



## The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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### DeColores!

That's Happy New Year in Emmaus talk! It has always made me smile as to how many different things we can say with those two words, from hello to goodbye, from God bless you to God loves you, and so much more. I do hope and pray that the start of this New Year has you filled with joy, excitement, and wonder as to where our Lord will be leading you on your faith journey.

May God guide us on our faith journey and ignite the fire of servanthood in all of us. This year may our Lord guide us to support Men's Walk #1821 in February and Women's Walk #1839 in May. We can sponsor a pilgrim, sign up for agape/prayer vigil lists, attend Candlelight and Gatherings, and share our Christian love and support with each other.

Isaiah 43:7 tells us, "Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my Glory. It was I who created them." WE all were created by God, and for God to share His good works, His saving grace, and His salvation with our world.

**God Bless,  
Chris McKemie, Lay Director  
GAE4DG**



### Walk #1821, Feb. 18-21

Please be in prayer for these team members!

#### Conference Room Team

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**Financial Statement**  
*as of 12/31/15*

**Bank Balance**  
**\$7,881.86**

**Unencumbered funds**  
**\$1,728.33**

**Scholarship Fund**  
**\$ 2,402.71**

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus  
4th Day Group Website:

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

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**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)

**70 attended the January Gathering  
at First UMC on January 7<sup>th</sup>, and  
Adama Brown 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**

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*Welcome Back TBD*

### **Women's Walk #1839**

Roslynn Hopkins, Lay Director  
Tina Carter, Spiritual Director  
Gina Franklin, Board Rep.  
Sherry Wilkinson, ST Coordinator

**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](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.



## Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group sponsors Walk reunions at each Gathering. At the February 4<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Bethany UMC, the following Walks will be recognized:

**Women's Walk #334, 12/9/1993, Mt. Wesley**  
*(Lay Director, Debbie McAngus)*  
**Men's Walk #881, 1/11/2001, Highland Lakes**  
*(Lay Director, Roy Bradshaw)*  
**Men's Walk #930, 9/6/2001, Highland Lakes**  
*(Lay Director, Mike McNeil)*  
**Men's Walk #1690, 2/7/2013, CYJ**  
*(Lay Director, George Tolleson)*

Below are the original pilgrim/team photos of Walks #930 and #1690 (*photos of Walks #334 and #881 unavailable*). See anyone you recognize? If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, come to the February 4<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Bethany UMC to be reunited!



**Men's Walk #930**  
**September. 6 , 2001**  
**Highland Lakes**

*Lay Director, Mike McNeil*  
*Spiritual Director, John Haller*  
*Board Rep., Carl Beck*



**Men's Walk #1690**  
**February 7, 2013**  
**Camp Young Judaea**

*Lay Director, George Tolleson*  
*Spiritual Director, Monte Marshall*  
*Board Rep., Jack Foreman*



## 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?

Please share with us by sending your submissions to [WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org). We will be blessed by your sharing!



## Notice of Walk Fee Increase

As of January 1, 2016, the fee to attend a Walk to Emmaus increased from \$215 to \$240. Partial scholarships are available, please contact Sam Johnson at [treasurer@austinemmaus.org](mailto:treasurer@austinemmaus.org)

## Upcoming Walk

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

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

**Team Commission at the February 4th**  
**Gathering at Bethany UMC.**



## The Unchanging Resolution

The New Year – it's the season when people resolve to make overdue changes in their lives. Resolutions usually involve a commitment to positive change.

But sometimes the best resolution is a commitment *not* to change, but to be steadfast. God demonstrates such commitment in His Word:

“For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.” (Malachi 3:6)

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

And so, the babe born in a manger in Bethlehem is the same One who sits on the throne, the same One who created the universe, the Lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world.

Situations and circumstances change, but God tells us in His holy Word that His commitment to be our Redeemer – to save us, to keep us – remains the same. Aren't you glad that in this world of change, He has resolved to stay the same?

**DeColores!**  
**Gerard Kern**

## February 10



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**Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**First UMC, Austin**  
**Thursday, January 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at First UMC, commencing at 6:07 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Sylvester Chase. 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; Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; Myles McKemie, and Ronee Gilbert.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Mel Chambers presented the Treasurer's Report since Sam Johnson was not present. The ending balance as of January 4, 2016 was \$7,881.86 with an unencumbered balance of \$1,728.33 after outstanding liabilities of \$2,946.26 and additional assets of \$3,207.27 collected from the Walk #1821 team. There is \$2,402.71 available for Walk Scholarships. Carl Fisher made motion to accept the report and Harold Sundbeck seconded. The treasurer's report was voted and approved. Also, Sam will need to submit the year-end Financial Report to the Rio Conference Board by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.

**Rio Texas Board Representative's Report:** Mel Chambers reported he is working on finding new Lay Directors for upcoming Walks for next year. Sam needs to submit our Financial Report to the Rio Conference Board by the middle of next month.

**Gathering Support:** LeeLeen reported she is continuing to work on Gatherings and contacting churches to hold Gatherings. She reported she was holding open the latter months until she knows who will be serving as Lay Directors on the future Walks so she can coordinate with the potential Lay Directors home churches.

**Walk Support:** Carl Fisher reported he has five Prayer Vigil's for tonight's Gathering. The Prayer Vigil sign-ups will be live prior to Walk #1821. Carl also reported he has enough 4<sup>th</sup> Day books for Walk #1821 but will need to order more for the remaining Walks. He also has the outline for the Welcome Back. We need volunteers to take over his duties. Pam Groce is willing to assist but not serve on the Board.

**Member Support:** No report.

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

**Assistant Lay Director:** Harold will make an announcement tonight for individuals to serve on the Board.

**Spiritual Director:** No report.

**Walk #1821 Report:** Harold reported 5 confirmed pilgrims as of 1/6/2016. Next team meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at Covenant UMC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by Chris McKemie. Carl Fisher 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

### 2016 Gatherings

#### February 4, 2016

Thursday, February 4, 2016  
Bethany UMC

10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, 78750  
4th Day Speaker Debby Leshner  
*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  
Pflugerville UMC  
500 E. Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78691  
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*

#### September 1, 2016

Thursday, September 1, 2016  
Cedar Park UMC  
600 W. Park St., Cedar Park, 78613  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #408, #1057, #1789*

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

**Childcare provided.**

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