



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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DeColores!

I hoped you enjoyed the June gathering. I would like to thank all the people that worked, spoke, and brought items to make it a fun afternoon. If you liked the June family gathering, please let the Emmaus Board know so we can plan another one in the future.

My goal for the community this year is to rekindle the Emmaus fire in all members' hearts. I hear a lot of talk about the good old days, and how Emmaus used to be. I can remember when we had full walks with a waiting list. I remember people made calls to see who was going to Candlelight and made plans to eat Mexican food along the way. I can remember when we thought nothing about driving to Boerne, Kerrville, and Junction to be part of a Candlelight or Closing service. I can remember when we used to take time to bake and create cool agape gifts for walks. I can remember when we asked people if they had heard of The Walk to Emmaus and would they like to attend. What happened to those good old days?

I would like the community to do a priority evaluation and see if Emmaus can move up on the list. I want a little more of your time, not a lot, just a little more. I would like for every community member to make plans to attend at least one Gathering a quarter this coming year. Also attend one Candlelight and one Closing service this coming year. Ask someone to go on a Walk to Emmaus this coming year. And last, pray for God to keep blessing our community and that all of our plans are according to His plans for our community. If we as a community can make the time to do that, I think the good old days of Emmaus will return.

A reminder that July 26th is Emmaus Sunday where we would like everyone in the community to wear your lanyard to church and help promote upcoming walks (Men's Walk #1758 in August and Women's Walk #1775 in November) in our churches. If you would like to go with one of our board members to a different church to promote Emmaus, please attend the July Gathering on July 10th at Westlake UMC, and let us know.

May God bless you until we meet again. Remember, Christ is counting on you.

Melvin Chambers
Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus



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Financial Statement *as of 5/31/14*

Bank Balance

\$2,228.50

(unencumbered funds)

Scholarship Fund

\$1,711.73

Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

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**The *WalkTalk* deadline is
the 20th of each month.**

Please send your articles, information, community
opportunities, 4th Day experiences/reflections to:

Kellye@austinemmaus.org

**There were 92 attending the June Gathering
at Northwest Hills UMC, with Connie Ellis
giving an amazing 4th Day talk!**

Check out the Gathering schedule on the last page!
They are normally the first Thursday of the month
unless otherwise noted. Childcare available.

2014 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #1758

August 21 — 24, 2014

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

David Graham, Lay Director

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Jim Austin, Spiritual Director

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Welcome Back, August 26, 2014, 6:30, Westlake UMC, 1460 Redbud Trail, Austin, 512-327-1335

<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1758agape>

Women's Walk #1775

November 13 — 16, 2014

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Welcome Back, Nov. 18, 2014, 6:30, Hill Country Bible Church, 11880 Old 2243 West, Leander, 512-259-1900

<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1775agape>



**The following signups are up
and linked to the Walks web page:**

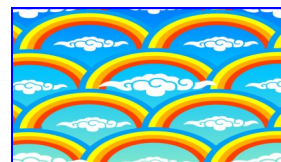
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**If you would like to be considered for the
Conference Room Team for any Walk,
please submit a Team Application. You
can download one by going to this link
below.**

http://www.austinemmaus.org/team_app.php



Chrysalis News



Boys Chrysalis Flight 381, which was to begin July 17th at Covenant UMC, has been cancelled due to several unexpected events in the lives of many of the adult and youth team members. We will continue to rebuild Chrysalis for boys in the Austin area over the coming year, so please keep us in your prayers. If you have potential butterflies, please refer them to one of these flights:

Flight 383, July 17, 2014 at Christ the King Center, San Angelo, cost \$240.00

Flight 384, July 23, 2014 at Coker UMC, San Antonio, cost \$50.00

Flight 385, July 24, 2014, First UMC, Uvalde, cost \$100.00

Flight 387, August 7, 2014, Cathedral Oaks, Weimer, cost \$190

Girls Chrysalis Flight 382 is NOT cancelled! It begins July 17th at Bethany UMC. Preparations are going strong and we expect to have a good response. Wendy Boatright has put together a great team, and we want as many youth as possible to experience the message of grace that God is preparing to share through the witness and passion of these women.

Contact Tim Deschner at 512-934-8077 or tdeschner@att.net for more info.



Requested 2015 GAE4DG Walks

Men's Walk	February 19 — 22	Camp Young Judaea
Women's Walk	April 23 — 26	Camp Young Judaea
Men's Walk	September 10 — 13	Camp Young Judaea
Women's Walk	November 12 — 15	Camp Young Judaea



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting
First UMC, Austin
Thursday, May 1, 2014

Opening: The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was called and held on May 1st at First UMC commencing at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Anne Rioux. Present were: Anne Rioux, Lay Director; Mel Chambers, Assistant Lay Director; Gary Johnson, Immediate Past Lay Director; Tom Rioux, Board Representative to SWTC; Debby Duplantis, Treasurer; Bobby Callison, Board Member for Walk Support; Cheryl Broome, Spiritual Director; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Member for Gathering Support; Carl Fisher, Candidate for Board Member for Walk Support; Chris McKemie, Candidate for Assistant Lay Director; David Graham, Lay Director for Men's Walk #1758; Susan Curtis, Lay Director for Women's Walk #1749; Diane Merwarth, Board Representative for Women's Walk #1749; Myles McKemie, Servant Team Coordinator for Women's Walk #1749. The opening prayer was given by Anne Rioux.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Debby Duplantis' treasurer's report informed us that there was no change in our financial status. Walk #1749 closeout was completed and will be reflected on next month's report. The Board approved the report.

SWTC Board Representative Report: There was a Team Selection meeting for Walk #1775 at St. Mark's UMC on April 30th and the team was approved by the Board by email. Tom Rioux gave us a list of potential candidates for 2015 Walk Lay Directors.

