



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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A Note from the GAE4DG Lay Director

Grace and Peace to all!

Our community will be blessed with the presence of our youth at our July 2, 2015 Gathering at St. Mark's UMC. Boy's Chrysalis Flight #391 will be commissioned. These young men are filled with the love of God, on fire with the Holy Spirit, and walking daily with Jesus on their faith journey. They will help other young men learn of God's love and grace and begin their faith journey!!!

This has made me wonder how else we can help and show our support. We can attend the candlelight, talk with the leaders in our churches and those involved in the youth programs at our churches about Chrysalis, and even have a Chrysalis Sunday at our churches to bring the Flights to the attention of our church communities. Just these few ideas have helped me to understand there is so much more the Emmaus community can do for our youth and Chrysalis.

I pray we all will mark this date on our calendars and come and support our youth, and, as Jesus blessed the children, let us bless these young men this day and continue to show our support and love for them. They are our future and a blessing from God.

DeColores!
Chris McKemie
Lay Director



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(unencumbered funds)

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\$ 579.70

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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

**79 attended the June Gathering at
Northwest Hills UMC, with Paul Aresmendez
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

contact: Myles@austinemmaus.org

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Welcome Back TBD

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

Men's Walk #TBD

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

Feb. 18 — 21, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact: Harold@austinemmaus.org

contact: Keith@austinemmaus.org

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, a three day spiritual renewal time that provides an opportunity to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments.

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 July 2nd Gathering at St. Mark's UMC:

Women's Walk #274, 12/3/92, CYJ

(LD Dorothy Olson)

Women's Walk #845, 8/7/00, Mt. Wesley

(LD Glenda Rogers)

Women's Walk #1597, 7/2/14, CYJ

(LD Lori Foster)

If you were a pilgrim or a team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you July 2nd at St. Mark's 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.



The *WalkTalk* Needs YOU!

The *WalkTalk* needs your help to keep it informative, interesting and enjoyable to read! Please send your . . .

- ⇒ Emmaus information
- ⇒ Chrysalis information
- ⇒ Kairos information
- ⇒ any upcoming events
- ⇒ articles
- ⇒ personal reflections
- ⇒ 4th Day experiences
- ⇒ GAE4DG opportunities/needs
- ⇒ Walk info
- ⇒ team info
- ⇒ Gathering info



. . . you get the idea! Anything you think the community needs to know, would be helpful to know, or would enjoy reading.

Just send it to WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org and it will be printed!

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

Greater Austin Emmaus Prayer Group

Do you have prayer requests you would like to share with the community? Would you like to be in prayer for others who have asked for prayers? Subscribe to:

my4dprayer@yahoo.com

Subscribers will receive Emmaus Prayer Requests. Your e-mail address will not be made public, and will not appear to others who receive the information.



What is Kairos?

Kairos is a Christian, volunteer, lay-led, ecumenical, international prison ministry, in which men and women volunteers bring Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals.

Kairos volunteers go into prisons in teams of 30 to 40 to pray, share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and share meals and fellowship with the incarcerated on a one-to-one basis. The first visit is a three-day event, during which time the team teaches a short introductory course on Christianity. Subsequent visits are monthly half-day reunions with the inmates over a twelve-month period.

The next Kairos in our area is Kairos #59, July 9-12, 2015, at the men's Ferguson Unit in Midway, about 20 miles northwest of Huntsville. You can be part of this ministry by sponsoring a participant, baking cookies (each Kairos weekend uses about 400 dozen cookies!), committing to pray during the weekend, or writing a letter to an inmate.

For more info on Kairos contact Paul Draper at thedraperfamily@gmail.com or 512-506-9103.



Calling Musicians and/or Singers!!

As you all know, singing is a huge part of the Walk to Emmaus experience, and many of us have fond memories of belting out songs and dancing in the aisles to the music. We are trying to heed the feedback received from the Austin Emmaus Community and simplifying the music portion of our Gatherings, and at the same time trying to find folks from various host churches who would be willing to lead the Community in singing. Note that the ability to play guitar or piano is completely optional. If you would enjoy standing up and leading the Community in singing songs from the blue/traditional Emmaus songbook, let us know that you are interested. Also please let your pastor or local Emmaus Coordinator know, so that when your church hosts the Gathering we know who is going to lead the singing.

Have a praise band? Awesome! Invite them to lead us in worship at your Gathering. The only guidelines we would provide would be to PRAY and to get the group to sing. If you know songs from the blue Emmaus song books (which we will bring) that is fantastic! These are fun songs that practically everyone knows and enjoys singing together. A blend of some Emmaus songs and newer songs is great, too!!! If your band members have not been on a Walk, that is OKAY! Maybe they will enjoy the Gathering so much that they decide to go on a Walk in the future?

Don't have a praise band? Well, one person with a heart for Jesus Christ standing up with a guitar or a piano, or even just leading the singing from the song books would still be appreciated. Remember the idea is to get everyone singing and praising The LORD, so no one is going to criticize you if you are nervous strumming chords or accompanying the singing.

