

Hays Praise

April
2011

Gene's Giving...

Fundraiser Information

For folks interested in selling the Butter Braids for Easter, please contact Gene at gene_sueltenfuss@hotmail.com or you may use the forms from Thanksgiving. Orders need to be turned in by April 11 for delivery date of April 14 & 15. For more information please contact Gene at 830-632-9918 home or 830-261-0320 cell.



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Rip's Revelations

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29: 7)

In February I wrote of the plans of God and God's promise to his people for wholeness and for a future of hope. It was hard for the Israelites to see this promise while living in the land of exile in which they found themselves. It was harder still for them to accept that God's promise was not going to be fulfilled immediately. They wanted immediate results. But God told them to have faith in his promise and to not just sit around waiting for it to happen. God told them through the prophet Jeremiah to go to work in the meanwhile and seek to live prosperous lives and to pray for the welfare of not only themselves but also for the people and rulers with which they were unhappy. God knew that for the people to be able to act on the future he had in store for them, they needed to be in a position of readiness to receive and go to work once that promise came true. They needed to practice abundant living even while living in a land of exile!

We, too, live in a time and society where it is not uncommon for people to feel entitled to immediate gratification. "God promises abundant life, well where is it? I want it now!" people often seem to be saying. "This isn't fair, make it right. And make it right, right now!" is often the demand.

It is somewhat similar to that highway construction I was talking about before; while the work is going on it we might not be able to see what the eventual completed work will look like. But we hope that one day in the near future there will be a safer intersection for us and our families to drive on. But we have to carefully drive through that intersection while it is under construction and practice safe driving habits while the work is going on. Then, when the work is finished, we will be able to make good use of the new intersection.

Well, even if we don't think we can see the abundant life God has promised us, we are to have faith that God's promise is coming true. We are to trust that God has set all things in motion for the final completion of that promise. And we are to develop good spiritual practices now not later; practices of prayer, Bible study, Worship attendance, and service to others. God began a good work in Jesus Christ, he has continued that work today in each one of us, and God has promised to bring that work to completion. Will we be ready when the day of the Lord comes?

"And I am sure of this, that he began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ....and so, be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." (Philippians 1: 6 and 10)

In Him, Rip Collins



Who then is that faithful and wise steward ... ?

Luke 12:42, KJV

Walk Reports

Women's Walk 1616

May 19-22, 2011
Camp Young Judaea
LD: Eva Long

At this moment, I treasure the thought of serving an awesome God! How about you? As I write this, 24 ladies have committed to a joy filled weekend with us. Amen!

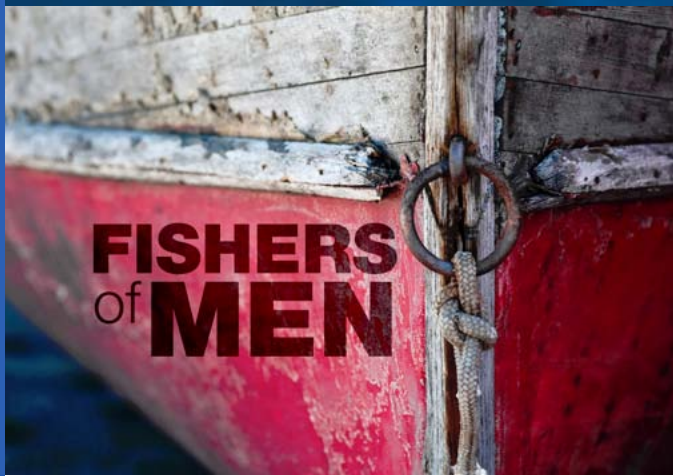
It looks as though we may fill this Walk rather quickly, so send those applications in now. We've had three team meetings and it's amazing to see God working through these ladies, with the most awesome music team ever! We praise God for all things and give Him the glory!
Yours In Christ, Eva



Men's Walk 1625

September 8-11, 2011
Camp Young Judaea
LD: Bobby Doherty

Team meetings set, talks scheduled out. Can't wait to hear the first round May 7. Everyone I have talked to involved in walk 1625 is very excited. How very blessed am I to serve our lord and savior. Along with this team, and getting prepared to serve the pilgrims that God will send.
Thanks Be To God, Bobby



Community Reports

Buda/Kyle...

The Buda/Kyle Bunch will be gathering on April 5 at Kyle UMC. We look forward to meeting and greeting our new brothers in Christ from walk #1600. Invite a friend to join you and we'll have a party. Don't forget we start at 6:30 with a pot luck supper, followed by worship and communion. (Wear your name tag and lanyards.) We will be having nominations, so please be in prayer about how you can serve our Emmaus community. Please be in prayer for the team and pilgrims of the women's walk, #1616, in May. Take care and God Bless.
Grace and Peace, Liz

Manchaca...

We are excited about our Fourth Day Speaker, Sandy Wolff.

Join us in the Parlor for fellowship and pot luck and then worship and praise in the sanctuary.
De Colores, Leigh Anne

Dripping Springs/ Drifwood...

Spring Break is over and we are ready to get back to business. We, at DS/Driftwood pray you all had a joyful break.

At our April Local meeting we will be taking nominations for the following positions. Local Lay Director, Assistant Local Lay Director, Board Rep. We are also looking for somebody to step up and sit on the Team Selection Board. Please be prayerful, this may be your calling. Our Fourth Day speaker will be David Sutherland. He will also be filling us in on the Kairos Ministry. Let's try to have record breaking attendance for our April meeting. We will also be tak-

April

Local Gatherings this month

Fellowship

6:30 Potluck

Childcare provided



ing orders for "Butter Braids" for the Easter Season. This will be a fundraiser for scholarships for upcoming pilgrims. Maria Sharp has graciously stepped forward to head up our fundraisers and will bring her ideas to this meeting. Let's give her our support.
God Bless, Vicki

San Marcos...

