



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Hope and Faith

Blessed Emmaus Community,

These two words, Hope and Faith, should be superglued together in our hearts, our minds, and our souls. These two words should be bonded together, unbreakable, inseparable, and impregnable. But the ways of the world, the way it has happened before, or the predictable outcome influence how tightly or loosely we hold on to these two words.

Too many times, we have hope, but the bond with our faith can begin to fray. The Texas/OU football game, in our house, is a perfect example. We are part of a tailgating group, avid UT fans and tailgaters of the year!! But, this year we had hope, but not faith in a victory. My husband gave his tickets away, some of our friends sold their tickets, but no one came together to watch the game. We missed the game, the gathering of friends, and missed the victory!

Let's not just be hopeful fans in our lives. Let's be the fans who have faith and place all our hopes in God's hands. For what is impossible for man is possible with God.

Men's Walk #1803 is the perfect example of hope and of faith united together. From the time this Walk was scheduled and the team selected, there was always hope the Walk would make. Most of all, everyone had *faith* it would make!! We gathered together in hope, faith, and prayer, and surrendered this Walk into God's hands. Our God is an awesome God!! The Walk was filled and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit touched the lives and hearts of the pilgrims. We all celebrate this victory.

As we all walk and live our lives, let's hold fast to faith and to hope by having the impregnable faith that all our hopes are possible in God's hands.

**God's Blessings,
Chris McKemie
Lay Director, GAE4DG**



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Financial Statement as of 10/5/15

Bank Balance

\$7,924.15

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

Unencumbered funds

\$1,694.94

Scholarship Fund

\$ 1,835.71

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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

**61 attended the October Gathering
at Oak Hill UMC on October 8th, and
George Kennebeck gave 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.

2016 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walks

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**

contact: Harold@austinemmaus.org

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Welcome Back TBD

Women's Walk #1839

Roslynn Hopkins, Lay Director
SD, to be determined
Gina Franklin, Board Rep.
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 a Walk, please submit a Team Application at the link below.**

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



Rio Texas Conference 2016 Walk Schedule

The Rio Texas Conference 2016 Walk schedule is available at the below link. This includes ALL walks in our Conference. If your pilgrim is unable to attend an Austin Community sponsored walk, there are many others to choose from!

<http://riotexas.org/emmaus/>

Under Schedule and Application, click on 2016 Emmaus Walk Schedule. (Lots of other great info on this page too!)

Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group sponsors Walk reunions at each Gathering. At the November 5th Gathering at Berkeley UMC, the following Walks will be recognized:

Men's Walk #300, 5/27/1993, Mt. Wesley
(Lay Director, Kevin Gourley)

Men's Walk #1659, 5/3/2012, CYJ
(Lay Director, Bud Broeker)

Here are the original pilgrim/team photos of those Walks. See anyone you recognize? If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, come to the November 5th Gathering at Berkeley UMC to be reunited!



Men's Walk #300
May 27 – 30, 1993
Mt. Wesley

Lay Director,
Kevin Gourley

Spiritual Director,
Tom Loftin

Board Rep.,
Bruce Macchiaverna



Men's Walk #1659
May 3 – 6, 2012
Camp Young Judaea

Lay Director,
Bud Broeker

Spiritual Director,
Ray Kiser

Board Rep.,
Gary Johnson



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 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 prayers. 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.

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. The Gift Agape Coordinator distributes signup sheets for agape at Gatherings, enters the information into the spreadsheet, and sends out reminders prior to the beginning of a Walk to those who have committed to provide agape. Needs familiarity with Microsoft Excel and mail-merge.

Wall Agape (Palanca) Coordinator: 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. Each community is encouraged to send a poster of support to Fourth Day Groups conducting Walks around the world. The Wall Agape Coordinator collects and prints these and provides them to the Lay Director of the Walk on Thursday evening before the Walk begins.

Each of these Coordinators reports to the Board Member for Walk Support of the GAE4DG. These positions are currently open, or will become open May 2016. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact BM4WalkSupport@AustinEmmaus.org.



Another Opportunity to Serve!

We need more people to learn the GAE4DG computer programs so we aren't always relying on Tom Rioux and Jack Forman to handle the computer duties during the Walks and for team selection. We are so grateful to Tom and Jack for doing this, and want to help ease the load being placed on them. With four Walks a year and only the two of them doing this, we are concerned about burning them out!

Contact BM4WalkSupport@AustinEmmaus.org if you are interested in helping. Training provided!



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!



Welcome New Pilgrims!

