



April 2010

**FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR**

***Renewal and Growth***

Wow!! Spring has definitely sprung! The birds are courting and are building new homes. The flowering shrubs and trees were beautiful this year, as are the wildflowers, due to our winter moisture. What a wonderful time of renewal, especially coinciding with Easter, as it did this year.

Personally, I enjoy the opportunity to get outside more and work in my garden and yard, hopefully helping to aid in this renewal and regrowth. Those activities certainly do offer me renewal and restoration, both physically and spiritually. Some of the things that are necessary are loosening the soil, adding fertilizer and removing unwanted species. These are things we need to do for our souls, as well.

Sometimes we need to loosen our thoughts and our attitudes and allow ourselves to be more open to God's guidance and to be more aware of the blessings he has given us. Unwanted feelings and actions are the weeds that need to be removed from our lives, in order to allow love to flourish and grow--love of God and of others. We can fertilize this new growth by availing ourselves of the multiple opportunities offered by our churches and by local non-profit organizations to be lifted up by learning more and by helping others.

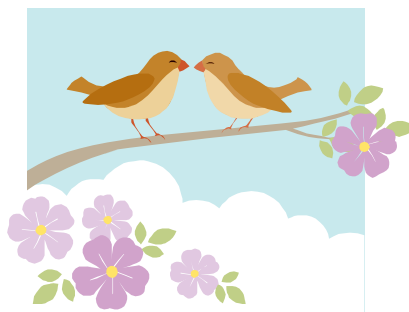
I hope that many of you will find our Round Rock Fourth Day Group a source of renewal and strength as you continue on your personal journeys. Please join us as we gather to celebrate and praise God and the new life he has given us through Jesus Christ.



**APRIL  
GATHERING  
THURSDAY, 4/15  
7PM @ FUMC**

**MAY  
GATHERING  
THURSDAY, 5/20  
7PM @ FUMC**

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Barb



## FROM THE ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR

Christ is risen. We say that most Sunday's at church and we say it every time we get together as a fourth day group. As we travel through the Easter Season, this is a good time to think what that means for us. Immediately after the crucifixion, the disciples were scared. They holed up in a locked room for fear that they would be next. But Jesus appeared to them and blew the breath of the holy spirit into them. Later, he told them to use the gift he had given them to go out into the world and make disciples.

Through our Emmaus experience, Jesus has breathed the Holy Spirit into us. So the question is, what are we going to do about it? Of course, we're not all going to do the same thing. Paul appropriately characterized us, the church, as Christ's body, with different parts doing different things. Some will go to other countries to evangelize through their service. Some will stay at home serve the homeless in their home town. Others will build up the faith of their home church through church leadership, youth mentorship, leading bible study, reading, serving communion, etc, etc, etc.

Despite all of this stuff that all of us do to witness for Christ in the world, one thing I think we can and should do is recognize that through our Emmaus experience we have been given a tremendous gift: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Obviously, Emmaus isn't the only way to get that gift, but as far as I'm concerned it's a pretty darn good way!

And there are a lot of folks in our churches who haven't received that gift yet. This isn't intended as judgment, just a statement of fact. Part of our discipleship, part of our reaction to Jesus' sacrifice for us, must be to take that breath of the Holy Spirit that has been given to us, and breathe it on those around us. And one way, a pretty darn good way, is to introduce them to Emmaus through sponsorship for a Walk. So, please take a moment, just a few seconds, to think about who you know, who you see every Sunday, who you would like to introduce to the Holy Spirit. And then do it by offering to be their sponsor.

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Tommy Prud'homme



## WHAT'S NEW

OUR RR EMMAUS E-MAIL IS: [RR4THDAYGROUP "AT" GMAIL.COM](mailto:RR4THDAYGROUP@GMAIL.COM)

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT: [HTTP://TWITTER.COM/RR4THDAYGROUP](http://TWITTER.COM/RR4THDAYGROUP)



## EMMAUS NEWS

### CONFERENCE-WIDE GATHERING

The CTC Emmaus community is going to have it's first conference-wide gathering in three years on October 2, 2010, at First United Methodist Church Mansfield. The theme of the Gathering will be "Hearts on Fire" and Bishop Lowry will be the keynote speaker. There will be lots of worship, lots of music, lots of good breakout sessions and, of course, lots of good food for lunch. Registration should start about 8:00 with the Gathering starting about 9:00 and ending up around 5:30, giving folks plenty of time to get home. Early registration will be \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. If you would like more information, please contact Tommy Prud'homme at [tnot1@hotmail.com](mailto:tnot1@hotmail.com) or 826-6064.

