



## The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Dear Blessed Emmaus Community,

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16) This Bible verse takes my breath away knowing how we are loved so deeply, so profoundly loved, and are so cherished by our Lord.

This season of Lent has me and, perhaps, you too, reflecting on our faith and strengthening our faith life with our Lord. Hebrews 11:1 teaches us that “Now faith is what we hope for and assurance for what we do not see.” Just holding this Bible passage in my heart strengthens my faith every day.

It has me reflecting on being our Lord’s disciple, His hands and feet here on Earth and becoming more committed as the one who has said Yes to Jesus Christ, the one who is living fully in that relationship, and the one who is reaching out to help others to live a life of grace.

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday, we will rejoice in Jesus’ Resurrection and the assurance of Salvation and become restored by our Lord’s power to live a Christian life.

May we live a life of gratitude and always dwell on the promise of God.

**Blessings,  
Chris McKemie  
Lay Director, GAE4DG**



### Welcome New Pilgrims!

**Men’s Walk #1821  
February 18 – 21  
Camp Young Judaea**

Adam Blye  
Matt Bryant  
Micah Cantu  
David Chiriboga  
Ivan Ciraldo  
Kavin Edwards  
Lawrence Hornsby  
Cody Kersh  
Carl McClendon  
Yoon Minho  
Kevin Murphy  
Matt Oldham  
Van Peng  
Rex Pries  
Henry Richardson  
George Robison  
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# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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### Financial Statement *as of 1/31/16*

**Bank Balance**

**\$11,355.85**

**Unencumbered funds**

**\$2,147.97**

**Scholarship Fund**

**\$ 2,792.21**

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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 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)

**150 attended the February Gathering  
at Bethany UMC on February 4<sup>th</sup>, and  
Debby Leshner 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

### Women's Walk #1839

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

May 5 — 8, 2016

contact: [Roslynn@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Roslynn@austinemmaus.org)

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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*Welcome Back TBD*

### Men's Walk #1847

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

August 25 — 28, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

*Welcome Back TBD*

### Women's Walk #1863

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

October 6 — 9, 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 here:

[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.*





**Men's Walk #1720**  
**September 26 , 2013**  
**Camp Young Judaea**

*LD, Bob Duplantis*  
*SD, Tina Carter*  
*BR, Jack Foreman*



**Men's Walk #355**  
**April 21, 1994**  
**Mt. Wesley**

*LD, Tom Ausley*  
*SD, David Gillham*  
*BR, Bert Jones*

**De Colores!**

**Women's Walk #953**  
**November 8, 2001**  
**Highland Lakes**

*LD, Diane Noel Lee*  
*SD, Teresa Wellborn*  
*BR, Beverly Silas*





## Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group sponsors Walk reunions at each Gathering. At the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Gathering at St. Mark's UMC, the following Walks will be recognized:

**Men's Walk #355, 4/21/1994, Mt. Wesley**  
(*Lay Director, Tom Ausley*)

**Women's Walk #953, 11/8/2001, Highland Lakes**  
(*Lay Director, Diane Noel Lee*)

**Men's Walk #1720, 9/26/2013, Camp Young Judaea**  
(*Lay Director, Bob Duplantis*)

Take a look at the original pilgrim/team photos of these Walks on the previous page. See anyone you recognize? If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, come to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Gathering at St. Mark's UMC to be reunited!



## Volunteers Needed!

There are several positions on the Board that are open and need to be filled soon and very soon!

**Board Member for Walk Support**  
**Community Letters Coordinator**  
**Food/Gift Agape Coordinator**

Contact Chris McKemie (*page 2*) for more info on how *YOU* can serve the Greater Austin Emmaus Community!

There is also a great need for Lay Directors for the Fall Walks:

**Men's Walk #1847, August 25-28, 2016**  
**Women's Walk #1863, October 6-9, 2016**  
(*both at Camp Young Judaea*)

Without leadership, these Walks may be cancelled. Contact Mel Chambers (*page 2*) if you feel God is calling you to serve in this way!



*He  
is  
Risen!*



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**Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Bethany UMC, Austin**  
**Thursday, February 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Bethany UMC commencing at 6:07 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Harold Sundbeck. Present 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, Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; Kellye Noret, *WalkTalk* Editor, Gina Franklin, Board Rep. for Walk #1839, and Myles McKemie.

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

**Minutes:** The Board approved the January 2016 minutes by email and they were submitted to Kellye Noret for 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 February 4, 2016 was \$11,355.85, with an unencumbered balance of \$2,147.97 after outstanding liabilities of \$4,940.18 and additional assets of \$1,640.00 collected from the Walk #1821 team and \$4,775.67 from Walk #1821. There is \$2,792.21 available for Walk Scholarships. Harold Sundbeck made motion to accept the report and LeeLeen Sundbeck seconded. The treasurer's report was voted and approved.

**Rio Texas Board Representative's Report:** Mel Chambers reported he needs someone to step up for Walk Leadership. If no one is willing to serve, the Fall Men's Walk will be cancelled. On a positive note, Men's Walks for 2017 have willing candidates for Lay Directors. Women's Walk #1863 is scheduled for October 6 and Men's Walk #1847 for August 25.

The UMC database is going away because the conference is separating from the Rio Texas Conference from their 503c to avoid comingling fees. They want each community to be self-sufficient to pay for Walks. Tom Rioux is working on our 503c.

Sam Johnson needs to submit our Financial Report to the Rio Conference Board by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Conflict of Interest forms need to be looked over and approved. Mel made a motion to approve the forms and Harold Sundbeck seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved.

The Upper Room wants to provide Walk/Flight training locally to avoid the need to travel for the training sessions.

**Gathering Support:** LeeLeen is continuing to contact churches to hold Gatherings. She reported she was holding open the latter months until she knows who will be serving as Lay Directors on future Walks so she can coordinate with the potential Lay Directors home churches. The next Emmaus Sunday will be April 3.

**Walk Support:** We need volunteers to take over Carl's duties. Pam Groce is willing to assist but not serve on the Board.

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

**Spiritual Director:** Sylvester asked if we could figure out a way we as a community can respond to the passing of members of the community. It was suggested that the POC at a member church be contacted so they can let the community know by sending out a notice on the Yahoo group announcing the passing and where the funeral will be held.

**Walk #1821 Report:** Harold reported 20 confirmed pilgrims as of Feb. 4. Next meeting is Feb. 6 at St. Mark's UMC.

**Walk #1836 Report:** Gina Franklin reported they are still looking for music team members. Chris reported she may know someone. They also had a team member drop off but have several others that will step up to serve.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. by Chris McKemie. 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

### 2016 Gatherings

#### **March 3, 2016**

Thursday, March 3, 2016  
St. Mark UMC  
601 Braker Lane, Austin, 78753  
4th Day Speaker Joann Robison  
*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*

#### **\*\* October 13, 2016 \*\***

Thursday, October 13, 2016  
TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

#### **November 3, 2016**

Thursday, November 3, 2016  
TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

#### **December 1, 2016**

Thursday, December 1, 2016  
TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

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

**Childcare provided.**

**Contact LeeLeen Sundbeck**

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