



## The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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### Joy, Show-up, Love

Dear Faithful Emmaus Community,

Our Emmaus community is truly blessed to have Reverend Sylvester Chase as our Spiritual Director. Above and beyond his duties as the Spiritual Director of GAE4DG, Reverend Chase is blessing us with an inspirational message at our Gatherings. It is a message that is energizing, inspirational, and kindles in us the fire of the Holy Spirit.

At the July Gathering at St. Mark's UMC, Reverend Chase spoke of joy. The joy that fills us because we know Jesus. The joy that fills our lives, the joy that is with us every step of our faith journey, joy of worshipping our Lord, and the joy of loving God and being loved by God.

In August, we gathered together at Covenant UMC and Reverend Chase's message was "show-up." In Hebrews there is a call to persevere and in Hebrews 10:25 we read, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage each other." When we "show-up" for a Gathering, it is a time to be together holding this gathering place as one to experience the Grace of God together, learn together, and move forward together. If we are too tired, just want to stay home, or begin to be complacent, we are doing as others are in the habit of doing; not showing up. We must persevere and show-up to be together with others sharing our faith journey. It is a time to encounter God, and God is with the people of Emmaus.

Lake Travis UMC hosted our September Gathering. Reverend Chase spoke of love. We are loved by God, loved by and in love with our husbands, our wives, our family, and our friends. The bottom line is to treat everyone with love and care, for as Reverend Chase will tell you: Life minus love equals ZERO!

Let's show-up with joy. Let's show-up with love. Let's show up and let's persevere!

**DeColores!**  
**Chris McKemie**  
**GAE4DG Lay Director**



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**Financial Statement**  
*as of 8/6/15*

**Bank Balance**

**\$6,543.46**

*(includes Walk #1803 Team Fees of \$2,969.50)*

**Unencumbered funds**

**\$3,573.96**

**Scholarship Fund**

**\$ 1,868.45**



Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus  
4th Day Group Website:

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



**DeColores**



**The *WalkTalk* deadline is  
the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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

[WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org)

**114 attended the August Gathering at  
Lake Travis UMC on Sept. 3, with  
Charles Koenig 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

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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*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  
Charlie Baskin, Spiritual Director  
Keith Bible, Board Rep.  
LeeLeen Sundbeck, ST Coordinator

Feb. 18 — 21, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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*Welcome Back TBD*

### Women's Walk #1839

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

May 5 — 8, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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*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

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 at the link below.

[http://www.austinemmaus.org/team\\_app.php](http://www.austinemmaus.org/team_app.php)



## Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group sponsors Walk reunions at each Gathering. At the September Gathering at Lake Travis UMC, Walks #293, #876, and #1640 were recognized. Check out the photos below! See any familiar faces? (*Walk #876 photo unavailable*). At the October 8<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Oak Hill UMC, the following Walks will be recognized:



**Women's Walk #296, 5/6/93, Mt. Wesley**  
**(LD Pauline Lacey)**  
**Women's Walk #1644, 2/2/12, CYJ**  
**(LD Robbie Cripe)**



If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you at the October 8<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Oak Hill UMC!



**Men's Walk #293**  
**4/22/93**  
**Mt. Wesley**  
**Lay Director, Jim Thomas**



**Men's Walk #1640**  
**10/20/11**  
**Camp Young Judaea**  
**Lay Director, Jack Foreman**



*Photos from the September Gathering at Lake Travis UMC,  
courtesy of Sam Johnson. Thanks, Sam!*



Melvin Chambers (*left*),  
GAE4DG Board Rep.  
and Immediate Past Lay  
Director.



Dennis Perryman, Walk  
#1803 ALD (*left*) and  
GAE4DG Spiritual  
Director Rev. Sylvester  
Chase (*right*).



Our great music team from Oak Hill UMC leading us in  
song. Pictured left to right — Greg Graham, David  
Highland, John Nelson, Scott Broberg.



## Opportunities to Serve the GAE Community

Many volunteers are needed for each Walk to Emmaus weekend. Many of these volunteers work on the Servant Team during the Walk, but three critical volunteers do all of their work before the Walk even begins.

**Prayer Vigil Coordinator:** Prayer is the cornerstone of the Walk to Emmaus, and it is the job of the Prayer Vigil Coordinator to ensure that all 144 half-hour prayer vigil slots are filled before the start of the Walk. This is so vital that an open slot will prevent a Walk from starting. In the Rio Texas Annual Conference, the prayer vigil slots are distributed evenly among the 24 Fourth Day Groups to provide encouragement and mutual support for the various communities. The Prayer Vigil Coordinator for a Fourth Day Group communicates with the other Prayer Vigil Coordinators to organize and document those pray-ers. In a typical year, these Coordinators make sure that 60 Walks are ready to start on Thursday evening. The Prayer Vigil Coordinator downloads the prayer vigils from the Rio Texas Emmaus website, prints and distributes those assigned to their Fourth Day Group community, and sends the filled vigils to the appropriate Prayer Vigil Coordinator. Needs access to a computer, printer, and scanner.