Remember, the idea is to sing and have fun. We don't need a huge production, we don't need virtuosity, and we don't need a set list. We will provide the song books. You provide the heart for worship and a willingness to sing out.

Thank you!

DeColores!
Robert Turk, Music Coordinator



Challenge to Reunion Groups

To help fill our future Emmaus Walks so that no Walks need be cancelled due to lack of pilgrims, the new GAE4DG Board is **CHALLENGING** all reunion groups to sponsor at least one pilgrim a year. Each Walk must have a minimum of 20 pilgrims signed up two weeks before the start of the Walk, or that Walk will be cancelled.

Is your reunion group up to the challenge?

Remember, Christ is counting on **YOU!**



Women's Walk #1818 Cancelled

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is saddened to CANCEL Women's Walk to Emmaus #1818 on Nov. 12 – 15, 2015 at Camp Young Judaea. We have been unable to find a Lay Director, and because we have been so close to 20 pilgrims in recent walks, we chose not to request a Walk Lay Director from RTECC.

The next GAE4DG sponsored Women's Walk has been requested for April 21 – 24, 2016 at Camp Young Judaea. We will bring you more information on that as we have it. Please be in prayer for *all* Walks, that leadership is available and that pilgrims will come forth to fill those Walks. And we can't have pilgrims without sponsors, so also be in prayer for who *YOU* can sponsor on any upcoming Walk!



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Northwest Hills UMC, Austin
Thursday, June 4, 2015

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on June 4, 2015 at Northwest Hills UMC commencing at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Rev. Sylvester Chase. Present at the meeting were Chris McKemie, Lay Director; Mel Chambers, Immediate Past Lay Director and Rio Texas Board Representative; Sam Johnson, Treasurer; Carl Fisher, Board Member for Walk Support; Rev. Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; Tim Deschner, Chrysalis Representative; Myles McKemie, Lay Director for Men's Walk #1803.

Minutes: The Board approved the May Minutes by email.

Treasurers Report: Sam Johnson presented the treasurer's report and Mel Chambers made the motion to accept, Chris McKemie seconded and the treasurer's report was accepted. Sam discussed restructuring the treasurer's report. Chris McKemie made the motion that the BOD approve the restructuring of the report, Mel Chambers seconded and the motion passed. Carl Fisher made a motion to reimburse Sam Johnson for the cost of the computer program needed to make this change, Sylvester seconded and the motion passed. Also, The Emmaus trailer was in need of some minor repairs, which Paul LeBlanc had done. Sylvester Chase made a motion for Paul to be reimbursed, Mel Chambers seconded and the motion passed. Sam also asked to be able to add a line to the Pilgrim Scholarship form asking that all pilgrim checks be made out to Emmaus RioTexas Conference be added to the form. The BOD approved this addition.

SWTC Board Representative Report: Mel Chambers reported for Walk #1803 that Carl Fisher verify childcare for Candlelight and Rev. Sylvester Chase verify clergy for Candlelight for 10/3/15 and communicate this with the STC, Chris McKemie and Tom Rioux for the schedule.

Gathering Support: LeeLeen Sundbeck was not present. No report was given.

Walk Support: Carl Fisher reported prayer vigil & agape needs list for Boys Chrysalis Flight #391 to be distributed at tonight's Gathering.

Member Support: Jim Burgess was not present. No report was given.

Immediate Past Lay Director: Mel Chambers report the work on the 501(c) 3 will continue.

Assistant Lay Director: Harold Sundbeck was not present. No report was given.

Spiritual Director: Rev. Sylvester Chase discussed with the BOD the need to energize Emmaus in our churches.

Chrysalis Report: Tim Deschner reports the prayer vigil for the Chrysalis flight still has time slots that need to be filled and agape needs to be filled. He also asks that we show our support by attending the next Gathering when Boy's Chrysalis Flight ##391 will be commissioned. A discussion followed as to how Emmaus could be more helpful to Chrysalis and helpful with Chrysalis becoming more prominent in our churches.

Walk #1803 Report: Myles McKemie reported all is moving forward and the first team meeting will be held, Saturday June 20, 2015 at Bethany UMC.

Old Business: Keith Bible was approved as the Walk BR for the Men's Walk to Emmaus to be held on February 18-21, 2016. The BOD also approved the rotation for ADL's on both Men's and Women's Walks as suggested by the Upper Room model.

Other Business/New Business: There may be different musicians leading us in worship and music at each Gathering. The BOD agreed to have Rob Turk and Chris McKemie develop guidelines to help the musicians who will be volunteering to lead our Community in music and song at Gatherings.

A motion was made and passed to issue a challenge to all existing Emmaus Reunion Groups to sponsor at least one pilgrim each year. It was suggested that each Emmaus Reunion Group call on potential pilgrims in teams of two to invite them to a walk.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 by Chris McKemie and Carl Fisher gave the closing prayer. The next Board meeting will be July 2, 2015.

Minutes submitted by Chris McKemie, 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

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
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

BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org

