



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Thank You!

I would like to welcome the men of Walk #1778 to our community. These men are on fire for the Lord. Find the ones in your church and invite them to join your reunion group. Help them to be all that God wants them to be.

I want to **thank you** for asking someone to go on that journey. Now we need to do the same thing for Women's Walk #1789, April 23 – 26. We had over thirty men on Walk #1778. Let's get thirty women to go on Walk #1789! Remember:

IF WE SCHEDULE IT, YOU WILL ASK!

We will have an Emmaus Sunday on March 15th. This is an opportunity to wear your colors and crosses to bring awareness to the Walk to Emmaus, and help get people signed up on the upcoming Walks. Also, remember to wear your crosses on the first Sunday of each month!

De Colores!
Mel Chambers,
GAE4DG



Welcome New Pilgrims!

Men's Walk #1778
February 19 – 22, 2015
Camp Young Judaea

Please welcome these new pilgrims into our community!

Arnold Bullman
George Dodd
Willie Everett
Zac Gilts
Michael Graves
Timothy Griggs
Beau Hale
Michael Helmbrecht
Taylor Jones
Taylor Jones, II
Jonathan Kofahl
Marshall Kwait
Michael Marin
Charles Murphy
Shane Niles
John Paulos
Igor Petreski
Zvonko Petreski
Ralph Quinonez
Edwin Richards
Lewis Robinson
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Randy Stern
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Financial Statement as of 1/31/15

Bank Balance

\$1,610.41

(unencumbered funds)

Scholarship Fund

\$1,464.17

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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:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

83 attended the February Gathering at Westlake UMC, with Teresa Bressi 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.

2015 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk #1789

April 23 — 26, 2015

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Debby Krueger, Lay Director

contact: Debby@austinemmaus.org

Tina Carter, Spiritual Director

Anne Rioux, Board Rep.

contact: Anne@austinemmaus.org

Jack Forman, ST Coordinator

contact: Jack@austinemmaus.org

Welcome Back TBD

Walk #1789 Agape Signup <http://www.mysignup.com/walk1789agape>

**** Men's Walk #1803**

Oct 1 — 4, 2015

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Myles McKemie, Lay Director

contact: Myles@austinemmaus.org

Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director

Tom Rioux, Board Rep.

contact: Tom@austinemmaus.org

ST Coordinator, Chris McKemie

contact: Chris@austinemmaus.org

Welcome Back TBD

**** Note Date Change**

Women's Walk #1818

Nov. 12 — 15, 2015

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined



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 the link below:

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

Chrysalis News

Chrysalis is the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus for ages 15 – 18. They are normally held during the summer months or at other times when school is out, such as winter break. This year the Austin community sponsored Chrysalis Flights (Boys and Girls, separately) will be July 9-11. Location TBD. For more information please contact Tim Deschner:

ChrysalisRepresentative@austinemmaus.org

Fly with Christ!



Important Info to Know!

The Southwest Texas Conference Emmaus Community changed its name on January 1, 2015 to the Rio Texas Emmaus & Chrysalis Community (RTECC).

The RTECC Registrar Adrian Gonzales has moved to a different office within the Rio Texas Conference offices in San Antonio, thus the FAX number has changed and his e-mail address has changed as follows:

FAX 210-408-4488

agonzales@riotexas.org

Phone 210-408-4528 (has not changed)

The Pilgrim Application at <http://www.austinemmaus.org> then "Downloads" then "Emmaus Application" has been updated.

All Pilgrim Applications and checks should be FAXed to this new number if within 4 weeks of the start of a Walk in addition to sending the originals by mail and sending to the Walk Lay Director.

Questions? Contact Tom Rioux

4thDayBoardRepresentative@austinemmaus.org

Upcoming Walk

Women's Walk to Emmaus #1789
April 23-26, 2015
Camp Young Judaea

Lay Director, Debby Krueger
Spiritual Director, Tina Carter
Board Rep., Anne Rioux
STC, Jack Forman

Agape Signup

<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1789agape>

Please be in prayer for this Walk and about how you can help with agape needs.



Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is sponsoring reunions for the following Walks at the March 5th Gathering at Manor UMC:

Men's Walk #226, 1/16/92, Mt. Wesley
(LD Bert Jones)

Men's Walk #792, 1/6/2000, Highland Lakes
(LD Robert Scott)

Men's Walk #1541, 2/11/10, Highland Lakes
(LD Keith Bible)

If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you March 5th at Manor UMC!



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Westlake UMC
Thursday, February 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 commencing at 6:15pm at Westlake UMC. The meeting was called to order and the opening prayer given by Mel Chambers. Present were Mel Chambers, LD; Chris McKemie, ALD; Anne Rioux, Immediate Past LD; Tom Rioux, Rio Texas Board Rep.; Debby Duplantis, Treasurer; Carl Fisher, Board Member for Walk Support; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Member for Gathering Support; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Support; Tim Deschner, Chrysalis; David Graham, LD for Men's Walk #1758; Debby Krueger, LD for Women's Walk #1789; and Ronee Gilbert, LD from Women's Walk #1775.

Minutes: The Board approved the January minutes by email.

Treasurer's Report: Debby Duplantis presented the treasurer report. Chris McKemie made a motion to approve the report, Mel Chambers seconded and the report was approved.

Rio Texas Board Representative's Report: Tom Rioux addressed the use of the Emmaus mailing list for prayers and announcements. Here are the Guidelines:

AUSTIN EMMAUS LIST GUIDELINES & "HOW TO" INSTRUCTIONS (this is sent as a monthly reminder)

- ◆ You are currently a subscriber to the Greater Austin Emmaus List!
- ◆ You will periodically receive information about upcoming Gatherings, as well as Community updates and needs.
- ◆ This is NOT a discussion or prayer request list. It is an information distribution list only.
- ◆ Your email address WILL NOT be made public.
- ◆ If you have Austin Emmaus related information you wish to distribute on the Austin Emmaus List, please submit an email message with the information, along with any special instructions, to AustinEmmaus-owner@yahoogroups.com.

Tom Rioux made a motion that the email only be used as stated in the guidelines, LeeLeen Sundbeck seconded and the motion passed. It was agreed that the my4dprayer@yahoo.com be the avenue used by the community for prayers, joys, announcements (funerals, etc.), and other personal announcements the community wants to share. Access to the my4dprayer link is on the GAE4DG web page. Click on email subscriptions and prayer list subscriptions and this will take you to the GAE4DG Prayer Email Subscription and the prayer link will be seen here.

Tom reported on Team Selection and the BOD agreed the 1/3 selection to be 1/3 of team with 0 Emmaus conference room team experience, 1/3 of team being 1, 2 or 3 Emmaus conference room team experience, and 1/3 of the team being 4 and over of Emmaus conference room team experience. The team selection meeting for Men's Walk #1803 will be held on March 4, 2015 at Bethany UMC.

Gathering Support: LeeLeen Sundbeck reported that St. Mark's will host the July 2 Gathering and the October Gathering will be hosted by Oak Hill UMC. The Pot Luck Dinner Gathering will be held in May, church to be announced.

Walk Support: Carl Fisher reported that the papers required for childcare have been filed and we should have childcare for Candlelight. He asked that 72 – 100 4th Day books be on hand for Walks.

Member Support: Jim Burgess had nothing new to report.

Immediate Past Lay Director Report: Anne Rioux had nothing new to report, but believes work on the 501(c) 3 is still ongoing.

Assistant Lay Director: Chris McKemie reported possible candidates are in prayerful consideration to serve on the BOD and reported that many have said no due to not being able to work a CRT when serving on the BOD.

Chrysalis Report: Tim Deschner reports a Boy's Flight will be held in Austin July 9-11, 2015. Tim will be LD and Rusty Teeter will be SD. A Girl's Flight will be held at the same time and is still needing a LD and SD. Crossroads is an Emmaus Community and they will be assuming responsibility for Chrysalis in their community. Tim will be resigning from the BOD in August and hopes someone from the Chrysalis community will step up to fill this position.

Walk #1778: David Graham, LD for Men's Walk #1778, has 29 Pilgrims and has completed recruitment of the conference room team.

