

## Fourth Day

February 2011

### FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

What does it mean to be a Christian? As I discovered last year when I took the Christian Believer bible study class, there are a LOT of doctrinal issues tied up in that question. And we could argue from here to kingdom come about most of them. But for me, it boils down to three things: Faith, hope and love. And, as Paul said, the greatest of these is love.

I don't think it's possible to be a Christian without love. Love of God and each other (we're all created in God's image, after all) should undergird everything we do as Christians. Paul said it best in 1 Corinthians 13:

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. (1 Cor. 13:1-3.)

If we don't have love, it doesn't matter what we do or how much we do. It doesn't matter how pious we claim to be or how much faith we appear to have. We cannot truly call ourselves Christians without love.

So what does that love look like? Is it just a warm feeling in our hearts? Is it infatuation? Paul helps us here too:

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. (1 Cor. 13:4-8.)

In other words, love is everything we know we should be, everything we strive to be as Christians. And the clear implication of this passage is that while love is internal—it resides within us—it has to be expressed externally—people can't help but tell that we've got it. James said faith without works is dead. Likewise, love without some external manifestation probably isn't really love.

So what are some of the ways this love lights up our world? Service is the most obvious. If we love our neighbors as ourselves, we will help them out. And there are lots of ways to do this. We can volunteer at church. We can volunteer in our local community. We can participate in long or short term mission trips. We can comfort those who need comfort and feed those who need food.

Another way to demonstrate God's love, and to magnify it, is to sponsor someone for a Walk. I can't think of a better way to show love for someone than to hook them up with Love by getting them on a Walk. Not only do they start to understand the true depth of God's love for us and the love we're supposed to have for one another, but once they've been on a Walk, they won't be able stop themselves from sharing that love with others.

As disciples of Love, it is our joy and our responsibility to share that Love with the world. So let's get busy.

De Colores!

Tommy Prud'homme  
Lay Director



**FEBRUARY  
GATHERING  
THURSDAY, 2/17  
7PM @ FUMC**

**MARCH  
GATHERING  
THURSDAY, 3/24  
7PM @ FUMC**



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

Put this label on a roll of Smartie candies:

“Fools despise wisdom & instruction.”  
Don’t be a fool, be a SMARTIE!



## 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:**

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## 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

## TREASURER REPORT

Balance of account: \$1014.58

Since October we have provided one scholarship of \$175.00, and have promised another of \$100.00.

De Colores,  
Jim Schuermann

## THIS IS OUR PRAYER

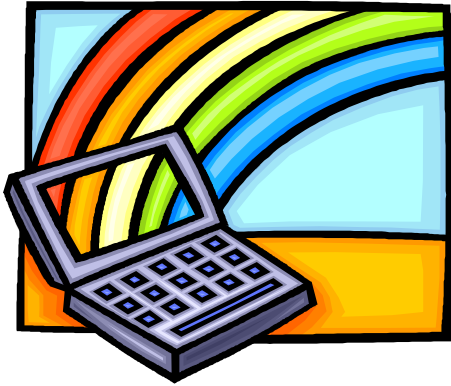
Kim & Family  
Walk 364  
Kitty & Family  
Sherry & Family  
Our Service Families  
Peace in our world

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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<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ctcwte/>

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.

## TRUSTED SERVANTS

**Lay Director:** Tommy Prudhomme  
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**Treasurers:** Jim & Sally Schuermann  
**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 March will be Saturday, March 12th. 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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