

Hays Praise

September
2011

*“Jesus sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment...they recognized him.”
Luke 24:30-31*



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Walk 1625 September 8-11, 2011 Camp Young Judaea

Lay Director: Bobby Doherty

It doesn't seem like its been 10 months since we did our first fundraiser, which was Sights and Sounds of Christmas. We are blessed with an awesome team and clergy. The walk is here, we just have to surrender to Christ to allow him to use us as his disciples with a Servants heart. Thanks be to God.

YBIC, Bobby



Pilgrims

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| CJ Adare | Sam Humphries |
| Ben Addington | Luke Leissner |
| Bruce Barnes | Ramsey Lerma |
| Peter Carr | Rudy Lopez Jr |
| Mark Chandler | Jeff Mankins |
| Greg Clark | Elijah May |
| Pat Corbett | Jakson Moyers |
| Jeff Doherty | Terry Nash |
| Joe Doherty | Mike Nyman |
| John Dzurnak | Mike Owens |
| Dave Fuller | Toby Parker |
| Rick Gammill | John Rossie |
| Frank Gelsone | Jon Sampson |
| Raymond Green | Byron Stone |
| Ryan Hammett | Bill Strieber |
| Sterling Harris | Chris Vadala |
| Brandon Heffington | Dustin West |
| Lex Heffington | Mitchell White |

Team

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Wade Albert | Scott Moon |
| John Earl Barrett | Greg Moore |
| Scott Benfield | Daniel Oates |
| † Chris Carrier | † KP Polk |
| † Rip Collins | Steve Rector |
| Bobby Doherty LD | Kenny Saunders |
| Eddie Gelsone | † Steve Smothers |
| ↓ Tim Fulfer | ↓ Marty Sosby |
| † Bill Glasgow | Gene Sueltenfuss BR |
| Brian Gryta | Shawn Taylor |
| ↓ Ken Hudspeth | JW Welch |
| Gordon Kitzul | Mackey Welch |
| Dennis Krackau | |

Don't Forget

- To pray for pilgrims & team
- Food & Drink Agape
- Pillow Agape
- Candlelight
- Closing
- Welcome Back



Walk Reports

Women's Walk 1642

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

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

We had an awesome first team meeting and heard three amazing talks! We have a blessed Team that has already bonded! I look forward to our next Team Meeting on September 24th. We already have 19 pilgrims registered for the Walk!! Praise God!
DeColores!
Shana



Community Reports

Dripping Springs/ Drifwood...

Children have returned to school! Schedules are beginning to fall into place and take on some resemblance to normal. Now call that Emmaus friend you haven't seen for awhile and invite him/her to the Dripping Springs local gathering on October 4th. Angela Pierce will be giving the 4th day talk. She recently traveled to Haiti so it is sure to make for some interesting listening!. Celeste and Amy will be warming up their vocals for Shana's walk in November while providing some amazing music! Be sure to mark your calendars, prepare a delicious dish to share at our potluck and join us for some fabulous worship time. DeColores!
Amy Mitchhart

San Marcos...

The San Marcos Emmaus community was blessed to host the community gathering at FUMC San Marcos, Texas. The Hays Praise communities were well represented and Pastor Jenna Heart led the worship service beautifully! The food and fellowship was "spirited" and Mary Braun gave a heart felt 4th day talk.

We look forward to a large gathering in Wimberley to consecrate the men's walk.

In His service,
Marty Sorell

September 6

Team Consecration WUMC

Fellowship

6:30 Potluck

Childcare provided



Wimberley...

The month of September will be a busy one for Wimberley folks with Walk 1625. Come join us for the Team Consecration and pray for the team and pilgrims that God has picked for this wonderful week-

**Community Gathering
Sept 6
Wimberley UMC
FM 1492**

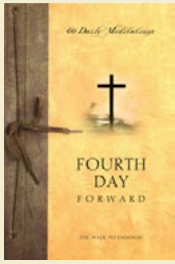
end. Our very own Bobby Doherty will be the Lay Director and is excited to serve Him and the men of Walk 1625. Join us for this wonderful team consecration... we've missed you. Wimberley is looking forward to hostin the Hays Praise community.

In Him,

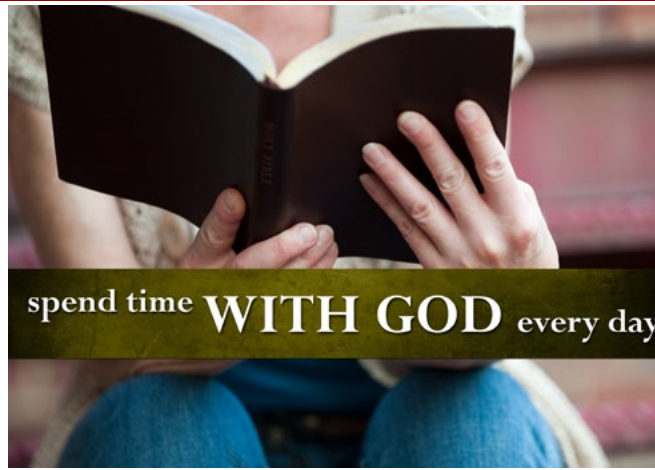
Lisa



For 2012 team or pilgrim applications, go to hayspraise.net



New Devotionals Will
Be Available at
Team Consecration
Sept 6 **\$5 each**
"Fourth Day Forward"



Financial Report

The Board of Directors voted to post the Financial Report Quarterly. The report will be posted the month following the end of a calendar quarter. The first report will be in the October newsletter.

