

# DIAKONIA



APRIL 2006



Community News



Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in the two-day work effort at Lake Sharon in December. We were able to really accomplish quite a lot. For those of you that have not been to Lake Sharon this year, you'll find that we have painted the conference room, cafeteria, and hallway. We also cut down several of the dead trees on the grounds, added a new door in the hallway and repaired the ceiling in the fireplace chapel. In all, it was two great days of serving to help spruce up Lake Sharon. We still have some work that needs to be done later this spring. We will let you know when Lake Sharon has a break in their schedule to allow us a couple of more days to continue our work. Lake Sharon has also purchased new beds for both cabins; drapes have been hung in the fireside chapel, and more improvements are in the plans.

We are off to a great start for 2006. In February, we finished the first of six walks for this year (Men's Walk #21) with 25 new members added to our ranks. April 20-23 Women's Walk #22 will be blessed to have 10 ladies from Korea as pilgrims. At the same time, 10 Korean men will attend a walk with the Red River community at Lake Texhoma. This is part of the Upper Room's on-going expansion of the Walk to Emmaus into foreign countries. The Board and I are very excited that the Upper Room has chosen our community to provide the initial walk for these ladies.

I have asked our past community Lay Director, Joy Morrison, to be our community representative to the Upper Room for the Korean ladies coming to attend Walk #22. We want to say thanks to our community for your giving hearts in that we have collected enough money to sponsor all 10 Korean ladies. As soon as we find out what other support the Upper Room needs from us, we will let you know. Joy Morrison will be coordinating these needs. We do anticipate the possible need for housing for one or two nights for these ladies, and we will also probably need individuals or reunion groups to act as sponsors for them -- taking care of the needs such as bedding, food agape, etc. Look for more information on our web page and through e-mails from the Board in the next couple of weeks.



In June, Men's Walk #23 will join with the Dallas Emmaus Community for a joint walk for both communities. This year we will take the main responsibility for the walk, providing the Lay Director and Spiritual Director, and next year the Dallas Community will take the lead for the Men's summer walk. The reason for this move is because of the low numbers of pilgrims on the Denton and Dallas summer walks. We believe that economically this will help both communities in the summer months and keep us from having to cancel walks due to low participation.

May God's grace and love continue to bless us as we strive to serve and glorify Him.



Joe Culwell  
Community Lay Director

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## Thanks Be To God!

Matthew 7: 7-8

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who knocks, the door will be opened.” NIV



DAEC community was given the opportunity to host and sponsor 10 Korean women for the next Women's Walk #22 – April 20-23, by our Upper Room representative, Carleen Alderman. The community was informed of this opportunity and financial scholarship funds needed for each of the 10 Korean women. At the last Men's Walk #21 Candlelight a plea was made and the DAEC community responded very generously. The DAEC community has an established scholarship fund for pilgrims who may not have the personal financial resources, but with a very gracious and generous response from the community, the funds are now fully provided for this cause without depleting the existing pilgrim scholarship fund. A Very Special Thanks to all who contributed. May God Bless You! I believe each of these 10 Korean women will be blessed and touched by “The Walk to Emmaus” experience. Thanks Be To God for these blessings!

De Colores,  
Nancy Daniel  
Treasurer



Respect fully submitted  
by Nancy Daniel

### DEAC - FINANCIAL REPORT As of March 13, 2006

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		\$ 10,995.05
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
	Credits/Refunds	\$ 126.80
	Pilgrim Registration Fees	\$ 3,190.00
	Pilgrim Registration Fees/Korean Scholarship donations	\$ 315.00
	Candlelight Men's Walk #21 - Korean Scholarship donations	\$ 867.76
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 4499.56
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
	Lake Sharon Repairs Supplies	\$ 43.96
	Lake Sharon Christian Center Men's Walk #21	\$ 5,661.00
	USPS Bulk Mail-Non Profit Feb 06 Newsletter	\$ 85.73
	Re-imbusement DAEC stamps/registration	\$ 39.00
	Re-imbusement DAEC Name Tags Materials	\$ 68.69
	Upper Room Books - Literature Supplies	\$ 49.39
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ (5,947.77)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		\$9,546.84
<b><u>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u></b>		
	Previous Balance	\$ 730.50
	Pilgrim Registration Fees/Korean Scholarship donations	\$ 315.00
	Candlelight Men's Walk #21 - Korean Scholarship donations	\$ 867.76
	Women's Walk #22/Korean Ladies' Scholarships	(\$1,450.00)
	Current Balance	\$ 463.26

## From our Spiritual Director



Have you tried to explain the Walk to Emmaus to your pastor or another member of the clergy? Don't feel bad if you struggle with explaining some of its features. Many aspects and experiences of Emmaus are difficult to articulate or even remember.

