

Hays Praise

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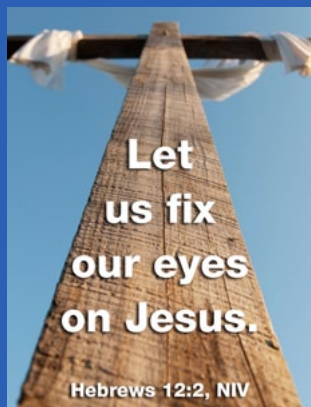
SW Board Rep Note...

Walks for 2012 have been set with dates and walk numbers we are trying to get the teams set for all the walks so please get your team applications in.

Mike Rhodes Walk 1652
March 8-11, 2012
Destini Evans Walk 1663
May 17-20, 2012
Cody Reeves Walk 1671
Sept 13-16, 2012
Patsy Griener Walk 1687
Nov 8-11, 2012

We will also need to turn in names of lay directors and possible walk dates for 2013 so if feeling called to lead a walk and meet all the requirements please send Kathy Welch an email or update your team applications with working towards lay director on the bottom so the board can help you meet those requirements.

DeColores, Tari Curtis



Rip's Revelation

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Israel his servant, sons and daughters of Jacob, his chosen ones!"
(1Chronicles 16: 8-13 English Standard Version)

I was a recent participant on the team of an Emmaus Walk. It was something to once again see the Holy Spirit of God at work in the lives of the other team members and of the pilgrims on their first Emmaus journey. The passage from 1Chronicles 16 really speaks to what the weekend represented to me. Giving thanks to the Lord! Singing praise to God! Experiencing God's wondrous works! Rejoicing in the presence of the Lord! With each talk, and then the pilgrim's telling of what the weekend meant to them on Sunday and again at Welcome Back, we would have an opportunity to once again remember the wondrous works that He has done in our lives and the lives of others! We were all reminded again and again of how the Grace of Jesus Christ has been at work in our lives and continues to be at work in our lives today. We were given hope to look forward to all the ways the Grace of Jesus will be at work in all days of our lives to come.

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Now I ask, do you remember? Are you connected to the Body of Christ in ways that keep you in touch with the work of His grace in your life? If for any reason you are not feeling connected, what are you doing to get back in touch? Remember your pilgrim walk and the ways you saw God at work in the lives of the other pilgrims and team members. Working a Walk gives all of us an opportunity to get back in touch with those special feelings we experienced during our pilgrim weekends and I encourage you to get an application in so you can get scheduled on a team somewhere. But working on a Walk or going on an Emmaus weekend are not the only ways to stay connected; the Emmaus Weekend just gives us opportunities that we do not usually take to be in touch with God's grace at work in our lives. We have to be intentional about our spiritual journey. We are called to find ways to stay connected in the day-to-day routines of life. Are you regularly attending a Reunion Group? Do you need to find one or to maybe start up a new one? What can you do to better connect to the works of Grace that God is trying to do in your life each and every day? Remember the wondrous works that God has done in your life and get reconnected!

God Bless you,
Rip

Walk Reports

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*

We had our second team meeting this past Saturday...and it was even better than the first! I am blessed to be working with such an amazing group of disciples! We have 36 pilgrims...and four on the waiting list. God has truly blessed us. Please be in prayer for all these pilgrims and the team.

Many Blessings,
Shana



Community Reports

Buda/Kyle...

Come join us at KUMC Oct 4. We have new pilgrims from walk 1625 who we would like to welcome with big hugs. Pot luck starts at 6:30 followed by praise and worship. So grab your name tag and lanyard and the hands of some Emmaus friends and come join us. Praying peace upon all of you. DeColores, Tari Curtis

Dripping Springs/ Drifwood...

Prayers for some rain have been answered... Praise God! Our local gathering will be October 4. Bring your favorite main dish, side dish or dessert to share then settle in to listen to Angela speak about her recent trip to Haiti. We have had a number of our youth complete the Chrysalis flight so parents, please encourage them to attend. It would be awesome to

get their perspective on this faith journey we call life, and share what their 4th days look like. Our Early Response Team (with many Emmaus brothers and sisters) has been in Bastrop helping out with those families affected by the fire, I am hoping to hear from them on how we can continue to be of assistance. Pastor David will lead our worship and the music team for the next women's walk will be tuning up their vocal cords for our benefit. If it has been a while, or you always make it... come out again and bring that brother or sister you haven't seen in a while.

DeColores, Amy

San Marcos...

