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COMMUNITY NEWS

BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for the Denton Area Emmaus Community are currently underway. On page 4 you will find bios for each of the nominees and a ballot to cast your vote.

We'd like to thank each one of the nominees for their willingness to serve and devote their time to the Community.

As an elected board member these individuals will serve a three year term of service. Each board member is assigned a specific responsibility to be carried out to help prepare for and insure the success of each Walk. They meet once a month to touch base and follow up on all of these responsibilities. Much of the preparation takes place long before the team is selected or the pilgrims are known. The board is the group that prepares the way for that special road to Emmaus.

Please prayerfully consider each of these nominees. Your vote is important. Voting ballots will be accepted April 20th - May 20th.

Denton Area Emmaus Community BOARD OF DIRECTORS (For contact information visit our website)

NAME	POSITION
Carleen Alderman	Upper Room Representative
Joy Morrison	Community Lay Director
Darlene Ward	Registration
Chuck Lowry	Team Selection
Steve Hines	Weekend Events
Jerry Harvey	Supplies
Joe Zinser	Spiritual Director
Barbara Carruth	Databases/Agape
Bob Kovacs	Secretary
Margie Lindley	Supplies-Literature/History
Nancy Daniel	Treasurer
Joe Culwell	Training
Lisa Monnig	Servant Teams
Jim Gerber	Music/Webpage
Kerry Smith	Asst. Spiritual Director
Jim Drake	Asst. Spiritual Director

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Our next Gathering!

Saturday, May 21st
6 pm - Potluck
7 pm - Gathering

Hosted by: Flower Mound UMC
3950 Bruton Orand Blvd
Flower Mound



Serve the Lord with Gladness



Thoughts from our Spiritual Director

“BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD”

I love one of the new contemporary songs BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD. Taken directly from the account in Job where he proclaims “Naked I came into this world and naked I shall return. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” (Job 1:21) It’s a marvelous declaration of the ups and downs of life.

How many of us would have the wisdom, strength and integrity to say that same thing when everything around us has collapsed? I’m looking around and I don’t see many hands raised, not even mine. Job was a man of great strength and integrity.

So what do you do when the circumstances of life bring you to a point of asking that simple three word question, WHY?

I think Job gives us the greater view that all of life, the good, the bad, the ups and downs and the joys and sorrows are within the sovereignty of God. Regardless of what happens, God is still in control. With confidence we can say BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD because we don’t have to figure out this thing called life. None of us would have the supreme wisdom to say that we understand everything that happens.

For me, in these days of wondering what God has in store next for my family, we’ve chosen to say “BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD!” We’ve chosen to be involved in another local body of believers and to pour our ministry and hearts there while also looking who else we can bless in this time period. God has more than provided for our needs and we are finding great joy in being able to respond to meet needs like never before. The more we’ve given, the more we’ve received; not only financially but in opportunities to minister in ways that we never could have dreamed.

One of our great joys in April will be to see a close friend and also Diane’s mom attend **Walk #16**. These in-between days have been spent thinking how we can build them up in the body of Christ. There is great joy in sponsoring someone to Emmaus. Who have you sponsored lately? If you have to think for more than a second, it has been too long.

Grab an application today and get someone signed up for #17, #18, #19 and #20. It’s up to you.

Wherever you are on the journey with Christ, may you say with all your soul—BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD. I’ll see you all @ Candlelight!

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Jim Drake

Walk#39—Mesquite Country Emmaus
DAEC Assistant Spiritual Director.



Prayer is one of the greatest gifts of agape we can give... [signup for a Prayer Vigil online.](#)

Hold a candle and let your light shine... [attend a candlelight.](#)

You are the hands and feet of Christ... [sign up for a Servant Team online.](#)



**2005
WALK SCHEDULE**

Men's Walk #15 February 24-27, 2005
Women's Walk #16 April 21-24, 2005
Men's Walk #17 June 23-26, 2005
Women's Walk #18 July 7-10, 2005
Men's Walk #19 September 15-18, 2005
Women's Walk #20 October 6-9, 2005

**WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS
TO OUR COMMUNITY**

MEN OF WALK #15

Bill Beattie	John King
Isaac Chukpue-Padmore	Jim Miller
Jack Cloyd	Leonard Myrick
Joe Emerson	Tommy Rawls
Danny Fuller	Larry Rehn
Gene Gumfory	Stuart Tilley
Barry Hanson	Jim Watland
Jack Jennings	

**SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

Would you like to help share the Emmaus experience? A scholarship fund has been established to help those pilgrims attend who may not have the personal financial resources. Your faith and gift can help change the life of another. Contributions can be mailed to:

Denton Area Emmaus
Community
P.O. Box 2609
Denton, TX 76202



Our Favorite Emmaus Songs

“Have You Seen Jesus My Lord” by John Fischer

I emailed John Fischer about this song, and here is his reply:

I wrote this song in the summer of 1970. I had just graduated from Wheaton College, Ill. and was in charge of music all summer for high school camps at Mt Hermon Christian Conference in Mt Hermon CA. (near Santa Cruz.) Every Saturday we had half the day off and I would go to my favorite spot overlooking the Pacific Ocean and watch the sun go down. I wrote this during one of those times and brought it back to camp and started teaching it to students right away. They loved it and I knew there was something special going on... The first 3 verses are the original ones. I wrote the fourth (about standing with the family) later after observing how this song brought everyone together.

