

Hays Praise

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2011

Kathy's Korner...

From your Local Lay Director

We, the Board went to a SW Conference training not too long ago and were asked a question. "Is your 4th day group Walk driven or 4th day driven?" We had to say - Walk driven! After much thought we have decided that you have to be both. You have to fill the Walks, but does it stop there? No it shouldn't! We as sponsors should check up on the pilgrims we take to the Walks. Yes, its a big job and responsibility. Are they coming to the gatherings - local and or community, do they have a reunion group - do you? We shower the pilgrims with love for 3 days then send them back into the world. We need to be there for them, stay connected with them, help them with that mountain top experience when they come home. So, sponsors, community go check on those pilgrims you have sponsored. See if they are going to gatherings, if not invite them. Go pick them up and take them. See if they have a reunion group, if not help them find one. Or help them start one. Sponsors are you going to gatherings, Do you have a reunion group? How can we as a Board or Community help you?

DeColores,

Kathy Welch



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Rip's Revelations - Walking by Faith

"By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and 'he was not found, because God had taken him'. For it was attested before he was taken away that 'he had pleased God'. And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." (Hebrews 11: 5-6)

Well my brothers and sisters, I have to tell you, there are days when this passage of Scripture leaves me right out of the boat. I work to seek God; I pray, I read my Bible regularly, I try to treat people with Christ's love and yet, still, there are days I just can't seem to hang my hat on faith and I have to admit I don't feel rewarded. I wonder what is it that I have done wrong that has displeased God. I wonder if God even listens to me, or if God is even aware of what is going on down here. Can't God see what a big mess we have on our hands in this world? And if God can see, why isn't the Holy Spirit doing something about it? And yes, I do know, Christ has no hands and feet but us. And if things are messed up here on earth, and they are, then it is our job to do something about it, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Yeah, I got that! But there days, weeks even and maybe more, when we seem to be doing all we can and we don't seem to be getting anywhere. We get tired and frustrated and wonder if we are making any difference at all. Then we begin to let that little voice creep in that says "Why bother? "

Well my brothers and sisters, maybe it is time to stop and take an inventory. What did this Enoch fellow do that was so pleasing to God? Well, let's check the record of Genesis 5 where it tells the

story of Enoch; *"When Enoch had lived sixty-five years, he became the father of Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after the birth of Methuselah three hundred years, and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him."* (Genesis 5: 21-24). And that my brothers and sisters is the story of Enoch. He lived, he had children, and then it says that he was no more. His claim to fame is, *"He walked with God"*. Whoa, there must be something to that, because Hebrews 11 tells us that the faith of Enoch pleased God.

Hebrews 11 starts out with a definition of faith; *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* (Hebrews 11: 1). We are told that it was by faith that Enoch, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and all the Israelite heroes listed in this chapter of Scripture received God's approval. So, my brothers and sisters, before I get all caught up in what is going around me, before I get bent out of shape with not being able to change things, before I get too worked up about this and that and all that is wrong in the church, in society, in the government, and in the world; before all that, I am called to remember Enoch and what it says in Hebrews 11. We are called to have faith and to trust that God has the greater plan that is beyond what we can see with our physical eyes in this physical world. The prophet Micah tells us what the Lord desires of us; *"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* (Micah 6:8). What can we do to humbly walk with God today?



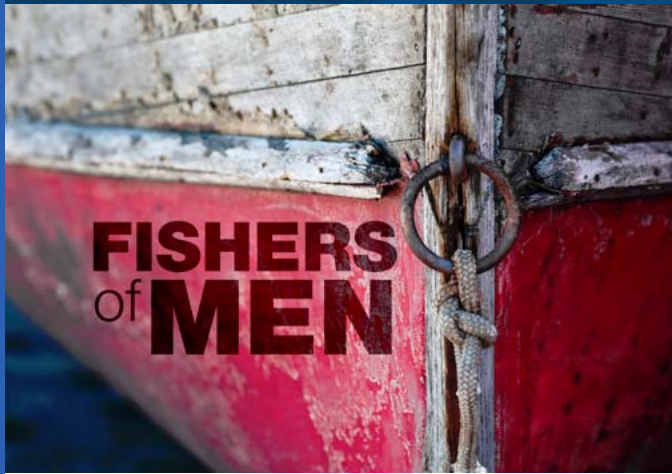
Walk Reports

Men's Walk 1625

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

Thanks be to God!

