



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



September 2015

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

Volume 26, Number 9

Let's Be A Sponsor!

Dear Blessed Emmaus Community,

At our September Gathering, we will be blessed with the commissioning of Men's Walk #1803, and I find myself taking a stroll down memory lane. I hope you will join me on this "memory walk".

Do you remember when you were first asked to go on a Walk? I said no at first! After three days of this request replaying in my mind, I finally said yes. Did you answer yes or no at first?

Arriving on Thursday, can you remember how you felt? Oh my gosh, I couldn't have my phone, my watch, my car, I was surrounded by women I didn't know and I wondered what I had got myself into. Were you feeling the same? Then The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit filled the weekend with love, grace, forgiveness, and hope. I became a new person. Is this your memory, too?

Do you remember Dying Moments and surrendering the burdens we were carrying? The weight of these burdens was lifted and we saw a small glimpse of the goodness, the grace, and the power of our Lord.

Now, who could forget candlelight! We walked into a room filled with candlelight, hearing the multitude of voices singing "Jesus, Jesus", and being immersed in abundant love. This is a very special blessed memory for all of us!!

Do you remember receiving your cross and lanyard on Sunday? When the lanyard and cross were placed around my neck, I felt I had finally arrived and was so eager to take my first steps into all of my 4th Days. I can only imagine it was the same for you!!

Finally, do you remember your sponsor? Do you thank God that He placed your name on their hearts and mind and they listened? Our sponsor was the guiding light that lead us to The Walk to Emmaus and to join the Lord's family. Oh, I sure do remember my sponsor and I am so thankful for her. My sponsor made a huge difference in my life that still continues every day. Your sponsor did the same for you!!

I hope you enjoyed this "memory walk" and will choose to be a sponsor for a pilgrim. We can be a part of changing our world and touching someone's life. Let's come together in prayer for the upcoming Walks: Men's Walk #1803, October 1 – 4, 2015, Myles McKemie, LD; Men's Walk #1821, February 18 – 21, 2016, Harold Sundbeck, LD; and Women's Walk #1839, May 5 – 8, 2016, Roslyn Hopkins, LD. Let's join in prayer for the pilgrims, the Spiritual Team, the Conference Room Team, and the Servant Team. Let's pray that we all will open our hearts and minds to hear the pilgrim's name that Our Lord is asking us to guide to The Walk to Emmaus. Let's be a sponsor!!!!

**Blessings,
Chris McKemie
GAE4DG Lay Director**



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

Board of Directors and Volunteers

Lay Director

Chris McKemie

LayDirector@austinemmaus.org

Spiritual Director

Rev. Sylvester E. Chase, Jr.

SpiritualDirector@austinemmaus.org

Assistant Lay Director

Harold Sundbeck

AssistantLayDirector@austinemmaus.org

Board Member for Gathering Support

LeeLeen Sundbeck

BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org

Board Member for Walk Support

Carl Fisher

BM4WalkSupport@austinemmaus.org

Board Member for Member Services

Jim Burgess

BM4MemberServices@austinemmaus.org

Treasurer

Sam Johnson

Treasurer@austinemmaus.org

4th Day Board Representative

Mel Chambers

4thDayBoardRepresentative@austinemmaus.org

Immediate Past Lay Director

Mel Chambers

ImmediatePastLayDirector@austinemmaus.org

Chrysalis Representative

Tim Deschner

ChrysalisRepresentative@austinemmaus.org

Database Coordinator

Tom Rioux

DatabaseCoordinator@austinemmaus.org

Electronic Communications

Ed Turner

ElectronicCommunications@austinemmaus.org

Prayer Vigil Coordinator

Willy Maletta

PrayerVigilCoordinator@austinemmaus.org

Community Letters

Carl Fisher

CommunityLetters@austinemmaus.org

Food/Gift Agape Coordinator

Carl Fisher

FoodGiftAgapeCoordinator@austinemmaus.org

Music Coordinator

Rob Turk

MusicCoordinator@austinemmaus.org

WalkTalk Editor

Kellye Noret

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org



BOARD MEMBERS



Financial Statement as of 8/6/15

Bank Balance

\$5,518.21

(includes Walk #1803 Team Fees of \$2,302.00)