The Walk to Emmaus exists to build up church leaders. I don't know a single pastor who is not constantly looking for the next lay person to take a leadership role in the church. The Walk to Emmaus accomplishes its mission using Luke 24:13-35.

The Emmaus story told in Luke illustrates what happens for pilgrims on the Walk. The weekend begins by getting back to the basics when faith is explained and grace is re-experienced. During the entire weekend Christian community is recognized and the body of Christ renewed.

Faith is re-explained through fifteen talks. Ten are given by lay persons and five are given by clergy. Discussion follows each talk to address important facets of God's grace and Christian discipleship.

God's grace is experienced through worship services, daily Holy Communion, the prayer and support of the Emmaus community and the agape expressions of God's love.

Having met Jesus on the road to Emmaus the disciples Luke describes run back to Jerusalem to share what they have seen and heard. An Emmaus pilgrim returns to his/her Christian community to share what they have seen and heard. The sense of community is enhanced during the weekend with fun-filled moments, serious discussion, small-groups, common meals, singing, worship and daily attention to the sacrament of Holy Communion.

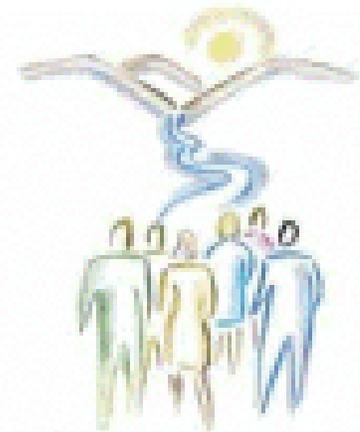
The body of Christ is renewed as the pilgrims "return from their journey" and revitalize the community with news of their experience and new commitment.

The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the Church through the three day Emmaus walk, participation in Reunion Groups and continued strengthening of the individual's spiritual lives. Each pilgrim is reminded that their church comes first. The Emmaus community should never detract from local church participation and service.

Who will you share this with today? A pastor, friend, or co-worker? Christ is counting on you.

Blessings,

Joe



The Emmaus Experience

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### Scholarship Fund

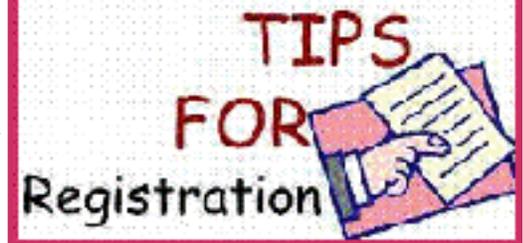


Would you like to help share the Emmaus experience? A scholarship fund has been established to help those pilgrims attend who may not have the personal financial resources. Your faith and gift can help change the life of another. Contributions can be mailed to:

**Denton Area Emmaus  
Community  
P.O. Box 295068  
Lewisville, TX 75029-5068**

**TEN Ways to Make Registration SMOOTH AND EASY:**

1. Encourage pilgrims to **fill out the application ONLINE!** They can complete almost all of the information, then print out a copy for signatures. It's easy and truly helps your registrar get more accurate information.
2. **Make sure the application is COMPLETE.** Sponsors should proofread the application and provide any missing information before it is mailed. It is very time consuming for the registrar to track down the details.
3. **Check and double-check! Include the check** for the registration fee in the envelope. If there are extenuating circumstances or other plans for payment, enclose a note of explanation.
4. **Don't procrastinate** on any of the registration process! Allow plenty of time for gathering agape letters, making plans for all other aspects of good sponsorship, and, especially, praying for your candidate.
5. **Avoid second or third party sponsorship.** Sharing the responsibilities of sponsorship is NOT the ideal situation. Strive to fulfill all the responsibilities in the spirit of service.
6. Mail the completed application and registration fee with plenty of time. The correct address is: **Denton Area Emmaus Community; PO Box 295068; Lewisville, TX 75029-5068.**
7. **Make sure your pilgrim responds** to the registration confirmation letter by leaving a voice mail at **(817) 491 – 4060** when he/she can finalize plans to attend the walk. Be sure to answer his/her questions about how to plan for the weekend and what to pack.
8. Arrive at Send-Off on time. Allow extra time for traffic delays and a relaxed time of fellowship with your pilgrim.
9. Come by the registration desk **before** taking your pilgrim to locate his/her room in the dorm.