As noted elsewhere- October date is: Tuesday the 11th at First Christian Church on Ranch Road 12. Potluck at 6:30, brief business meeting and then fellowship with

Local Gatherings this month

Fellowship

6:30 Potluck

Childcare provided



Pastor Jimmy Cobb officiating and 4th day speaker: Mrs Frances Breihan. This promises to be a great one- Please attend!

De Colores,
Marty Sorell

Local Gatherings in October

Wimberley...

The Men's Walk 1625 was Spirit filled and overflowing with love. Be on the lookout for the new pilgrims.

October is a local gathering in Wimberley and we do not have a speaker. If anyone is interested, please contact Bobby ASAP.

In *Him*, Lisa

For team or pilgrim applications, go to hayspraise.net



Continuing your Journey: Fourth day

Piety: Giving our Hearts to Christ

Study: Giving our Minds to Christ

Action: Giving our Hands to Christ

Fundraisers

Butter Braid for Thanksgiving
We will sell Butter Braids for Thanksgiving delivery again this year. Your local lay director will receive "sale packets" around October 1st. Sale period ends November 16; and Butter Braids will be delivered November 18 -22. Just in time for Thanksgiving Dinner. *Yum! Yum!*



Dinner & Dance, April 14, 2012 Fischer Hall – Mark your calendars for this one! We will have a Bar-B-Q Dinner, a Dance, and Auction. So start gathering auction items for silent & live auction. We will also sell raffle tickets for a "mule". Tickets will be available around November 1st.



Remember all proceeds are for Hays Praise Scholarship Fund.

"Leave No Walker Behind!"

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Kathy's Korner

I know that many of you receive the meditations from Bill Nichols. This is the one from Thursday, September 23, 2011:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8

Of all the Scriptures in the Bible, I think this is the one that puts fear in people I know. We think, "What if God asks that question to me? What will I do?" It is not a question to take lightly. We can answer, "Yes!" Or we can answer the way Moses did, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

I think it surprises us when God directly asks us to do something for him and in his name. We do ask, "Why me?" Then the surprise becomes even larger for us to think that God has equipped us to do what he has asked of us. If we are not totally ready for the task, God will prepare us and be right there with us. I have spent a lifetime knowing that what I was asked to do was beyond me. Each of those requests have called forth faith to know that God will fill me when it was time. Knowing our inadequacies and faults is a good thing. It keeps us humble and ready to rely on God. So, when he comes to you and says, "Who will go for us?" don't hesitate. Answer, "Here am I. Send me!"

Lord, here am I send me where you want me to go and I will do what you ask.
Bill Nichols

With this being said, the Hays Praise Board is putting together a survey: Team Apps, What's holding me back. We are hoping to have this complete by the October gatherings. We are looking for all feedback. We will also try to put on the website for those that will not be able to make it to the gatherings, so that we can get everyone's feedback. So be looking for the survey and please take the time to fill it out and get it back to us.

We are looking for to team applications for the Walks in 2012 – What's holding you back? "Serving on a team is an honor, a privilege, and a true blessing. The bonding that happens with fellow team members during team formation is an awesome and humbling experience. Then the Walk weekend itself. The feelings can't adequately be put to words. Remember Candle Light! And Remember Christ is Counting On You.

Makes your heart say, "Here I Am Lord, Sign Me Up"

Kathy Welch

About the Fourth Day...

(upperroom.org/emmaus/fourthday)

As participants conclude their Walk to Emmaus weekends, they are introduced to the concept of the Fourth Day -- a symbol of the days of Christian pilgrimage that follow the three-day Emmaus experience. The Walk to Emmaus is a unique opportunity to reflect on one's faith journey and make a deeper commitment to Christ. In fact, "the whole reason for The Walk to Emmaus is to make you a more faithful disciple and active member in your church." (Bob Wood, Day Four) Thus, the Fourth Day is central to the Emmaus experience, as it extends each individual's experience beyond the weekend and into life in the world.



Upcoming Events

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• October

4 Local Gatherings - Kyle UMC, Dripping Springs UMC

11 Local Gatherings - Manchaca UMC, San Marcos-First Christian Church, Wimberley UMC

• November

1 Team Consecration Walk 1642 Dripping Springs UMC

10-13 Walk 1642 Camp Young Judaea

15 Welcome Back Walk 1642 Dripping Springs UMC

• December

6 Local Gatherings - Buda/Kyle, Dripping Springs, San Marcos, Wimberley UMC

13 Local Gatherings - Manchaca UMC

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Welcome to the family, gentlemen of Walk 1625!