We will gather at First Lutheran Church on Holland St on April 5, with pot luck beginning at 6:30 and our Fourth Day speaker will be Patrick Rose. Blessings, Mike

Wimberley...

We are very excited about our Fourth Day speaker this month, grab your purple book and come hear Dick Adam's Fourth Day story! Also be thinking about how you can step into the servant roles and those step down.
In Him, Lisa

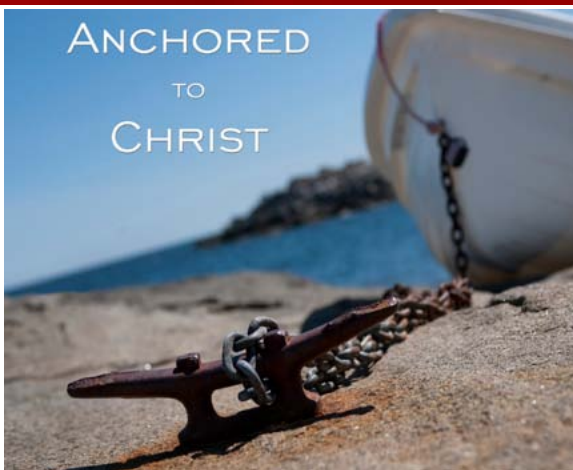
Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



**Community Servants &
Upcoming Elections**

Are you ready to serve?

Prayerfully consider!



2009-2010 Hays Praise Community Servants

Community	Position	Current Servant	Phone	Expires
Buda/Kyle	Lay Director	Liz Gray	791-1465	06/30/2011
	Asst Lay Dir	open		
	Secretary	Kathy Welch	312-0224	06/30/2011
DS/Driftwood	Lay Director	Vicki Rector	858-7047	06/30/2011
	Asst Lay Dir	open		
	Secretary	Kim Smith	589-7958	06/30/2010
Manchaca	Lay Director	Leigh Anne Moore	295-3434	06/30/2011
	Asst Lay Dir	Greg Moore	295-3434	06/30/2011
	Treasurer	Ellen Carpenter	282-7274	06/30/2011
San Marcos	Lay Director	Mike Rhoades	396-3225	06/30/2011
	Asst Lay Dir	Marty Sorell	757-6571	06/30/2011
	Secretary	Lauren Sorell	757-6571	06/30/2011
	Treasurer	Dennis Krackau	738-0464	06/30/2011
Wimberley	Lay Director	Bobby Doherty	847-1175	06/30/2011
	Asst Lay Dir	open		
	Secretary	Lydia Glisan	847-2112	06/30/2011

Ready to serve on the Hays Praise Board?

Position	Name	Email	Phone	Expires
Treasurer	Gene Sueltenfuss	gene_suertenfuss@hotmail.com	830-632-9915	6/2011
Secretary	Lisa Doherty	ld20@txstate.edu	512-847-1175	6/2011
Buda BR	Korrina Jumper	korrinajumper@hotmail.com		6/2011
DS/D BR	Jim Tennison	jimtennison@kw.com	512-858-7994	6/2011
Manchaca BR	Greg Moore		512-295-3434	6/2011
San Marcos BR	Dennis Krackau	Drk22449@gmail.com	512-738-0464	6/2011
Wimberley BR	Bobby Doherty	fischerbowler@yahoo.com	512-557-7788	6/2011

Chrysalis

Austin-Crossroads
District of Chrysalis
Chrysalis Flights
Summer 2011

Girls Flight 346

June 16-18
Cathedral Oaks
Cost: \$185.00
LD: Steph Bridwell
SD: Val Sansing
BR: Ehrikka Hodge
Reg Deadline: 5/31/11

Boys Flight 353

July 28-30
First UMC in Austin
Cost: \$100.00
LD: Tim Deschner
SD: Kyle Toomire
Board Rep: Darren Mock
Reg Deadline: 7/8/11

For applications, go
to the website of The
United Methodist Church
of the Southwest Texas
Conference and download.

Please register ASAP.

These flights are expected
to fill up fast.



For more information,
contact Kathy Robbins at
krobbins100@yahoo.com



**Sonshine Fourth
Day Emmaus
Community**
Our Canyon Lake Friends!

Men's Walk 1610

LD: Lee White

April 1-7, 2011

Camp Young Judaea

*We are excited to support
the newest group of brothers
and sisters in Christ!*

See you at Candlelight!

Upcoming Events

• April

- 5 Local Gatherings - Buda/Kyle, Dripping Springs/Driftwood, San Marcos (nominations)
- 12 Local Gatherings - Manchaca, Wimberley (nominations)
- 30 Camp Meeting at the River

• May

- 3 Team Consecration Walk 1616 Wimberley UMC
- 19-22 Walk 1616 Camp Young Judaea
- 24 Welcome Back Walk 1616

• June

- 7 Local Gatherings - Buda/Kyle, Dripping Springs/Driftwood, San Marcos (elections)
- 14 Local Gatherings - Manchaca, Wimberley (elections)

• July

- 7 Community Gathering - Manchaca UMC

*Christ has
been raised
from the
dead, the
first fruits
of those who
have died.*

