

Fourth Day

November 2009

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

When you have eaten all you want, thank the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you don't forget the LORD your God. Don't fail to obey his commands, rules, and laws that I'm giving you today.

Deuteronomy 8: 10-11

Thanksgiving Day is a time for both acknowledgement and hope. The near-collapse of the world's economies has helped us all realize how dependent we are upon God for our day-to-day well-being. Let us move from giving thanks for things to giving thanks for life and for significant people in their lives. We live with the hope that

- those we love will be with us again next year.
- we will have what we really need, when we need it and the wisdom to discern between wants and needs.
- the world will become a better place to live for our children and grandchildren

Thanksgiving is the time for us to dramatize the loving, caring and generosity of our God. Through our generosity, we mirror the love and the generosity of God in ways that touch others lives as well as their hearts. So many food banks, including the Serving Center, have run out of food in the midst of our current economic crisis. Social service agencies report record numbers of requests for help with food basics and the current waiting time for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is greater than 60 days in many of our communities.

Memory reminds us of how gracious God is to each of us, even before our awareness of the goodness of God. Memory builds faith when we are faced with trials. Memory also encourages thanksgiving. When we remember where we were and look at where we are, we must thank God either for progress or for keeping us sane in the midst of struggle. This season of Thanksgiving reminds us of family, and the harvest reminds us that God provides for our needs.

What are you thankful for this year?

How have you grown in faith?

What experiences have brought you closer to God and to those in your church and community?

DeColores,
Gordon



**NOVEMBER
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 11/19
7PM @
ST PHILLIP'S UMC**

**DECEMBER
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 12/17
7PM @
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WHAT'S NEW

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

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



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

TREASURER REPORT

Round Rock Emmaus Community Checking Account:

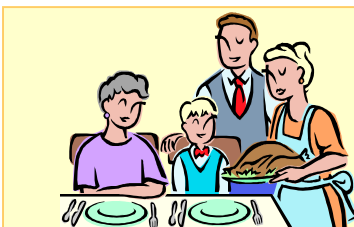
Balance as of 11/16/2009 is: \$1,256.04 .

Respectfully submitted by
Michael & Regina Bohmfalk
Treasurers

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

Five Finger Prayer

1. **Your thumb** is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The **next finger** is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The **next finger** is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The **fourth finger** is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our **little finger** - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



Happy Thanksgiving

UPCOMING WALKS JANUARY 2010 –OCTOBER 2010

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348	Jan 7-10	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
349	Jan 21-24	Men	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
350	Feb 4-7	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
351	Feb 18-21	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
352	Feb 25-28	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
353	Apr 15-18	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
354	May 6-9	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat center, Glen Rose
355	Jul 14-17	Women	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
	Wed – Sat		
356	Jul 21-24	Men	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
	Wed – Sat		
357	Sep 9-12	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
358	Sep 23-26	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
359	Oct 7-10	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
360	Oct 21-24	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose

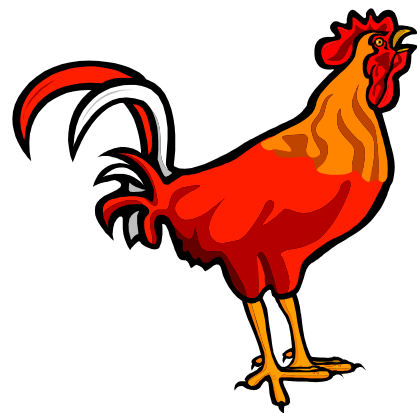
THIS IS OUR PRAYER

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

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 26*	First UMC-RR
March 19	First UMC-RR
April 16	First UMC-RR
May 21	Journey of Faith UMC – RR
June 18	St. Philips UMC – RR
July 16	St. Philips UMC – RR
August 20	St. Philips 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.**
Worship begins at 7:00.

*February gathering date changed due to Walk 337 begins February 19th

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 December will be Saturday, December 12th. 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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