

# Hays Praise

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## Kathy's Korner

The past several months I have been reflecting on my 4th Days since my Emmaus Walk. I was remembering coming off my walk and going to the gatherings and see all the communities gathered together for fellowship, communion with each other and worship. Things have changed over the years. I miss seeing some of the faces of the people I use to see, but then there is the joy of the new faces that keep adding to our community. This year we are going to work hard at trying to bring the communities back together. So if there are people that you have not seen at a gathering in awhile, make an effort to let them know when and where the meetings are. If there are travel issues, discuss car pooling, or using your church vans. We are going to be having some good 4th day speakers at our Community Gatherings.

The website is being updated. You are now able to put in your team application in online. Yay! When you fill out the application and hit the submit button, it will be sent directly to me. So, if you want to work the November women's walk or a walk in 2012, put in your application now. We should have the teams approved 6 months before the walks begin, so the sooner we get the applications in the better.

We will list the team and pilgrim names for each walk until after the walk is completed. If have any other suggestion for the website please let me know.

If you need to reach me please call my cell phone 512-203-0917.

Blessings,  
Kathy Welch  
Hays Praise Community LD

## Rip's Revelations

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."* (Jeremiah 29: 11)

When the people of Israel began to despair while in exile in a foreign land, God sent His Word of promise to them through the prophet Jeremiah; where they saw trouble and began to lose hope, God saw the big picture and knew that things had been set in motion for them to be returned to their homeland. God was at work in ways they could not see and could not know. Indeed, God had greater plans for them than they could ever imagine! God was not only preparing to bring the exiles home, he was preparing them for the coming of the Messiah.

God prepares a way for us today, for what we do not know. What we do know is that we have the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. We have received His grace and His love. God's Holy Spirit is with us, and we can trust that God's plans for us are far greater than anything we could imagine. Each day when I drive to the church, I see the roadwork the Highway Department is doing at "The Junction" of RR 12 and RM 32. I see all the clearing and digging and wonder what all they could be doing in this massive project. It is quite an

undertaking and for a while will cause some difficulties. Already I have been delayed a couple of times because of construction backing up traffic. It would be easy for me to get frustrated and wonder if they know what they are doing. But what am I going to do? I have to trust that the new intersection will be better and safer than before. I have to trust that the Highway Department engineers and County planners have a good plan in place.

Our God is so much greater than any government agency! Can I not trust His plan? If the Word of God tells me that there is plan for wholeness full of a hopeful future, should I not trust in God's promise? Of course I can and I do! I just need to be reminded now and then. The Promise of God does not exist only in the things that I see today. The Promise of God is eternal. The Promise of God came in Jesus Christ, it is in the Holy Spirit with us today, and it is in the Life Everlasting from this day forward. God is our future and our hope! Thanks be to God!

*"In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David....And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our Righteousness.'" (Jeremiah 33: 16)*

In Him, Rip Collins

## Chrysalis

Austin-Crossroads District  
of Chrysalis  
Chrysalis Flights  
Summer 2011

### Girls Flight 346

June 16-18  
Cathedral Oaks  
Cost: \$185.00  
Lay Director: Steph Bridwell  
Spiritual Director: Val Sansing  
Board Rep: Ehrikka Hodge  
Registration Deadline:  
5/31/11

### Boys Flight 353

July 28-30  
First UMC in Austin  
Cost: \$100.00  
Lay Director: Tim Deschner  
Spiritual Director: Kyle Toomire  
Board Rep: Darren Mock  
Registration 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.



## February

Community Gathering

Kyle UMC

6:30 Potluck

Childcare provided



### Buda/Kyle...

We met on January 4 at Buda UMC. We had a great time with lots of good food and wonderful fellowship. We had a beautiful and inspirational Fourth Day talk by Linda Billetter. We look forward to seeing everyone at Kyle UMC for the February community gathering. May God bless you and your families!  
Grace and Peace, Liz

### Manchaca...

We had one of our largest turnouts for a local gathering January 11 with over 20 attending. We celebrated our newest pilgrims from their walk and heard a beautiful message from Linda Snow. We are excited & hopeful for Manchaca's Emmaus family growth.  
De Colores, Greg

### Dripping Springs/ Drifwood...

I would like to put a proposal out there for you all to pray on. We are in need of new blood to step forward and serve in the leadership positions of our local community. If this is something that might interest you, please attend our next local meeting April 5 and find out what you can do to help lead our Emmaus community into 2011. It has been an honor serving you all, but I think it is time for new ideas. If you have any questions, you can reach me at vrector@dsumc.org or 512-894-7123  
God Bless you,  
Vicki

