



## The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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### DeColores!

I have realized that I have just “jumped right in” and not introduced myself to the Emmaus Community. I am Chris McKemie and I am your Lay Director. It’s a little like a marriage, for better or for worse, and I apologize for my oversight.

I went on my pilgrim walk in November, 2007. It was Walk #1409, held at Highland Lakes, and I was at the Deborah Table. We called ourselves the Mighty, Mighty Deborah's and 8 years later, we still meet for lunch and "Deborah" time. When I went on my Pilgrim walk, I was still broken from the loss of my son and had strayed from our Lord. On the Walk, I was saved, forgiven, showered in our Lord's love, and began walking daily on my faith journey with our Lord! Praise God!!!

Emmaus holds a very special place in my heart. I do want to share with you that I prayed for guidance on how I could be the best servant for the Emmaus Community, and two words were placed in my heart and mind. These two words are Faith and Prayer. All of us in the Emmaus Community walk daily with Jesus on our faith journey, and in Philippians 4:6, we read, “Don’t worry about anything. Instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.” When we all unite together in faith and prayer, as brothers and sisters in Christ, in love for our God and filled with the Holy Spirit, it is tangible!! You can touch and feel the strength of faith and the power of prayer and it takes your breath away.

We are an Emmaus family united as one with our Lord! I can only imagine what our Lord can and will do when we come together at Gatherings and worship, united as one in our Lord, our faith, and our prayers.

Your sister in Christ,  
Chris McKemie



# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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## Financial Statement as of 7/2/15

### Bank Balance

**\$2,834.21**

### Unencumbered funds

**\$1,876.60**

### Scholarship Fund

**\$ 957.61**

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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)

**57 attended the July Gathering at  
St. Mark's UMC on July 2, with Terry Gruber  
giving an awesome 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 #TBD**

Harold Sundbeck, Lay Director  
SD to be determined  
Keith Bible, Board Rep.  
STC to be determined

**Feb. 18 — 21, 2016**

**Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**

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*Welcome Back TBD*

### **Women's Walk REQUESTED**

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

**April 21 — 24, 2016**

**Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**

*Welcome Back TBD*

### **Men's Walk REQUESTED**

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

**Sept. 15 — 18, 2016**

**Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**

*Welcome Back TBD*

### **Women's Walk REQUESTED**

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

**Nov. 10 — 13, 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. You can download one by going to the link below:

[http://www.austinemmaus.org/team\\_app.php](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](mailto: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 August 6<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Covenant UMC:

**Men's Walk #276, 12/17/92, Mt. Wesley**  
*(LD Bruce Macchiaverna)*

**Men's Walk #853, 9/21/00, Highland Lakes**  
*(LD Carl Beck)*

**Women's Walk #1629, 9/22/11, CYJ**  
*(LD Gina Franklin)*

If you were a pilgrim or a team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you August 6<sup>th</sup> at Covenant 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>

It's not too early to start signing up pilgrims!



## 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](mailto: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
- ⇒ 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org) and it will be printed!

The *WalkTalk* deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 us keep our Reunion Group list accurate!

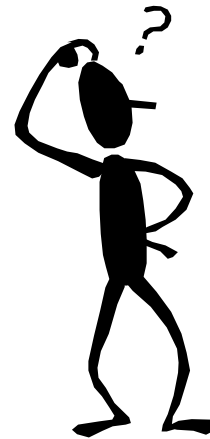
[http://austinemmaus.org/reunion\\_groups.php](http://austinemmaus.org/reunion_groups.php)



## Can God Use You?

Jacob was a cheater.  
Peter had a temper.  
David had an affair.  
Noah got drunk.  
Jonah ran from God.  
Paul was a murderer.  
Gideon was insecure.  
Miriam was a gossip.  
Martha was a worrier.  
Thomas was a doubter.  
Sarah was impatient.  
Elijah was moody.  
Moses stuttered.  
Zaccheus was short.  
Abraham was old.  
Lazarus was dead.

What's YOUR excuse?  
How can God use you?



God doesn't call the qualified,  
He qualifies the CALLED.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.





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**Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group  
Board of Directors Meeting  
St. Mark's UMC, Austin  
Thursday, July 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mark's UMC commencing at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Sam Johnson. 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; Sam Johnson, Treasurer; Carl Fisher, Board Member for Walk Support; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Services; Myles McKemie, Lay Director for Men's Walk #1803.

**Lay Director's Opening Remarks:** Chris McKemie welcomed everyone and began by saying she hoped this next year would be marked by a focus on feeding the community, to answer the call to get the community to be engaged to encourage sponsorship of pilgrims. Areas of focus will be the use of Yahoo blast to reach the community, prayer during gatherings, offering pilgrims access via sign-up forms to daily devotionals by email to stay connected and continue to feed their 4<sup>th</sup> days.

**Minutes:** The Board approved the June minutes by email.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sam Johnson presented the treasurer's report. Scholarships are available for the upcoming Walks. Ending balance as of July 2, 2015 was \$2,834.21 with an unencumbered balance of \$1,876.60 after outstanding liabilities. Chris McKemie made motion to accept the report and Carl Fisher seconded. The treasurer's report was accepted.

**Rio Texas Board Representative's Report:** Mel Chambers reported the dates for the winter Walk will be February 18-21. The Rio Texas Board meeting will take place on July 25. Also, there is a Walk/Flight training session on August 15<sup>th</sup> in San Angelo.

**Walk Support:** Carl Fisher reported Agape Lists and Prayer Vigils will be presented to the community. The Walk #1803 Welcome Back will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Member Support:** Jim Burgess did not have anything new to report.

**Immediate Past President:** Mel Chambers reported the Boy's Chrysalis Flight for July did not make and Mel suggested reaching out to area youth ministers as a way to grow our community through involvement in Chrysalis Flight's as a way to help with future Walk's to Emmaus. Chris McKemie offered to talk to the youth minister at LTUMC and perhaps others can speak with their youth ministers.

**Assistant Lay Director:** Harold Sundbeck did not have anything new to report.

**Walk #1803 Report:** Myles McKemie reported all is going well. The first meeting was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>. So far there are 4 pilgrims registered, 1 is in the process and at least 7 more are interested in the October Walk.

**New Business:** Team selection for the February Walk will take place in August as soon as a Spiritual Director is named. Also, Harold submit a notification in the *WalkTalk* to challenge all reunion groups to find one pilgrim per year to sponsor for upcoming walks.

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

#### August 6, 2015

Thursday, August 6, 2015  
Covenant UMC  
4410 Duval Rd., Austin, 78727  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #276, #853, #1629*

#### 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, #881, #1644*

#### November 5, 2015

Thursday, November 5, 2015  
Berkeley UMC  
2407 Berkeley Ave., Austin, 78745  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #300, #895, #1659*

#### December 3, 2015

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

*\*\*Gatherings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
of the month unless otherwise noted.\*\**

#### Childcare provided

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