Men's Walk #1803 October 1—4, 2015 Camp Young Judaea

Uche Abalogu
Bill Bebee
Jeff Border
Norman Bostic
Aric Bromonsky
Julian Bucher
Matt Callia
Steve Caruso
Reginald Christopher
Michael Cruz
Spencer Day
David Dunn
Jake Eastman
Rich Egan
Douglas Fields
John Filion
Dave Glanzer
Wally Graner
Phil Grant
Wade Higginbotham
Don Inbody
Jon Lander
Hank Matthews
Chuck McGarity
Dennis Milligan
Kim Otte
Bradley Padilla
Bill Randell
Stan Reece
David Scott
Gene Shackelford
Gary Slemmons
Willie Thomas
Edmond Tillman
Greg Young



Walk #1803 was Special!!

Welcome, men of Walk #1803, to the Greater Austin Emmaus Fourth Day Group community! As I told you at Closing, these men are very special to me. At the November 2014 Gathering at Wesley UMC, we had a heartfelt discussion whether we should put on Walk #1803 or cancel it. I told the community my heart says keep it, but my business side says cancel it. We put it to a vote and it passed by one vote. Now we have thirty-five new members in our community! Our GOD is an awesome GOD!

I hope the community will keep up the good work and fill Walks #1821 and #1839. The cost of these Walks is going to be \$230.00. But, if you register a paid-in-full pilgrim by **December 31, 2015**, you only have to pay \$215.00. Let's try to fill all of the 2016 Walks before the end of 2015!

**Remember "If we schedule it,
You will ask someone."**

Please keep all of our future Walks in your prayers.

Mel Chambers
Board Representative



Walk #1803 Servant Team

Thank you to these silent servants who served behind the scenes on Walk #1803!

Patricia S. "Patti" Bizzell	Nancy LeMieux
Anne Brownlee	Chris McKemie – STC
Paula Bryant	John Morris
Debby Duplantis	Michael Pavlu
Carl Fisher	Adele Peterman
Jack Foreman	Anne Rioux
E. R. "Don" Greenway	Debbie Spurlock
Coe Groce	Harold Sundbeck
Brenda Hightower	LeeLeen Sundbeck
Taylor Jones	Bill Vanecek
Marshall Kwait	Pat Waden



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Oak Hill UMC, Austin
Thursday, October 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on October 5th at Oak Hill UMC commencing at 6:07 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Mel Chambers. 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; Carl Fisher, Board Member for Walk Support; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Support; Sam Johnson, Treasurer; and Myles McKemie, Lay Director for Walk #1803.

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

Minutes: The Board approved the September 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. The ending balance as of October 5th, 2015 was \$7,924.15 with an unencumbered balance of \$1,694.94 after outstanding liabilities of \$6,229.21. Chris McKemie 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 dates for 2017 will be e-mailed out to the Board.

Gathering Support: No Report.

Walk Support: Carl Fisher reported all Prayer Vigils had been filled prior to the start of Walk #1803 and that Prayer Vigils for upcoming walks will be passed around at this Gathering. Carl brought up discussion on childcare payments and the best way to handle those payments. Discussion covered writing a check for payment to the host church if they provided the childcare worker as that would help keep track for bookkeeping purposes. Carl also requested an additional \$177.09 to cover his out-of-pocket expense for ordering more 4th Day books. The request was approved.

Member Support: No Report

Immediate Past Lay Director: No report.

Assistant Lay Director: No report.

Spiritual Director: No report.

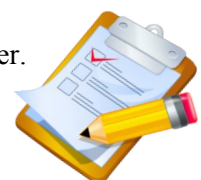
Old Business: Signing up pilgrims at Closing worked well for the Yahoo Group.

New Business: We need to enlist more people to learn the GAE4DG computer programs so we aren't always relying on Tom Rioux and Jack Forman to handle the computer duties during the Walks and for team selection.

Walk Reports: Walk #1803 – Myles reported the Walk as the Best Walk Ever even with the timing issues of running late at times. Chris McKemie, STC, praised the Servant Team for their efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Chris McKemie. Sam Johnson 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

November 5, 2015

Thursday, November 5, 2015
Berkeley UMC
2407 Berkeley Ave., Austin, 78745
4th Day Speaker Barbara Drake
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
St. Mark UMC
601 Braker Lane, Austin, 78753
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #355, #953, #1720



April 7, 2016

Thursday, April 7, 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
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Drive, Austin, 78731
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
Westlake UMC
1460 Red Bull Trail, Austin, 78746
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #1035, #1775

August 4, 2016

Thursday, August 4, 2016
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #397, #1042, #1778

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

Childcare provided.

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