



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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PILGRIMS NEEDED!

Women's Walk # 1707 is coming SOON!

The Walk will be at Camp Young Judaea in Wimberly, May 2nd-5th. The team, under the leadership of lay director Susan Curtis, is ready to serve the pilgrims and hoping for a full walk.

As of Monday, we only have 10 confirmed pilgrims. We need at least 20 pilgrims by 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 18 or the walk will be cancelled.

The cost is \$210.00. Partial scholarships are available from GAE4DG, applications on the GAED4DG website under "forms." If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, or encouraging someone to register as a pilgrim, please get that registration paperwork finished and **FAX** a copy of the Pilgrim application AND the check(s) for the fee to (210) 568-2171 in addition to sending it by USPS. Also, please call the Lay Director at 512 280-1313 or 512 585-3363 or e-mail at curtis@prismnet.com that you have submitted a Pilgrim application.

Thanks for your support and prayers!

De Colores! Susan Curtis

Emmaus Walk # 1707

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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J J Lloyd Tonna Marcyes Chris McKemie Joanne Mercado Diane Merwarth Abby Parker

Letha Peters Robin Richard Vikki Schwarz Liz Skiles Cathy Troutner Terri Twomey

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.

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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!

A word from the Lay Director

In his book *not a fan.*, Kyle Idleman provides the Church with a very important message at this time in history. This book about being a completely committed follower of Jesus, speaks of Christ's calling for us to be his disciples, **not** his fans. In this directive of Christ, He does not call us to be cheerleaders, sitting on the sidelines watching other followers play in the life and death struggle for the souls of humanity. Jesus has plenty of **fans**, but what He needs are **players**.

His example of fans touched me to the core. He refers to them as "enthusiastic admirers" and gives the example of a sporting event. An "enthusiastic admirer" is "the guy who goes to the football game with no shirt and a painted chest. He sits in the stands and cheers for his team. He's got a signed jersey hanging on his wall at home and multiple bumper stickers on the back of his car. But he's never in the game. He never breaks a sweat or takes a hard hit in the open field . . . and if the team he's cheering for starts to let him down and has a few off seasons, his passion will wane pretty quickly."

His examples include the woman who never misses the celebrity new shows, etc. Maybe she is a huge fan and may know all of the movies of an actor or actress, and knows their coming and goings. "She's a huge fan, but she's just a fan. She is an enthusiastic admirer."

In my life as a believer, most of it has been spent being a fan of Christ, not wanting to really be in the game. I was afraid to make myself second to Jesus; the one we celebrate at Easter. The one that gave His all for us.

Yes, I have been in a few games and I have taken a few shots and have a few bruises to show for it. The game of life and death is a very tough game. Look what the Apostle Paul went through! Paul is a great example to us in how to be in the game.

Being active in Emmaus is being in the game. I have seen so many lives changed by going on a Walk. That is why I have been not only an enthusiastic admirer of Emmaus, but have dedicated time to being in the game. Come on in, we need players!!!

See you on the Walk!

Gary Johnson, Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus



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

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

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Anne Rioux, ST Coordinator

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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

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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 tbeschner@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

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

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going, I do not see the road ahead of me, I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen

~Thomas Merton

What is the truth about Easter?

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." - Matthew 28:6

Believe it or not, the word Easter was taken from a pagan celebration that focused on renewal and rebirth. It was a Saxon spring festival in honor of a goddess names Eastre. When the Saxons heard the good news of Jesus they left their false gods behind, renamed the celebration Easter and began to celebrate the resurrection.

Today many people know Easter for the celebration of bunnies, eggs, chocolates, and other colorful fun things. But some may not know of the hope we have in Christ. Today is the day we celebrate the empty tomb, Jesus' resurrection from the dead! The truth is that we are able to celebrate this everyday, knowing of the hope we receive in a Savior. Jesus conquers death for you. Jesus gives us renewal and rebirth, an eternity of perfection and celebration in heaven with him. The truth is, he is Risen!

Dear Jesus, we praise you for your victory over death. Thank you for your glorious resurrection, for being our Hope, our Truth, and our Life. Amen.

De Colores! Gerard Kern

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2013 Gatherings

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:

Board Member for Gathering Support
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