Unencumbered funds

\$4,067.51

Scholarship Fund

\$ 1,450.70

~~~~~

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

**87 attended the August Gathering at
Covenant UMC on August 6, with
Jill Mayfield giving a great 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

contact: Myles@austinemmaus.org

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact: Tom@austinemmaus.org

contact: Chris@austinemmaus.org

Welcome Back October 13, 2015, 6:30p, Lake Travis UMC, 1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734

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

Men's Walk #1821

Harold Sundbeck, Lay Director
SD to be determined
Keith Bible, Board Rep.
LeeLeen Sundbeck, ST Coordinator

Feb. 18 — 21, 2016

contact: Harold@austinemmaus.org

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact: Keith@austinemmaus.org

contact: LeeLeen@austinemmaus.org

Welcome Back TBD

Women's Walk #1839

Roslynn Hopkins, Lay Director
SD, BR, STC to be determined

May 5 — 8, 2016

contact: Roslynn@austinemmaus.org

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Welcome Back TBD

Men's Walk #1847

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

Aug. 25 — 28, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Welcome Back TBD

Women's Walk #1863

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

Oct 27 — 30, 2016
(date tentative)

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

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.



Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is sponsoring reunions for the following Walks at the September 3rd Gathering at Lake Travis UMC:

Men's Walk #293, 4/22/93, Mt. Wesley
(LD Jim Thomas)

Women's Walk #876, 11/16/00, Highland Lakes
(LD Connie Bowman)

Men's Walk #1640, 10/20/11, CYJ
(LD Jack Foreman)

If you were a pilgrim or a team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you Sept. 3rd at Lake Travis 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>

There are still openings for pilgrims!
Be in prayer about who YOU can sponsor!



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 Reunion Groups

Looking for a reunion group?

Want to add a new group?

Need to update info on an existing group?

Go to the link below to do all of this!

Help keep our Reunion Group list accurate!

http://austinemmaus.org/reunion_groups.php



Men's Walk #1803 October 1– 4, 2016 Camp Young Judaea

Men's Walk #1803 is almost here! There are still openings for pilgrims, so be in prayer about who you think is ready go on their Emmaus Walk. And then.....**SPONSOR THEM!**

Also, please be in prayer for these team members:

Rev. Tom Deviney – *SD*

Rev. Andy Tyson

Rev. Sylvester Chase, Jr.

Rev. Charlie Baskin

Rev. Dick West

Arnie Waden

Bill Hightower

Bob Duplantis

Cokie Brownlee

David Highland

Dennis Perryman

Ed Turner

Gene McConnell

George Vanderhule

Glen Legge

Jon Nelson

Lewis Robinson

Mark Smith

Mike Shepherd

Myles McKemie – *Lay Director*

Scott Broberg

Steve Stevens

Tim Martin

Tom Green

Tom Rioux – *Board Rep.*



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



To All Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Reunions

Over the last several years we have been struggling to fill our Walks to Emmaus and have had to postpone or cancel several due to not filing the required minimum number of Pilgrims. In addition to the financial cost of canceling a Walk, we also have the emotional costs to Pilgrims looking forward to this extraordinary experience of spiritual growth and renewal, sponsors ready to undertake their responsibilities to the Pilgrim and their family, and conference room and servant team members ready and filled with a “servant heart” to serve. Having sponsored a Pilgrim, I know the challenges of Sponsorship and all that entails. Therefore, we would like to encourage all Group Reunions to find one Pilgrim a year to sponsor. By teaming up as a group for sponsorship and sharing the responsibilities in seeing to the needs of the Pilgrim and their family, we hope to make sponsorship a group act of Agape and hopefully fill all our future Walks.



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Covenant UMC, Austin
Thursday, August 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on August 6th at Covenant UMC commencing at 6:12 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Myles McKemie. Present were: Chris McKemie, Lay Director; Harold Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director; Mel Chambers, Rio Texas Board Representative and Immediate Past Lay Director; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Gathering Support; Carl Fisher, Board Member for Walk Support; Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; and Myles McKemie, Lay Director for Men's Walk #1803.

Lay Director's Opening Remarks: Chris McKemie welcomed everyone.

Minutes: The Board approved the July minutes by email.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Johnson was unable to attend. The July Financial Report was emailed for review and approved.

Rio Texas Board Representative's Report: Mel Chambers reported Rio Texas Conference was raising the participant costs for the Walks to \$228/person due to losses over the last several years. Mel also reported that as of 2016 the GAE4DG has the option to become our own registrar for future walks.

Also, the GAE4DG was asked to consider changing the dates for the Fall Women's Walk to October 6-9 from the previous November date. Harold Sundbeck made the motion to approve moving up the date of the Fall Women's Walk to October 6-9, 2016 and Chris McKemie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Gathering Support: LeeLeen reported she is continuing to work on Gatherings and will continue to contact churches to hold Gatherings.

Walk Support: Carl Fisher reported Agape Lists and Prayer Vigils are up to date and that he will be revamping the list to shorter forms to make it easier to handle and less overwhelming in size. He reported he has the box of 4th Day books for Walk #1803.

Member Support: No report.

Immediate Past President: Nothing to report.

Assistant Lay Director: Nothing to report.

Spiritual Director: No report.

Chrysalis: New leader is needed. Mel will follow-up with Tim Deschner.

Walk #1803 Report: Myles McKemie reported all is going well. So far there are 12 pilgrims registered.

New Business: It was discussed that the Walk Lay Director contact the Pilgrim Sponsors after the Walk to help boost new Pilgrim attendance at Gatherings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. by Chris McKemie. Rev. Sylvester Chase gave the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Harold Sundbeck, 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

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, #1644

November 5, 2015

Thursday, November 5, 2015
Berkeley UMC
2407 Berkeley Ave., Austin, 78745
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #300, #1659

December 3, 2015

Thursday, December 3, 2015
Parker Lane UMC
2105 Parker Lane, Austin, 78741
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #316, #895, #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, #881, #930, #1690

March 3, 2016

Thursday, March 3, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #355, #953, #1720

April 4, 2016

Thursday, April 4, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #358, #968, #1730

May 5, 2016

Thursday, May 5, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #372, #988, #1740

June 2, 2016

Thursday, June 2, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #376, #381, #1008, #1749

July 7, 2016

Thursday, July 7, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #1035, #1775

August 4, 2016

Thursday, August 4, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #397, #1042, #1778

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

Childcare provided.

Contact LeeLeen Sundbeck

BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org