We had our first team meeting and I think we all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. We heard some awesome practice talks from Clergy and ALD's. The Lord has started blessing us with Pilgrims for Walk 1625. If you have pilgrims wanting to go on this walk don't wait. God is Good! YBIC, Bobby



Community Reports

Buda/Kyle...

We will be meeting on Tuesday, June 7 at BUMC and will start at 6:30pm with a potluck supper, followed by a business meeting that will include elections for officers in the Buda/Kyle community and on the Hays Praise board. After the meeting we will have worship and communion. We are very excited about the new pilgrims from the Women's Walk 1616. Please join us in saying "Howdy". We are also getting ready to support the girl's Chrysalis Flight 346. The flight is at Cathedral Oaks in Weimer, June 16-18. You can support the flight with your prayers, agape and attendance at candlelight. (Their candlelight is Friday evening, starting at 7:30 pm.) Please email me at zil@austin.rr.com, to sign up for agape. Grace and Peace, Liz

Dripping Springs/ Drifwood...

Before you head out for summer vacation, call your Emmaus friends, gather up your favorite pot luck dish to share and come on over to the DSUMC for our local gathering on the 7th of June! Meet your new director Amy Mitchhart (that's me), your new assistant lay director Shana Fowler and our new board rep Vicki Rector...yep same great gal, different position!

We have Frank Acevedo lined up to give what is sure to be a fantastic Fourth Day talk so you won't want to miss it! DeColores! Amy Mitchhart

San Marcos...

San Marcos will be meeting at El Buen Pastor Church on June 7, with potluck beginning at 6:30 pm and

June

Local Gatherings

Fellowship

6:30 Potluck

Childcare provided



we will be welcoming nine new ladies to our community, and we will be electing a new group to lead our community for the next two years. Destini Evans, will be our fourth day Speaker. Blessings, Mike

Local Gatherings in June

Wimberley...

Our next gathering will be on Tuesday June 14 at Wimberley UMC. Come out and hear Matt Patterson as he shares his Fourth Day story with us. It will be exciting to see Matt, Lorraine and the family. Our new pastor, Dana Hamilton will be joining us for the communion service - how exciting to share that with her! Call your favorite friends, get your favorite potluck dish cooked, put your smile on and come on out on June 14. Hugs are free. In Him, Lisa



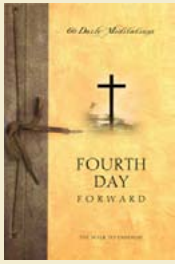
Women's Walk 1642

November 10-13, 2011
Camp Young Judaea
LD: Shana Fowler

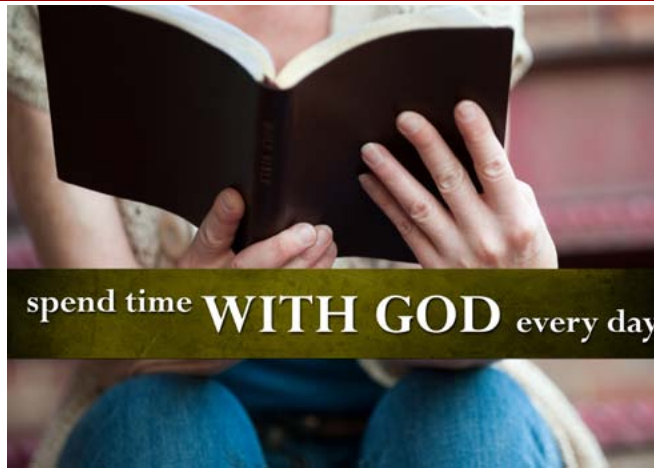
I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

The Team for Walk 1642 has been approved! We are blessed to have such an amazing group of servants for this Walk. Team meetings will begin in August. Please pray for us as we prepare for this amazing weekend. We already have a few pilgrims signed up for the Walk...please continue to pray about who God may be calling to attend. Blessings, Shana

For team or pilgrim applications, go to hayspraise.net



New devotionals
Fourth Day Forward
 will be available at
 Community Gathering
 in Manchaca
 July 12 **\$5 each**



Chrysalis

Girls Flight 346

June 16-18 Cathedral Oaks
 Cost: \$150.00
 LD: Steph Bridwell
 SD: Val Sansing
 BR: Ehrikka Hodge
 Reg Deadline: 6/2/11

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

Please register ASAP.