**FINANCIAL
NOTES**

Respectfully submitted by:
Nancy Daniel
Treasurer

DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT as of April 7, 2005		BALANCE
	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 9968.16
INCOME		
Team Fees - Men's Walk #15	\$ 2387.00	
Team Lunches - Men's Walk #15	306.00	
Servant Team Fees - Men's Walk #15	600.00	
Book Table - Men's Walk #15	135.00	
Pilgrim Registrations	1740.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 5168.00
EXPENSES		
Upper Room Books-Literature supplies	\$ 757.28	
Registration-Postage	74.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (831.28)
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 14,304.88

BOARD NOMINEES and VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

From this list of Nominees, please select **TWO** men and **ONE** woman who you would like to see serve on the Denton Area Emmaus Community Board. Only one vote per Community member please. Please sign and date your ballot at the bottom. Mail your forms to:

Denton Area Emmaus Community
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Denton, TX 76202

RE: Board Election

All votes must be postmarked by May 20th.

- Pam Taylor- Dallas Emmaus November 1992; started participating on Emmaus teams in 1998 and has worked on a team every year since then in some aspect. Pam has given several talks and will be Lay Director for Denton Emmaus in July 2006. Pam is active in her local church as the Chair of Inviting Ministries; Pioneer Club Songfest lead; Faith Voyage Guide; Vacation Bible School music team; Worship Drama Team. Her primary focus for the past couple years has been "kid stuff" and working behind the scenes for the youth group. Pam and her husband David host a weekly Young Adult Bible Study in our home, and during the summer a high school "poolside Bible Study".
- Carol Lindaman- Dallas Walk 62, in January 1996; served on Dallas Walks 116, 145, 161 and Denton Walks 6 and 12. Carol and her husband Don live in Corinth and have worshipped at their church for 22 years. Carol has served two terms as Elder and one term as Deacon in her church, and has also taught adult and youth Sunday School. Carol is presently attending "Alpha" and has attended and been very much involved the Starfish mission (Mexico and Pueblo Indians in New Mexico) in her church for the past 15 years. Carol also has served as a volunteer for Friends of the Family in Denton.
- Matt Bieri- Dallas Emmaus Walk 56, August of 1995; served on Dallas Walks 87 and 147; Denton Walks 3, 11 and 15; Chrysalis Boys Flight 36; and several outside servant teams. Matt and his wife Becky have been married for 24 years and have attended their home church for eight years. Matt has also served in youth ministry and Global Outreach (Missions) areas over the years.
- David Hixson- Dallas Emmaus Walk 92, 1998; served several servant teams and conference room teams for the Dallas Community and walks 1, 3, 7 and 11 for Denton. David has worked on a Chrysalis flight as well. David will be serving as ALD on #17 in July. He has been a board member for the Dallas Community. David is married to Robin who is also active in the Denton and Dallas Communities and has attended his home church for 23 years.
- Jeff Simpson- Dallas Emmaus Walk 56, August of 1995; has worked on several inside servant teams and 10 conference room teams. Jeff has given all Lay talks at least once and was Lay Director on Denton Walk #11 in June of 2004. Jeff is married to Roseanna and they are celebrating 18 years of marriage this month. Jeff is active at his home church of seven years and has been involved with the youth as well as teaching Sunday School.
- Jerry Graham- Denton Area Emmaus Community Walk 1, February of 2002; has worked Denton walks 3, 5, 11 and 15; and has helped with setup at several other walks and attended most candlelight services for our community. Jerry and his wife Joann have attended their home church for several years where Jerry is involved in several ministries such as serving as president of the men's group, leading a Disciple Bible Study group, and helps lead an adult Sunday school class. Jerry also is involved with the "Fix-it Ministry" and a conference ministry called "Amigo's".

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE



- PRAYER VIGILS
- SERVANT TEAMS
- REUNION GROUP INFO
- UPDATE DATABASE



GATHERINGS - AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHURCH TO HOST



- August 20, 2005
- November 19, 2005

Checklist and other information available on the website



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