



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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My Hopes for the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

When I took over last year as your Lay Director, I informed you that Romans 8:28 was the verse that I would use to guide this community. It has worked from what I can tell. I see a resurgence in some churches. I hope we get other churches on the bandwagon. And I hope we will add 2 Timothy 4:2-5 to the work of this coming year:

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”

I hope we as a community will embrace and come to the aide of our new Board members. We all have to help each other share the workload.

I hope the community felt that the past fiscal year was a success and that we work hard to make this coming fiscal year even greater. I hope GOD will continue to bless our community. I hope we are praying for the families that lost everything in the floods. I know of one of our community members that have been tragically affected by them.

The last Gathering our potluck was a success in my mind because we got over sixty people at 6:00 pm to sit and eat and enjoy fellowship with one another, as well as taking care of the needed business. David Graham’s presentation on the **“Women’s Storybook Project of Texas”** has people talking about a new ministry for their churches. I hope we have many more Gatherings like this.

Thank you again, and DeColores!

Mel Chambers
Immediate Past Lay Director



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\$1,917.17

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Scholarship Fund

\$ 939.70



Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



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

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

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

**71 attended the May Gathering at
Wesley UMC, with Willie Everett
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 — 2016 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #1803

Myles McKemie, Lay Director
Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director
Tom Rioux, Board Rep.
Chris McKemie, ST Coordinator

Oct 1 — 4, 2015

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Welcome Back TBD

Walk #1803 Agape Signup <http://www.mysignup.com/walk1803agape>

Men's Walk

Harold Sundbeck, Lay Director
SD to be determined
Keith Bible, Board Rep.
STC to be determined

Feb. 18 — 21, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Welcome Back TBD

Women's Walk REQUESTED

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

April 21 — 24, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Welcome Back TBD

Men's Walk REQUESTED

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

Sept. 15 — 18, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Welcome Back TBD

Women's Walk REQUESTED

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

Nov. 10 — 13, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Welcome Back TBD



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. This year the Austin community is sponsoring a Boy's Flight July 9-11 at Covenant UMC. Tim Deschner is the Lay Director, Rusty Teeter is the Spiritual Director, and Darren Mock is the Board Rep. For more information, contact Tim at:

ChrysalisRepresentative@austinemmaus.org

Fly with Christ!



Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is sponsoring reunions for the following Walks at the June 4th Gathering at Northwest Hills UMC:

Women's Walk #261, 10/1/92, Mt. Wesley
(LD Jane McFarland)

Men's Walk #825, 5/4/00, Mt. Wesley
(LD Mason Terry)

Women's Walk #838, 7/6/00, Omega Center
(LD Alice Hulsey)

Women's Walk #1593, 11/18/10, CYJ
(LD Diane Merwarth)

If you were a pilgrim or a team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you June 4th at Northwest Hills UMC!



Upcoming Walk

Men's Walk to Emmaus #1803
October 1 – 4, 2015
Camp Young Judaea

Lay Director, Myles McKemie
Spiritual Director, Tom Deviney
Board Rep., Tom Rioux
STC, Chris McKemie

Agape Signup

<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1803agape>

It's not too early to start signing up pilgrims!



A Note From the Editor...

Do you have 4th Day experiences you would like to share? Perhaps a reflection on your spiritual journey, 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! Send them to WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org, and they will be printed as space allows.



Share Your Stories

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Wesley United Methodist Church
Thursday, May 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 commencing at 5:00pm at Wesley UMC. The meeting was called to order by Mel Chambers and the opening prayer was given by Chris McKemie. Present at the meeting were Mel Chambers, Lay Director, Chris McKemie, Assistant Lay Director; Anne Rioux, Immediate Past Lay Director; Tom Rioux, Rio Texas Board Representative; Debby Duplantis, Treasurer; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Member for Gathering Support; Harold Sundbeck and Myles McKemie, LD for Men's Walk #1803.

Minutes: The Board approved the April Minutes by email.

Treasurer's Report: Debby Duplantis presented the treasurer report. Debby Duplantis made a motion to approve the report, Anne Rioux seconded and the treasurer's report was approved. The Board would like to acknowledge the blessing of Debby Duplantis' service on the Board of Directors and to thank Debby Duplantis for her service as treasurer for the GAE4DG Board and Community.

Rio Texas Board Representative's Report: Tom Rioux reported that the position of LD for Women's Walk #1818 for November, 2015 has not been filled and to avoid being charged a penalty fee, cancellation must be done 6 months prior to the walk. Tom Rioux made a motion to cancel Women's Walk #1818. LeeLeen Sundbeck seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Gathering Support: All Gatherings are scheduled.

Walk Support: Carl Fisher was not present. Emmaus Sunday was discussed and will be held on August 30, 2015.

Member Support: Jim Burgess was not present.

Immediate Past Lay Director Report: Anne Rioux will meet with Mel Chambers and Gary Johnson concerning the GAE4DG application to become a 501(c)3 organization.

Assistant Lay Director: Chris McKemie reported the new members to the BOD are: Rev. Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; Harold Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director; Sam Johnson, Treasurer; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Support, and Mel Chambers, Board Representative. All were approved by vote at the Gathering.

Spiritual Director: Rev. Cheryl Broome was not present and no report was given.

Chrysalis Report: Tim Deschner was not present and no report was given.

Walk Status:

- **Walk #1803:** Myles McKemie, LD for Men's Walk #1803, reported the CRT and Music team are complete, talks are assigned, meeting dates have been selected, and the Welcome Back will be held at Lake Travis UMC.
- **Walk #1789:** Debby Krueger was not present and Anne Rioux, Board Rep for Women's Walk #1789 reported the Walk was wonderful. Discussion of the ALD rotation was delayed.

New/Other Business: The GAE4DG Bylaws were approved at the Gathering.

Mel Chambers motioned the meeting be adjourned, Debby Duplantis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm by Mel Chambers and Tom Rioux gave the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Chris McKemie, Assistant Lay Director



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2015–2016 Gatherings

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 8, 2015 **

Thursday, October 8, 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
Berkeley UMC
2407 Berkeley Ave., Austin, 78745
4th Day Speaker TBD
Women's Walk #1818 team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #300, #895, #1659

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

January 7, 2016

Thursday, January 7, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #330, #919, #1686

February 4, 2016

Thursday, February 4, 2016
Bethany UMC
10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, 78750
4th Day Speaker TBD
Men's Walk team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #334, #930, #1690

***Gatherings are on the 1st Thursday
of the month unless otherwise noted.***

Childcare provided

Contact LeeLeen Sundbeck
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