

Fourth Day

December 2008

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

The Shepherds

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen which were just as they had been told. - Luke 2:17-20

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains**

On hearing the angel's announcement and the heavenly hosts praising God, the shepherds left their fields and flocks in search of the baby Jesus. Once they had found Jesus, they didn't keep the news to themselves. They returned to their fields and flocks, glorifying and praising God.

We don't know much more about these shepherds. No additional information is provided in the Scriptures about the shepherds. We have no description of how their lives were impacted or changed by what they saw that night. But don't you think that somehow, they were never quite the same? Don't you think that they were willing to keep telling the story to anyone who wanted to listen?

Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the Highest!

Today, are we any different than the shepherds were? Like them, we have been given the opportunity to encounter Jesus. Like them, we can be changed by the encounter. Like them, we can share the Good News about Jesus wherever we go. Like them, we can praise and glorify God. Like them, we can return to our everyday lives and tell our story about our encounter with Jesus.

**See him in a manger laid Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.**

As we celebrate Christmas, may we raise our hearts in love and choose not to keep the change that Jesus has brought to our lives a secret. As we praise and glorify God this Christmas, may we remember with thanksgiving what God has done for us and in us, and share our news of Jesus with whomever is willing to listen.

De Colores,
Michael



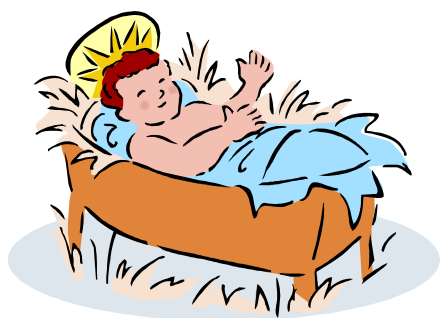
**DECEMBER
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 12/18
6:30 @
ST. PHILIPS UMC**

**JANUARY
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 1/15
6:30 @ FUMC**



UPCOMING WALKS OCTOBER 2008 – APRIL 2009

332	Oct 9-12	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
333	Oct 23-26	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
FL 73	Dec 29-31	Girls	
FL 74	Dec 29-31	Boys	
334	Jan 8-11	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
335	Jan 22-25	Men	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
336	Feb 5-8	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
337	Feb 19-22	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
338	Feb 26-29	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
339	Mar 26-29	Women	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
340	Apr 16-19	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
341	Apr 30-May3	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat center, Glen Rose



*For unto us a son is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

EMMAUS NEWS

- ◆ The Round Rock Emmaus Community will be selecting Trusted Servants at the December gathering to begin service in January 2009.
- ◆ Round Rock Emmaus community is the sponsoring community for Men's Walk 337 at Latham Springs. Walk 337 will be held February 19-22.

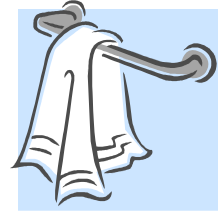
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I WILL BE CLEAN

Remove my sin, and I will be clean.

Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. -- Psalms 51:2

Attach this verse to a piece of white washcloth.



I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

TREASURER REPORT

Round Rock Emmaus Community Checking Account:
Balance as of October 12, 2008 is \$2,195.91 .

Respectfully submitted by
Michael & Regina Bohmfalk
Treasurers

THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Walks 334 & 335
Jenny & family
Harold & family
Our military
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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Emmaus Central Conference Web Site

<http://www.roundrockemmaus.org>

Round Rock Community Web Site

EMMAUS 2009 GATHERING DATES

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

We will meet on the **third Thursday of the month.**
We will begin with our Agape feast at **6:30 PM**
with our business meeting and worship to follow at 7:00.

TRUSTED SERVANTS

Lay Director: Michael Bohmfalk
Assistant Lay Director: TBD
Music Director: Ingrid Durfee
Newsletter Editor: Sheila Wacker

Spiritual Director: John Clifford
Treasurers: Michael & Regina Bohmfalk
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 January will be Saturday, January 10th. 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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