. 290 West

September 2013

Thursday, September 5, 2013
Lake Travis UMC
1502 North RR 620
Team #1720 Commissioning

October 2013

Thursday, October 3, 2013
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road
Team #1730 Commissioning

Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

Contact:

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