### San Marcos...

We gathered on January 11 at First Christian Church and had a wonderful group with over fifty in attendance and lots of good food. Darryl White was our Fourth Day speaker and did an outstanding job sharing his Mission experience in Peru visiting the orphanages. The music team of Ben Brady and Fred Pratt was excellent.  
God's Blessing, Mike

### Community Gathering February 1 Kyle UMC

### Wimberley...

Our local community was blessed with an awesome fourth day speaker January 11 with Gene Sueltenfuss. We look forward to spending time with you all in 2011. In *Him*, Lisa

Emmaus brothers and sisters, keep *fishing* for pilgrims for the upcoming walks. There is a chance that if the walks do not make that SW Conference will reduce the number of walks Hays Praise will be allowed to sponsor in 2012 and beyond. Remember, these are God's Walks and the teams are the vessels he is using to do His work. They are working hard to prepare for the pilgrims He will provide.

Again, prayers and *fisher people* are needed to make His Emmaus Walks a success!

In His Name,  
Chris Dunkin



## Walk Reports

**Walk 1600 March 3-6, 2011**

**Lay Director: Larry Wiggins**

**Camp Young Judaea**

The Walk 1600 team meetings are going great. We are still in need of pilgrims with only four so far. We know that the Lord is taking care of this. One more team meeting is scheduled, and we are on cloud

nine when we meet, with cloud ten coming March 3-6. I also wanted to thank so many brothers and sisters that filled the agape list. It was incredible for me to see how fast that was done. Servants are so strong in our area. May the Lord Jesus bless all who are serving.

Brother Larry

**Walk 1616 May 19-22, 2011**

**Lay Director: Eva Long**

**Camp Young Judaea**

The team of Walk 1616 had their first meeting on January 15 in Manchaca and was blessed with four wonderful talks. Our thanks to Manchaca for providing

the meal and opening their church for us. Our next Team meeting will be February 19 in Buda. There are 8 pilgrims signed up, so if you are fishing and have them on the line, reel them in soon!

We look forward to seeing all of you at the February

Community Meeting. We will pass around our agape list *IF* Walk 1600 has been filled. Be praying for both of these Walks and the pilgrims God has planned for them.

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also!"*

Luke12:34 De Colores, Eva

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## Have you checked out the new website?

Upcoming Events

Newsletters

Walk Information (& Pictures!)

Communities, maps

Prayer Request

Facebook Link

Be added to the newsletter e-list!

And so much more...



**Thank you to Dempsey Dunkin for all his work on the website! It's Awesome!**

## The Bible

When you carry the Bible,  
Satan gets a headache.

When you open it, he collapses.

When he sees you reading it,  
he faints.

When he sees you are living  
what you read, he flees!!

## Statistics

Where is the safest place?

Avoid riding in automobiles  
because they are responsible  
for 20% of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay home because  
17% of all accidents occur in  
the home.

Avoid walking on streets or  
sidewalks because 14% of all  
accidents occur to pedestrians.

Avoid traveling by air, rail or water  
because 16% of all accidents  
involve these forms of transportation.

Of the remaining 33%, 32% of  
all deaths occur in Hospitals.  
So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

But . . .

You will be pleased to learn  
that only .001% of all deaths  
occur in worship services in  
church, and these are usually  
related to previous physical  
disorders. Therefore, logic tells  
us that the safest place for you  
to be at any given point in time  
is at church!

And . . . Bible study is safe too!

The percentage of deaths during  
Bible study is even less.

So, attend church, and read  
your Bible. IT WILL SAVE  
YOUR LIFE!



## Fischer Valentine Dinner & Dance

February 12, 2011

Fischer Dance Hall

Dinner 5 - 7 pm \$8

Dance 7 - 11 pm \$8

Combo \$15

BYOB

Silent Auction -  
Bring Desserts

Proceeds for Emmaus  
Scholarships!

## Upcoming Events

### • February

- 1 Community Gathering at Kyle UMC
- 12 Valentine Dance at Fischer Hall
- 26 Emmaus/Chrysalis Leadership Training

### • March

- 1 Team Consecration Walk 1600 Dripping Springs Community Fellowship
- 3-6 Walk 1600 Camp Young Judaea
- 8 Welcome Back Walk 1600

### • April

- 5 Local Gatherings - Buda/Kyle, Dripping Springs/Driftwood, San Marcos (nominations)
- 12 Local Gatherings - Manchaca, Wimberley (nominations)

### • 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)

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A friend loves at all times ...

Proverbs 17:17; NIV