### CHRYSALIS / JOURNEY

The CTC Emmaus community has scheduled two Chrysalis and one Journey event for this summer. Chrysalis and Journey are similar to the Walk to Emmaus, only for youth (Chrysalis) and young adults (Journey). The boys and girls Chrysalis events will be July 22-24 at First United Methodist Midlothian. The young men's Journey will be August 19-21 at First United Methodist Early. **All three events are in need of team members.** If you are interested in participating, please contact Rob Hopkins at [thehopkinsranch@juno.com](mailto:thehopkinsranch@juno.com) or Tommy Prud'homme, at [tnot1@hotmail.com](mailto:tnot1@hotmail.com).

## AGAPE...AGAPE...AGAPE...

### AGAPE PROJECT

A Copy of this parable is wrapped around a new unsharpened pencil, and secured with a small rubber band.

#### THE PENCIL PARABLE

In the beginning the Pencil Maker spoke to the pencil saying, "There are five things you need to know before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be."

1. You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand.
2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but this is required if you are to become a better pencil.
3. You have the ability to correct any mistakes you might make.
4. The most important part of you will always be what's inside.
5. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write. You must always leave a clear, legible mark no matter how difficult the situation.

The pencil understood, promising to remember, and went into the box fully understanding its Maker's purpose.

Everyone is like a pencil . . . Created by the Maker for a unique and special purpose.

**YOU WERE MADE TO DO GREAT THINGS!**



## UPCOMING WALKS APRIL 2010–OCTOBER 2010

353	Apr 15-18	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
354	May 6-9	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat center, Glen Rose
355	Jul 14-17	Women	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
	Wed – Sat		
356	Jul 21-24	Men	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
	Wed – Sat		
FL 73	Jul 22-24	Boys	First United Methodist Midlothian
FL 74	Jul 29-31	Girls	First United Methodist Midlothian
JN 16	Aug 19-21	Young Men	First United Methodist, Early
357	Sep 9-12	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
358	Sep 23-26	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
359	Oct 7-10	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
360	Oct 21-24	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose

## REUNION GROUPS

Reunion Groups are a very important part of the [Emmaus](#) & [Chrysalis](#) experience. The importance of involvement in a reunion group cannot be overemphasized. Reunion groups provide a natural launching pad for mission in the community. Reunion groups are also a support base for acts of agape for [Emmaus](#) and [Chrysalis](#) weekends. Shared engagement in service to others deepens friendships and opens up avenues for Christian action.

Two men's groups meet in Round Rock on Thursday evening. Contact [rr4thdaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:rr4thdaygroup@gmail.com) for more information.

**If your reunion group is not listed, or if the information here is incorrect please Contact:**  
[rr4thdaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:rr4thdaygroup@gmail.com)

## THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Walk 353  
 Our military and their families  
 Peace in our world

Any prayer concerns or changes to this list can be emailed to [chilitamaria@yahoo.com](mailto:chilitamaria@yahoo.com). Names will appear on this list for 1 month and then will be removed.

Please resubmit if prayers are still needed.  
 Only first names will be used for privacy reasons.

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 Emmaus Central Conference Web Site  
<http://www.roundrockemmaus.org>  
 Round Rock Community Web Site

## EMMAUS 2010 GATHERING DATES

Gathering Date	Gathering Location
January 21	First UMC-RR
February 25	First UMC-RR
March 25	First UMC-RR
April 15	First UMC-RR
May 20	First UMC-RR
June 17	St. Philips UMC – RR
July 15	St. Philips UMC – RR
August 19	St. Philips UMC – RR
September 16	St. Philips UMC – RR
October 21	St. Philips UMC – RR
November 18	St. Philips UMC – RR
December 16	First UMC-RR

We will meet on the **third Thursday of the month.**  
 Worship begins at 7:00.

## TRUSTED SERVANTS

**Lay Director:** Barb Hunsberger  
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**Agape Coordinator:** Diane Leeks

## GREETINGS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Happy Fourth Day to All Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to this newsletter. Any submissions to the newsletter (articles, announcements, etc) are always welcome. The newsletter submission deadline for May will be Saturday, May 15th. Please feel free to email any submissions, questions, suggestions, or comments you may have.

The newsletter is posted on the [www.roundrockemmaus.org](http://www.roundrockemmaus.org) website (no password required). We'll still be maintaining the email archive in the private area, since the messages contain individual email addresses. You can always login and check for any emails that have been sent out.

May God's grace and peace be with you in the coming month.

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