**BUTTERFLIES
 NEEDED
 for Chrysalis
 Flights!**

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



For more information,
 contact Kathy Robbins at
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2011 - 2012 Hays Praise Fourth Day Servants

Buda/Kyle

elections in June

DS/Driftwood

Lay Director Amy Mitchhart
 Asst Lay Dir Shana Fowler
 Secretary Kim Smith
 Fundraising Maria Sharp

Manchaca

Lay Director Leigh Anne Moore
 Asst Lay Dir Jenn Kendall

San Marcos*

Lay Director Marty Sorrell
 Asst Lay Dir Destini Evans

Wimberley*

Lay Director Bobby Doherty
 Treasurer Hit Bishop/Donna

*Note: elections in June for open positions

Position	Name	Expires
Lay Director	Kathy Welch	'12
Asst LD	Mike Rhoades	'12
Treasurer	Gene Sueltenfuss	'11
Secretary	Lisa Doherty	'11
Conference BR	Tari Curtis	'13
Chrysalis BR	Kathy Robbins	'13
Buda BR	Korrina Jumper	'11
Buda BR	Florence Raymond	'13
DS/D BR	Vicki Rector	'14
DS/D BR	Mike Long	'13
Manchaca BR	Greg Moore	'14
Manchaca BR	Daniel Oates	'13
San Marcos BR	Bill Nicholas	'14
San Marcos BR	Patsy Greiner	'13
Wimberley BR	Bobby Doherty	'14
Wimberley BR	Scott Benfield	'13

Team Selection

Chair	Kathy Welch
Buda/Kyle	Chris Dunkin
DS/D	Jim Tennison
Manchaca	Daniel Oates
San Marcos	Carroll Wiley
Wimberley	Kathy Wallace

Fundraising Committee

I need help!! The fundraising efforts have not been, well *'in existence'*! No fault of anyone but me. Several of you before have said you are willing to serve on the Fund Raising Committee. Those who are interested please contact me at 830-632-9915 or gene_sueltenfuss@hotmail.com. I really do plan on moving forward with this. Plan on a July meeting. (Oh No - A Commitment!). Praise to Bobby Doherty, LD for Walk 1625, for his and the teams fund raising efforts for Walk 1625. They have raised over \$4000 for scholarships for the walk. It can be done! Thanks and looking forward to getting going and making this fun. Thanks in advance for your support in this endeavour.



God's humble servant,
 Gene Sueltenfuss



Upcoming Events

Hays Praise Walks

Men's Walk 1625

Sept 8 - 11, 2011

Bobby Doherty

Women's Walk 1642

Nov 10 - 13, 2011

Shana Fowler

Men's Walk

March 8 - 11, 2012

Mike Rhoades

Women's Walk

May 17 - 20, 2012

Destini Evans

Men's Walk

Sept 20 - 23, 2012

Women's Walk

Nov 8 - 11, 2012

Patsy Greiner

• June

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

14 Local Gatherings - Manchaca, Wimberley

• July

7 Community Gathering - Manchaca UMC

• August

2 Community Gathering - San Marcos

• September

6 Team Consecration Walk 1625 Wimberley UMC

8-11 Walk 1625 Camp Young Judaea

13 Welcome Back Walk 1625 Wimberley UMC

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Celebrate the dads you have, you know and you love...

DeColores

Dear Heavenly Father hear our prayer to you for strength, peace and comfort in days when things seem to be more than we can sometimes handle. We lean on you for all that we need and all that we are. You promise to never leave us alone and in that we give our worries to you. May our day be brightened by your constant love, softened by your comfort and warmed by your presence in our hearts. You oh Father ask us to give you what we can not handle on our own and so please hear our call. May each of us walk forward today leaning completely on You for all that we need. Feel the gentle touch of God's hand and the calm and quiet call of His voice in your heart. Peace be with you now and always.

In His Holy and precious name we pray. Amen.



Whoever **WELCOMES** one such child **IN MY NAME** welcomes me.

MATTHEW 18:5, NRSV