

Fourth Day

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

“I wish everyone could experience this.”

Those words, spoken by one of the pilgrims on Walk 365, still ring in my ears.

Heading in to the Walk I was nervous because I had helped to convince several pilgrims to attend and was worried maybe I had oversold the experience. I had this vague sense of unease that they might be disappointed. But these words, and some really big smiles during closing, set my mind at ease.

This Walk was indeed “the best Walk ever.” So many people were blessed. I know I was. Several of the team members couldn’t contain their joy and many members of the spiritual team were also moved. And of course, the pilgrims were incredibly blessed.

But probably the biggest blessing of this Walk, as with all Walks, will be the blessing it brings to the pilgrims’ home churches. The Holy Spirit was at work on that Walk, and He is at work in those pilgrims right now. With the power and the love that they experienced this weekend, I don’t think those pilgrims could keep that Spirit from leaking out just a little bit, even if they tried.

It is no secret that mainline churches in the United States are on a downward path. It may be premature to say they’re dying, but they’ve certainly seen better days. There are a lot of theories as to why this is happening. I think a big reason is we as a church family have forgotten about the Holy Spirit—God’s Spirit of Love.

That’s one reason I am so passionate about Emmaus. It’s all about the Holy Spirit. It’s all about Love. And when we attend a Walk, whether as a pilgrim or a team member, we bring that Spirit, that Love back to our home churches. We can’t help it. And when we do, our churches grow. Maybe not in numbers, but in the Spirit, which is what it’s about, after all.

I know the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. But it is sad that there are so many people in all of our churches, and outside, who ARE ready and able and willing to go on a Walk but haven’t done so simply because they haven’t been asked. They haven’t even been given the opportunity to “experience this.” We have experienced it, and it’s our job to ask them to as well.

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Tommy Prud’homme
Lay Director

March 2011



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

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

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



EMAIL/TWITTER

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

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

Put this verse on an emery board:

The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.
And all mankind will see God's salvation.

Luke 3:56



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

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

Account balance, Feb 2011: \$1345.58

Three Scholarships to walk 365: \$400.00

Account balance, March 2011: 945.58

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THIS IS OUR PRAYER

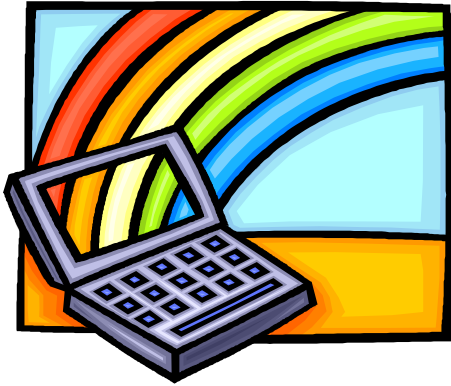
Kim & Family
Walk 366 & 367
Dyrk & Family
David & Family
Gayla & Family
Our Service Families
Peace in our world

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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 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 April will be Saturday, April 16th. 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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