**Gift Agape Coordinator:** The Excel spreadsheet used by the Greater Austin Emmaus Fourth Day Group lists over 350 individual items that are needed for each Walk to Emmaus. The Gift Agape Coordinator distributes signup sheets for agape at Gatherings, enters the information into the agape spreadsheet, and sends out reminders prior to the beginning of a Walk to those who have committed to provide agape. Needs access to a computer and printer, and familiarity with Microsoft Excel and mail-merge.

**Wall Agape (Palanca) Coordinator:** The Walk to Emmaus is an international program coordinated by the Upper Room, and Wall Agape (Palanca) is a way of showing Pilgrims the extent of the support they are getting from people they don't even know, but who love them as God loves us. Every Emmaus and Chrysalis (and other 3-Day) community is encouraged to send a poster of support to Fourth Day Groups conducting Walks around the world. The Wall Agape Coordinator for Greater Austin Emmaus collects and prints the submissions from the groups around the world and provides them to the Lay Director of the Walk on Thursday evening before the Walk begins. Needs access to a computer and printer.

Each of these Coordinators reports to the Board Member for Walk Support of the Greater Austin Emmaus Fourth Day Group. These positions are currently open, or will become open May 2016. If you are interested in taking over any of these positions, please contact [BM4WalkSupport@AustinEmmaus.org](mailto:BM4WalkSupport@AustinEmmaus.org).



### Upcoming Walk

**Men's Walk to Emmaus #1821  
February 18 – 21, 2016  
Camp Young Judaea**

**Lay Director, Harold Sundbeck  
Spiritual Director, Charlie Baskin  
Board Rep., Keith Bible  
STC, LeeLeen Sundbeck**

**It's not too early to begin signing up 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 or a short devotional? 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?

Send your submissions to [WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org). They will be printed as space allows.



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**Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Lake Travis UMC, Austin  
Thursday, September 3, 2015**

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lake Travis UMC commencing at 6:04 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Carl Fisher. Present at the meeting were: Chris McKemie, Lay Director; Harold Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director; Mel Chambers, Rio Texas Board Representative and Immediate Past Lay Director; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Member for Gathering Support, Carl Fisher, Board Member for Walk Support; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Support; Sam Johnson, Treasurer; Kellye Noret, Editor for *WalkTalk*; Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; Myles McKemie, Lay Director for Men's Walk #1803, and Keith Bible, Board Rep. for Men's Walk #1821. Lay Director's Opening Remarks: Chris McKemie welcomed everyone.

**Minutes:** The Board approved the August minutes by email and they were submitted to Kellye Noret for the publication in the *WalkTalk*.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sam Johnson presented the treasurer's report. An additional \$30.00 was requested for the upcoming Walk #1803. LeeLeen Sundbeck made a motion to approve the request and Mel Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed. The ending balance as of September 3, 2015 was \$6,543.46 with an unencumbered balance of \$3,573.96 after outstanding liabilities of \$1,868.45 and additional assets of \$2,969.50 for Walk #1803. Jim Burgess made motion to accept the report and Mel Chambers seconded. The treasurer's report was accepted.

**Rio Texas Board Representative's Report:** Mel Chambers reported the date for the Fall Women's walk will be October 27-30. Mel will also bring a list of Lay Director candidates to the October meeting.

**Gathering Support:** LeeLeen reported she is continuing to work on Gatherings and will continue to contact churches to hold Gatherings. Several have declined to participate.

**Walk Support:** Carl Fisher reported he has added Post-it notes with the Prayer Vigil list to make it easy for members to sign up. Carl will also order more 4th Day books.

**Member Support:** Jim will add Emmaus Sunday to the web page calendar for January 10, 2016.

**Immediate Past President:** Nothing to report.

**Assistant Lay Director:** Nothing to report.

**Spiritual Director:** Nothing to report.

**Walk #1803 Report:** Myles McKemie reported all is going well, had their 3rd meeting on August 22nd and the final meeting will be on September 12, 2015. So far there are 20 confirmed pilgrims registered.

**New Business:** Chris suggested that all Board members make a folder to record job responsibilities for future Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by Chris McKemie. Jim Burgess 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

#### **\*\* 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  
First UMC  
1201 Lavaca, Austin, 78701  
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  
Wesley UMC  
1164 San Bernard, Austin, 78702  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #358, #968, #1730*

#### **\*\* May 12, 2016 \*\***

Thursday, May 12, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.\*\**

**Childcare provided.**

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