Gathering Support Report: LeeLeen Sundbeck reported that we have a speaker for the June Gathering. All Gatherings between now and September are set and ready to go. The October Gathering needs a pastor and communion elements.

Walk Support Report: Bobby Callison reported that Welcome Back went well and the turnout was good. Two of the three young ladies approved for child care will be leaving for college, so we need to find replacements.

Members Services Report: Jim Burgess did not have anything new to report.

Immediate Past Lay Director Report: Gary Johnson had a handout with 501 (c) 3 with questions that needed to be answered. He is checking to see if we can go under SWTC 501 (c) 3.

Spiritual Director Report: Rev. Cheryl Broome has not found anyone to be her replacement.

Chrysalis Representative Report: Tim Deschner reported that Boys Chrysalis Flight #381, which was to begin July 17th at Covenant UMC, has been cancelled.

Walk #1758 Report: David Graham informed the Board that he has a full team but still needs a Spiritual Director. The first team meeting was a success.

New/Other Business: Bobby Callison and Gary Johnson volunteered to take care of the Silent Auction, Child Care, Cupcake Walk, and to supply greeters/ushers for Rev. Tina Carter at the June 7th Gathering. Anne Rioux will take care of getting items and people signed up for potluck and auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Anne Rioux. The next Board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on July 10th at Westlake UMC.

58 people attended the Gathering.

Minutes submitted by Mel Chambers, Assistant Lay Director

It felt like “Old Times”!!!

I’m referring to our Saturday, June 7th Family Gathering. Wow, I’ve never seen so many cakes and pies, and loads of free cookies and cupcakes for the kids! Also, there were some really neat Emmaus items up for auction. The scholarship fund increased by \$721.00, thanks to the Silent Auction. Thanks to all the cooks and bidders for making this an overwhelming success!

My most heartfelt thanks to Pastors Mindy and Tina for the eye-opening discussion of their book “The Wealth of Poverty”, and for sharing information about their project PLUMCares (aka Parker Lane UMCares).

I counted 92 at worship, which was so beautifully enhanced by the music of a trio from Northwest Hills UMC (they opened with DeColores – a REFRESHING change of pace), and the stirring 4th Day talk by Connie Ellis. I think there were at least 120 folks at the pot luck supper, which made me think of the song, “DeCalories.....”

Finally, I must thank the incredible organization of the Northwest Hills UMC Emmaus community, especially Bob Callison and Gary Johnson. The set-up, decorations, and settings for the seminars and worship were meticulous and so welcoming. You all have set the bar very high for anything like this to follow!!!

Folks, if you missed this Gathering, well, that means we missed YOU! Hope to see you in the coming months!

Anne Rioux
Immediate Past Lay Director



Reminder!

**The July Gathering
is the 2nd Thursday (July 10th)
instead of the 1st Thursday.
(due to Fourth of July holiday)**

When the Wind Blows

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. And I shall show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Joel 2:28-32

On Pentecost, God took a handful of believers and began to change the world. With what sounded like wind rushing into the room, the disciples experienced the Holy Spirit rushing in to empower them to carry out His mission to “make disciples of all nations.”

We’re told that when the disciples stepped out of that room and began to speak, people from all parts of the world were able to understand what they were saying. But that’s not the best part. The best part is what they heard: Jesus Christ, God’s Son, lived and died for all.

Today we carry forward this Great Commission. Wherever a child of God goes, the Spirit of Jesus goes as well, and when that Spirit speaks, people listen.

DeColores!
Gerard Kern



Note from the Editor: Apologies to Gerard, who submitted this article last month, but a previous article was accidentally reprinted in it’s place.

Walk Reunions!

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is sponsoring a reunion for the following Walks at the July 10th Gathering at Westlake UMC:

**Men’s Walk #149, 3/22/90, Mt. Wesley
(LD Ed Ball)**

**Men’s Walk #666, 7/23/98, Omega Center
(LD Jay Brim)**

If you were a pilgrim or a team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you at Westlake UMC on Thursday, July 10th!

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2014/2015 Gatherings

July 10, 2014

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Westlake UMC

1460 Redbud Trail., Austin, 78746

4th Day Speaker TBA

Chrysalis Flight #382 team commissioning

Walk #1758 team commissioning

Reunion for Walks #149, #666

August 7, 2014

Thursday, August 7, 2014

First UMC Pflugerville

500 E. Pecan Street

Pflugerville, 78660

4th Day Speaker Hillarie Smith

Reunion for Walks #165, #700, #1409, #1425

September 4, 2014

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Covenant UMC

4410 Duval Rd., Austin, 78727

4th Day Speaker TBA

Reunion for Walks #170, #704, #1435

October 2, 2014

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Hill Country Bible Church

11880 Old 2243 West, Leander, 78641

4th Day Speaker TBA

Walk #1775 team commissioning

Reunion for Walks #182A, #721, #1451

November 6, 2014

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Wesley UMC

1164 Bernard Street, Austin, 78702

4th Day Speaker TBA

Reunion for Walks #184, #738, #1456

December 4, 2014

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Oak Hill UMC

7815 Hwy 290 West, Austin, 78736

4th Day Speaker TBA

Reunion for Walks #193, #750, #1485

January 8, 2015

Thursday, January 8, 2015

First UMC Cedar Park

600 West Park St., Cedar Park, 78613

4th Day Speaker TBA

Reunion for Walks #209, #758, #1497

February 5, 2015

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Lake Travis UMC

1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734

4th Day Speaker TBA

Men's Walk team commissioning

Reunion for Walks #218, #786, #1530

Childcare available at all Gatherings!

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