

## Fourth Day



May 2011

### FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

The other day I had a “God moment.” I don’t have them nearly as often as I would like, and when I do, they’re almost always unexpected.

This one was simple. It was one of those rare spring mornings in central Texas when everything was perfect. The prior week had been hot and muggy, but that morning was just a little chilly, with almost no wind. The grass seemed greener, the birds seemed happier, the sky seemed bluer, and the sun was just starting to peek over the horizon. And as I walked to work on a morning that should have been like any other morning, I had to stop, arrested by the beauty and majesty of God’s creation. In that moment it seemed as if the veil between earth and heaven had been gently nudged aside slightly by a soft breeze. I felt like a different person, in a different place. I KNEW God is real and He was there with me.

Of course, it only lasted for a moment and then I was back, just another morning, another day, another week. There’s a part of me that still mourns my separation from that moment. But although I’m not there anymore, it’s still with me. Although I’m not “with” God in the same sense, by virtue of that experience and others like it I carry with me the knowledge that He’s real and that He’s here with me right now, even if I can’t feel Him in the same way.

Paul said that “if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Cor. 5:17) That’s how these God moments feel to me. Not only do I feel like a new and different person, but the *whole world* feels new and different. Old restrictions and limitations on what’s feasible, what’s possible, seem to have been repealed. Truly, I feel as if “all things are possible.” (Mat. 19:26).

When I look at the lives of my spiritual heroes like St. Francis and Brother Lawrence I see very clearly this idea of a new creation where all things are possible. They *lived* their faith, to the best of their ability, in one, long, continuous God moment.

We have an unfortunate tendency to put people like that on a pedestal and say “I could never do that,” or to just accept that our God moments are going to be few and far between. I don’t think that’s right. To the extent we truly allow our faith to transform us (and therefore the world around us) into a new creation, we should expect to live in a different relationship to God and the world. Of course, this isn’t to say that we’ll always succeed. Like I said at the beginning, these times for me are few and far between. But I do think that as Christians struggling along the path of sanctification, we should constantly be working with God to transform ourselves into something new.

So my question to you is this: Think about some of your “God moments.” What, if anything, was common to them? What could you be doing, for yourself or others, to live in a way that encourages such encounters with God?

DE COLORES!

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Lay Director



MAY  
GATHERING  
THURSDAY, 5/19  
7PM @ FUMC

JUNE  
GATHERING  
THURSDAY, 6/16  
7PM @ SPUMC



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

### AGAPE PROJECT -

(Glue a copy of the following on a brown paper bag, no bigger than a lunch sack.)

#### GOD'S Little Paper Bag

Steps to take in case of crisis:

1. Create a crisis. (If you already have one, skip #1.)
2. Write it down.
3. Open bag.
4. Insert crisis.
5. Close bag.
6. Pray
7. Let go ... Let God!



WARNING: The Disciple General has determined that "taking things back" is hazardous to your spiritual health.

Matthew 6:34 "So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow, too. Live one day at a time."

## 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



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

### THIS IS OUR PRAYER

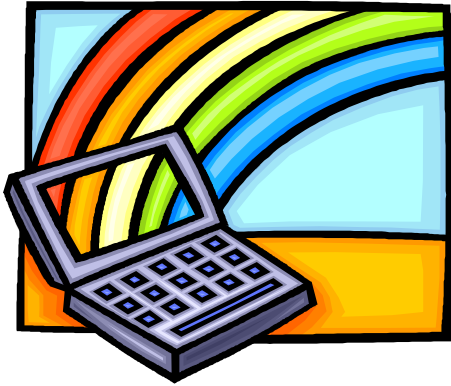
Walk 368  
Sharon  
Our Service Families  
Peace in our world

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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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 June will be Saturday, June 11th. 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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