

Fourth Day

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

“I love you more than thunder can bump a stump.” That’s something my grandfather used to tell my mother, and she still says it to me every once in a while. It’s something I tell my kids.

And it really doesn’t make sense, does it. I mean, it’s not the thunder that bumps the stump, but the lightning. God’s love for us is the same way. It doesn’t make sense. When we look at ourselves honestly we quite often can’t find anything to love. Our motives are usually not the best and some of the things we think about the people around us may not even be printable (especially if they’re in the lane next to us on I-35). Yet God still loves us.

In fact, it may be hard to believe, but God loves us even harder than thunder can bump a stump. In fact, God loves us *infinitely* more than that, *infinitely* more than anything we can imagine. And that *is* hard to believe or understand.

We are reminded just how much He loves us during this season when we celebrate Good Friday and Easter. I can’t imagine how hard it must have been for Jesus to essentially raise his hand and say “me, over here, crucify me.” And even before that, how hard it must have been for God to send his Son to earth, knowing how things would turn out? That’s a lot more love than can bump a stump.

We are so truly blessed to know this God and to call him our Lord. As unimaginably big as He is, as unimaginably old as He is, as unimaginably different as He is, He loves each one of us individually and in a way we can’t even fathom. We are indeed blessed.

And while it’s impossible for us to love God the same way he loves us, just knowing that He loves us calls for a response. So we love him back. It’s imperfect. It’s sporadic. Sometimes it’s not even completely genuine. But we try. And as with most things, we get better with practice. The more we think about God, the more we try to love God, the better we get at thinking about and loving Him.

So as we celebrate Easter this year let’s each do our best to reflect back to God just a little of the love he showers on us. Let’s try to love God more than thunder can bump a stump.

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Tommy Prud’homme
Lay Director

April 2011



**APRIL
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 4/28*
7PM @ FUMC**

**MAY
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 5/19
7PM @ FUMC**

**Gathering has been
changed to 4th Thursday
for April*



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He Has Risen!

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 for more information.

If your reunion group is not listed, or if the information here is incorrect please Contact:

rr4thdaygroup@gmail.com

TREASURER REPORT

Account balance, Feb 2011: \$1345.58

Three Scholarships to walk 365: \$400.00

Account balance, March 2011: 945.58

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Jim

AGAPE...AGAPE...AGAPE...

THE ALPHABET

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times & yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



UPCOMING WALKS IN 2011

361	Jan 6-9	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
362	Jan 20-23	Men	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
364	Feb 24-27	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
365	Mar 10-13	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
366	Mar 24-27	Women	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
367	Apr 7-10	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
368	May 12-15	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
369	Jul 7-10	Women	Lone Oak Ranch & Retreat, Gainesville
370	Jul 21-24	Men	Lone Oak Ranch & Retreat, Gainesville
371	Sep 8-11	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
372	Sep 22-25	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
373	Oct 6-9	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
374	Oct 20-23	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose



THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Walk 368
 Willie & Family
 Sharon
 Rich
 Our Service Families
 Peace in our world

Any prayer concerns or changes to this list can be emailed to 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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<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ctcwtc/>

Emmaus Central Conference Web Site

<http://www.roundrockemmaus.org>

Round Rock Community Web Site

EMMAUS 2011 GATHERING DATES

Gathering Date	Gathering Location
January 20	First UMC-RR
February 17	First UMC-RR
March 24*	First UMC-RR
April 28*	First UMC-RR
May 19	First UMC-RR
June 16	St. Philips UMC – RR
July 21	St. Philips UMC – RR
August 18	St. Philips UMC – RR
September 15	St. Philips UMC – RR
October 20	St. Philips UMC – RR
November 17	St. Philips UMC – RR
December 15	First UMC-RR

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

**Gathering will be the 4th Thursday of March/April*

TRUSTED SERVANTS

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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 14th. Please feel free to email any submissions, questions, suggestions, or comments you may have.

The newsletter is posted on the 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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