Walk #1789: Debby Krueger, LD for Women's Walk #1778, reported that there are 4 pilgrims for the Walk. Also, the Walk has a music team leader but still needs to complete the music team. Saturday, February 7, 2015 will be the 2nd team meeting.

New/Other Business: It was discussed and agreed by the BOD that the RTECC policy of not allowing a member of the BOD to serve on a CRT except as the Walk Board Rep. was not an absolute rule and has become a roadblock for members to serve on the Board. It was agreed by the BOD that a maximum of two (2) Board Members could now serve on a CRT if selected by the Team Selection Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm by Mel Chambers and Tom Rioux gave the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Chris McKemie, Assistant Lay Director

A Note From the Editor...

Do you have 4th Day experiences you would like to share? Perhaps a reflection on your spiritual journey? Or maybe a short devotional, or your favorite scripture and why? Or maybe you would like to share your answers to the two questions asked at Closing: What has this weekend meant to you? What are you going to do with it?

Well, this is your space to do that! Just send them to WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org. Depending on space limitations, I will print them as space allows.



Jesus is Counting on You!

Have you ever thought about getting involved with Emmaus? This is the perfect opportunity to do that!

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is looking for a Music Coordinator

- This person that “**Jesus is counting on**” will seek a group or a few persons to lead music at the monthly Gatherings or coordinate with the host church to use their musicians.
- This person does not need experience in music or be able to sing.
- This person will work with the GAE4DG Board Member for Gathering Support to coordinate music with the host churches.

If you are the person that “**Jesus is counting on**,” please contact Lee Sundbeck at 512-554-8604 or BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org.



GAE4DG Board Positions Open

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is seeking volunteers who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, or in other support positions.

- Assistant Lay Director (the current Assistant Lay Director will automatically become the Lay Director and the current Lay Director will automatically become the Immediate Past Lay Director)
- Board Member for Member Services (3-year term)
- 4th Day Board Representative (3-year term)
- Food/Gift Agape Coordinator and Music Coordinator is also needed (*these are not Board positions*)

The duties can be found at www.austinemmaus.org, then “Board of Directors,” then “Bylaws.”

For more info please contact Lay Director Mel Chambers at LayDirector@austinemmaus.org or Assistant Lay Director Chris McKemie at AssistantLayDirector@austinemmaus.org.



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2015 Gatherings

March 5, 2015

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Manor UMC

510 Burnet St. North, Manor, 78653

4th Day Speaker Maggie Shelton

Reunion for Walks #226, #792, #1541

April 2, 2015

Thursday, April 2, 2015

First UMC Pflugerville

500 East Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78660

4th Day Speaker TBD

Women's Walk #1789 team commissioning

Reunion for Walks #237, #814, #1555

May 7, 2015

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Location TBD

4th Day Speaker TBD

Reunion for Walks #256, #1580

June 4, 2015

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Northwest Hills UMC

7050 Village Center Dr., Austin, 78731

4th Day Speaker TBD

Reunion for Walks #261, #825, #838, #1593

July 2, 2015

Thursday, July 2, 2015

St. Mark's UMC

601 West Braker Lane, Austin, 78753

4th Day Speaker TBD

Reunion for Walks #274, #845, #1597

August 6, 2015

Thursday, August 6, 2015

Covenant UMC

4410 Duval Rd., Austin, 78727

4th Day Speaker TBD

Reunion for Walks #276, #853, #1629

September 3, 2015

Thursday, September 3, 2015

Lake Travis UMC

1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734

4th Day Speaker TBD

Men's Walk #1803 team commissioning

Reunion for Walks #293, #876, #1640

October 1, 2015

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Oak Hill UMC

7815 Highway 290 W., Austin, 78736

4th Day Speaker TBD

Reunion for Walks #296, #881, #1644

November 5, 2015

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Location TBD

4th Day Speaker TBD

Reunion for Walks #300, #895, #1659

Women's Walk #1818 team commissioning

December 3, 2015

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Parker Lane UMC

2105 Parker Lane, Austin, 78741

4th Day Speaker TBD

Reunion for Walks #316, #914, #1674

Contact LeeLeen Sundbeck

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