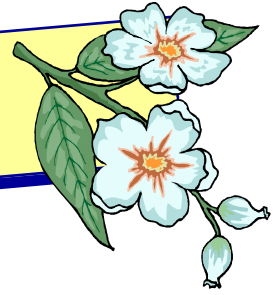


Fourth Day



September 2011

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

This week I started seminary classes. Looking back at my life I'm amazed that I'm here, and even more amazed at how I got here. This journey is a testament to the fact that if you really trust God and open your life up to Him, He will invariably take you where He wants you to go (whether you think you want to go there or not).

In looking back, I see my pilgrim Walk and the Walks I have worked since then as pivotal events in my spiritual life. Without them I doubt I would be where I am.

And this makes me both happy and sad. Happy because I get to participate in the spiritual awakening or renewal of lots of brothers and sisters through working Walks and participation in the local and conference Emmaus community. Sad because it seems like fewer and fewer of my Emmaus brothers and sisters are committed to passing this amazing experience on to the next generation.

I frequently hear people in my church complain that Emmaus seems to be withering away: "we need to do a better job of marketing it," "we need to do a better job of building participation." Yet these are the same people who fail to attend our monthly community gatherings. And they apparently don't see the irony.

The founders of Emmaus recognized the importance of follow up. The spiritual high of the Walk is great, but if it is not followed up through the support of a community, in the form of reunion groups and gatherings, it will inevitably fade away. In short, they recognized the importance of community. The only way a community such as Emmaus can grow if it truly is a community. A community does not consist of a lot of separate, completely autonomous individuals. It does consist of a group of people who are genuinely concerned for one another and show that concern through, among other things, engaging in fellowship with them. That's what community gatherings are all about.

It is no coincidence that the gradual dissipation of Fourth Day communities, not just in Round Rock but across the conference, corresponds with a steadily declining number of walks and attendance at walks. Gatherings are where people share, where they get recharged, where they get re-energized, where they get excitement. And it is that community-induced excitement that translates into pilgrims on Walks, not abstract statements that we need to make it so. The bottom line is this: The more people who participate in the local Emmaus community, the more pilgrims we'll have.

This is not to say we shouldn't try to do a better job of marketing Emmaus. I have recently heard several good ideas and intend to implement several of them. But marketing is at best a short-term fix. If we market like crazy and send 20 pilgrims on a Walk it's not going to do any good if they're the only ones who show up to the next community gathering. The real and appropriate thrust of Emmaus is personal involvement, personal invitation. And that only happens when people see Emmaus as an important part of their lives. And that only happens when they are part of the Emmaus community.

De Colores.

Tommy Prud'homme
Lay Director



**SEPTEMBER
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 9/15
7PM @ SPUMC**

**OCTOBER
GATHERING
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Central Texas Conference Walk to Emmaus
2011 Conference Gathering

Fanning the Flame

October 1, 2011

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center

Glen Rose, Texas

Registration begins at 8 AM

Closing Worship starts at 5 PM

\$10 (includes lunch)

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ctcwtel/conference%20gathering.htm>

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

The Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

(Put this verse with a flat red marble.)



TREASURER'S REPORT

Round Rock Emmaus Community Checking Account:

Balance as of June 11, 2011:
\$1013.79

De Colores,
Jim Schuermann



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
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

And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13



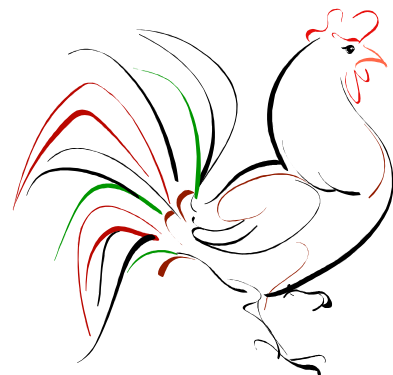
THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Walks 372, 373 & 374
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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Visit us on the web:

<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.

**Gathering will be the 4th Thursday of March/April*

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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 October will be Saturday, October 15th. 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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