



# *Fourth Day*

June 2011

## **FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR**

“Where does God fit in your life?”

I’ve heard people ask that question, I’ve read that question, and I’ve asked myself that question many, many times. And it just occurred to me how wrong it is.

We should not be asking ourselves how God fits into our lives. Just think about that. We are asking ourselves how a God who is bigger than the universe (which is really, really big) and older than time (which is really, really old) fits into OUR lives (which, compared to the universe and time, are really, really small)?

It seems to me we’ve got it backward. Rather than asking how God fits into our lives, our primary concern should always be, how can we make our lives fit into God’s plan for creation? We need to constantly remind ourselves to put God first, where He belongs.

Which boils down to getting our priorities straight. I have an employee in my division who is absolutely meticulous in his work. He is so meticulous that he never seems to get anything done. He is so focused on the minutiae of what’s in front of him that he never pulls back to look at the big picture. Once he gets started on a project, he just goes, never asking himself whether or how a particular task fits into the overall project, never considering the relative importance of what’s he’s doing. In the end, he points to all the work he’s done to show his productivity, but to what effect?

If I had to guess, I would say this is a pretty accurate description of each of our faith journeys. I must confess that it accurately describes mine. Most of the time “I flail” (in the words of The Master Thespian). I just “do” stuff without asking who I’m doing it for or why I’m doing it. And, if I did ask myself, I would usually get the answer “for me.”

So as we begin the summer break and all the vacations and other activities associated with it, let’s all just take a deep breath, get still, and remember who we are and whose we are. Let’s not get so caught up in the busyness of this summer season that we try to figure out how to fit God into whatever spare time we have left. Let’s ask ourselves the right question: How can we make our presence in this time, at this place, work for the benefit of God and his creation.

De Colores.

Tommy Prud’homme  
Lay Director



**JUNE  
GATHERING  
THURSDAY, 6/16  
7PM @ SPUMC**

**JULY  
GATHERING  
THURSDAY, 7/21  
7PM @ SPUMC**

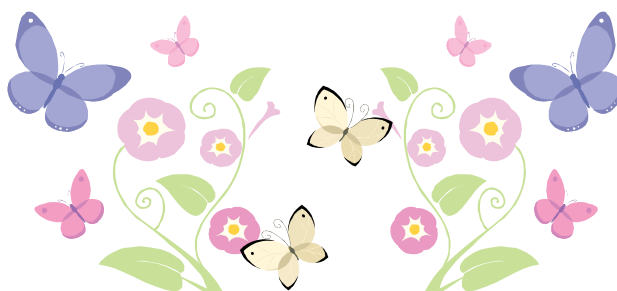


## AGAPE...AGAPE...AGAPE...

### BUTTERFLY WINGS

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon. A man sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was Gods way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly.

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## 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



### THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Walks 369 & 370  
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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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Round Rock Emmaus Community Checking Account:

Balance as of June 11, 2011:

\$1013.79

De Colores,  
Jim Schuermann

### Psalm 100



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## EMAIL/TWITTER

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





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<http://www.gbgn-umc.org/ctcwt/>

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

**Lay Director: Tommy Prudhomme**

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**Newsletter Editor: Sheila Wacker**

**Spiritual Director: Rev. Lee Trigg and Rev. Steve Buchele**

**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 July will be Saturday, July 16th. 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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