Fund Raisers

Butter Braids - We will be selling Butter Braids again this year for Thanksgiving delivery. Sales forms will be available October 1st from your local lay director. Orders turned in by November 16; and Delivery Dates November 18 through November 22. Get Ready YUM!! YUM!!

Dinner, Dance, Auction, Raffle - April 14, 2012 at Fischer Hall - We are planning a dinner, a dance with life music, and silent auction to raise money for scholarships. We will also sell raffle tickets for the chance to win a Mule (Specific Model To Be Determined). We hope to start selling the raffle tickets by November 1st. The desire is to make this event Hays Praise 4th Day Group's Annual Fund Raising Event every year. We feel this event allows everyone an opportunity to participate and contribute in many different ways. So start gathering auction items now and mark your calendars. More information and ways you can help is forthcoming.

For additional information contact me at 830 632-9915 or gene_sueltenfuss@hotmail.com We will be looking for many volunteers for help.

Gods Grace is Abundant... [Gene Sueltenfuss](#)

Applications are needed for 2012 Walks!

Men's Walk 1652
March 8 - 11, 2012
Mike Rhoades
Women's Walk 1663
May 17 - 20, 2012
Destini Evans
Men's Walk
Sept 20 - 23, 2012
Cody Reeves
Women's Walk
Nov 8 - 11, 2012
Patsy Greiner

Send your applications to
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Are you ready to serve?

Chrysalis

Austin-Crossroads
District of Chrysalis

The Austin/Crossroads Chrysalis sponsored a Chrysalis RUSH at Cedar Creek UMC in Cedar Creek, Texas. Approximately 40 people attended.

The next RUSH will be held in January 2012.

The SWTX conference Chrysalis board is sponsoring a Girl's Journey.

January 5-7, 2012
Twin Oaks in Buda

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





Upcoming Events

• September

- 6 Team Consecration Walk 1625 Wimberley UMC
- 8-11 Walk 1625 Camp Young Judaea
- 13 Welcome Back Walk 1625 Wimberley UMC

• October

- 4 Local Gatherings - Buda/Kyle, Dripping Springs, San Marcos
- 11 Local Gatherings - Manchaca UMC, 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

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Dry Bones by Rip Collins

“The hand of the Lord came upon my, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’” (Ezekiel 37: 1-6) NRSV

As I look around the parched and dry earth of the surrounding countryside here in this part of Central Texas, I see that the plants, trees, and the rocks in the empty creeks and river beds appear as “dry bones”. We have been through a difficult season of drought and extreme heat this year, and we might not be able to see that we are about to enter a season of cooler days and nights and we are just one day closer to the next rainfall. But we can be assured of this; cooler days are indeed ahead and it is going to rain again. For many of us our lives have paralleled the weather, we have been through a season of hard and dry times. Some have even told me they feel they have been in a spiritual desert and feel empty and dry inside. It was much the same for the people of Israel in the time of Ezekiel; they had been in exile away from their homes in the Holy Land and wondered if God’s Spirit had abandoned them. The people felt lost and cut off and were beginning to lose hope. They were spiritually dry and empty and beginning to feel as if they might be dead inside. God was already working in their midst, he promised to renew and restore them, and to breathe His Spirit into them so that they might be full of life. Chapter 37 of Ezekiel ends with the foretelling of a shepherd from the house of David who will come and be their prince forever. We know that shepherd prince to be the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace. God’s promise was true then and it is true now.

If you are feeling dry and empty right about now; if you look around you and see all that is going on that is wrong in our world and wonder, “Where is God in all this, where is our hope?”, then I have good news for you. God is at work in our midst. God is breathing His Spirit into the “dry bones” of those who are feeling empty and hopeless; He is breathing his Spirit into us. I see it happening in Worship and in our communities where the people of God live and serve. I see it where broken hearts are being healed and broken lives restored. I see the Spirit of God moving each and every day in the lives of His people. There is an Emmaus Walk this month in our community, and I have seen God’s Spirit moving in the lives of the team members and in the pilgrims who are planning on coming to Camp Young Judea for Walk 1625. Maybe God wants to pour His Spirit on you at Candlelight on Saturday, September 10, maybe it will be in Sunday morning Worship, or maybe in a Bible study class. Perhaps God is waiting for you in a person of need you encounter at work or at the store. If you are feeling dry and empty I encourage you to seek and find where the Spirit of God is moving and put yourself in the Spirit’s path so that the Lord may breathe life into your dry and thirsty soul. At the end of Chapter 37 God promises, “My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (Ezekiel 37: 27). Are you putting yourself into the “dwelling place” of God so that His Spirit can fill you up and renew you?