



# The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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## 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 news 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 Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk # 1720	<b>Sept. 26-29, 2013</b>	<b>Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley</b>
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Women's Walk # 1730	<b>Nov. 7-10, 2013</b>	<b>Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley</b>
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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  
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or email to [Gina@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Gina@austinemmaus.org)

### 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!**

## 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 [Tim@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Tim@austinemmaus.org). 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 [Bobby@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Bobby@austinemmaus.org)



### Inspired

This month we celebrate one of the great festivals of the church year: Pentecost. Some may think about images of fire, or people speaking in foreign languages, or might not be sure what to make of talk of the Holy Spirit. But Pentecost is a day of celebration primarily of inspiration.

We speak of being inspired when an artist finds creative energy for a new work. We might say we are inspired by something that makes us feel good, new, or alive in a way we weren't before. We speak of the Bible as being inspired and inspiring because somehow God is at work in and through it.

What a pastor I know thinks about as Pentecost approaches is how the church is in-spired -- filled with the Spirit as both gift and calling from God. Whatever the church does to live out its faith and mission, it does because the Spirit is in it -- the church is a body in-spirited with God. How does the church live and love as Jesus did in the world? The Spirit is in it. While the church doesn't possess the Spirit, we do celebrate that the Spirit possesses the church, fills it with energy and power to do work of love in Jesus' name.

There's nothing we can do but breathe in the presence of the Spirit, who is everywhere and in everything we do. This breathing in is re-spiration. Every breath we take is another chance for God to fill us with the power of love and life. Breathe in the grace and the gift of life in God through Christ. We are in-spired, and all we can do is celebrate, give thanks, and live life as the gift that it is. All of life is life in God by the presence of the Spirit.

**De Colores! Gerard Kern**

**Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group  
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting  
First United Methodist Church, Austin  
Thursday, March 7, 2013**

The following were in attendance: Anne Rioux, Assistant Lay Director; Debby Duplantis, Treasurer; Tom Rioux, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Board Representative; Bobby Callison, Board Member for Walk Support; Myles McKemie, Board Member for Gathering Support, Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Services; Cheryl Broome, Spiritual Director. The following were also in attendance: Bob Duplantis, Diane Merwarth and Chris McKemie.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Anne Rioux. Cheryl Broome opened with prayer.

The minutes for the February 2013 Board meeting were read. Tom Rioux moved to accept the minutes, Debby Duplantis seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Anne Rioux advised that she has made calls to possible nominees for the Assistant Lay Director position opening up this June. She asked for prayers and discernment for the filling of that position. The nominees will be presented at the April Gathering and voted on at the May Gathering. Anyone wishing to participate on the nominations subcommittee or nominate someone for the positions should email Anne at [Anne@gae4dg.org](mailto:Anne@gae4dg.org).

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

Bob Duplantis proposed the purchase of a computer projector, in lieu of flip charts, to be used in team meetings and at Walks for speakers who need to highlight certain portions of their talks. Camp Young Judaea has an overhead projector in the "Zoid", but it cannot be sized and turned to present speakers' slides without shining directly into the speakers' eyes. Camp Young Judaea is constructing a new Health Center that may be used for the Conference Room for Walks, but the projection system, if any, will be another overhead. Camp Young Judaea may not always be able to offer the "Zoid" or the Health Center, so in that event there would be no projector system available at all. Additionally, for speakers to prepare their talks and practice them at team meetings, a projector must be borrowed, or worse, is unavailable. Bobby Callison and Diane Merwarth said that operating the projector is a task assigned to the Assistant Lay Directors, and that they should each practice using the projector during team meetings so they can cover each other when one of them is giving a talk. The overall response to purchasing a projector was positive. Diane Merwarth reported that the team for Walk 1707 has been using a projector, and the consensus was that Men's Walks are using one frequently. Myles McKemie moved that the GAE4DG permit Bob Duplantis to purchase a Dell M110 projector for up to \$475 and that the projector should reside with each team's Lay Director for use at team meetings and on Walks, and should be passed on to the next Lay Director when a Walk has concluded. Bobby Callison seconded the motion. It was approved by a majority of the Board.

Tom Rioux reported he is reviewing potential candidates for Lay Director for the first half of 2014. He has contacted Camp Young Judaea and the Southwest Texas Conference about rescheduling the first 2014 Walk from February to a later date. They have not responded and Tom will follow up with them.

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

- February 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday), Wesley UMC
- March 7, First UMC Austin
- April 4, Berkeley UMC (Walk #1707 Team Commissioning)
- May 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday), Manor UMC
- June 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday), Northwest Hills UMC
- July 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday), TBD
- December 5, Parker Lane UMC (tentative)

Bobby Callison reported that he has successfully returned unsold books from Walk 1690 to Cokesbury. Anne Rioux advised she called Deborah Begley of our new local book resource, LifeWay Christian Store, to invite her to the March Gathering.

Cheryl Broome reported she has contacted pastors to replace her in June. She told the Board that at a recent Gathering of another 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group the Board met for 30 minutes only; that the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group held a potluck dinner prior to its Gathering; and that no business was conducted at all during the Gathering. She acknowledged that particular 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group was in a rural area. Diane Merwarth recalled that when Austin Emmaus was divided into two separate 4<sup>th</sup> Day Groups that the South group tried potluck suppers ahead of Gatherings but they were not successful. Our challenge in Austin is traffic + time needed for food preparation or purchase + getting to the respective churches even earlier than we do now.

Cheryl Broome suggested we try something new by using the reunion group model at the start of the worship service by spending a few minutes in the pews sharing a "Close to Christ" moment with one another. Anne Rioux and Debby Duplantis recalled that the Upper Room training for Board members included encouraging 4<sup>th</sup> Day Groups to vary the format of Gatherings from time to time to re-energize the members. Anne agreed to use the "Close to Christ" sharing at tonight's Gathering.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Cheryl Broome.

Attendance at the Gathering was 96. The Fourth Day Speaker was Chris McKemie.

## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

### 2013 Gatherings

#### 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

#### November 2013

Thursday, November 14, 2013  
Westlake UMC  
1460 Red Bud Trail



#### Reminder:

Childcare Services are available  
at all Gatherings.

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