**Pray! Pray! Pray!**

Pray for  
your pilgrim and the team



**2006 CHRYSALIS  
SCHEDULE**

Girl's 71 June 22-24, 2006 Thu-Sat  
Lakewood UMC  
Candlelight: Friday - 8pm

Guy's 72 July 13-15, 2006 Thu-Sat  
TBD  
Candlelight: Friday - 8pm

Guy's 73 November 24-26, 2006 Fri-Sun  
TBD  
Candlelight: Saturday - 8pm

Girls 74 January 13-15, 2007 Sat-Mon  
TBD  
Candlelight: Sunday - 8pm



Do you know someone who is ready to attend an Emmaus Weekend? There are openings available on the upcoming Walks in 2006

**Women's Walk #22 - Apr 20-23**  
**Men's Walk #23 - Jun 22-25**  
**Women's Walk #24 - Jul 27-30**  
**Men's Walk #25 - Sep 21-24**  
**Women's Walk #26 - Oct 5-8**

For more information check the web or contact our Registrar,

Darlene Ward at [darleneward@charter.net](mailto:darleneward@charter.net)

Upcoming Walk registration status is updated regularly on the DAEC Homepage. Vacancy or Full Status will be noted. Unless the walk is full, registrations are accepted up to 5pm on the Friday prior to the Walk weekend.



One of the first acts of Agape begins with Sponsorship. As a Sponsor you are responsible for many of your pilgrims needs for the weekend... from communicating about the Walk, processing the application, providing transportation and seeing to their family's needs while they are away. Find out the special needs of your pilgrim and be sure to communicate them on their Walk Application. We want to insure that each pilgrim has the best experience possible and all their needs are met. If your pilgrim requires daily medications or has dietary concerns, the team needs to know about it. Many pilgrims may feel a "need" to be independent, but please assure them that the team is there to serve them. Someone will be sure to remind them of times to take medication or provide dietary supplements if needed. After all they will not have a watch.

Another form of agape is the food that is provided for the weekend. Everyone enjoys Thursday night Send Off and there has never been a shortage of food there. But please remember the needs for the balance of the weekend. If everyone were to bring two 2-liter bottles of soda or a case of water, our drink needs for the weekend will be covered. Home baked goodies are always appreciated, as well as chips and snacks... but our most critical needs for the past couple of walks have been in the way of drinks. With the warm weather approaching, we will want to be sure to have plenty of water and drinks on hand.

Agape also comes through prayers for the pilgrims. Please be sure to sign up on the prayer vigil by signing the paper vigils that circulate at gatherings or candlelights or you can do this online. Remember the prayer vigil is shown to the pilgrims during the weekend and means so very much. Showing your support by attending candlelight and closing are other acts of love. Another form of agape is the table Agape of all variety that shows up at each person's place throughout the weekend. Remember how surprised you were to know so many people were loving you and praying for you on your weekend? What a blessing it is to return that Agape to pilgrims on upcoming walks. Table Agape is a wonderful activity that Reunion Groups can participate in.

Some guidelines to remember when making Agape for the pilgrims are:

- ♥ No personal names (reunion groups names only)
- ♥ Include the count of each item you have brought
- ♥ Name and phone on who to contact if there are extras left
- ♥ Do not distribute copyrighted material (including song lyrics)
- ♥ 55-60 pieces will take care of most Walks (including team)

DeColores,  
Carol Lindaman  
Agape/Communications/Historian



## “Our Favorite Emmaus Songs”

Submitted by Jim Gerber

### “I Love You, Lord” by Laurie Klein

A remote mobile home gleams faintly in the crisp Autumn sunrise. Within that metal refuge in the high deserts of central Oregon, a young mother is having a quiet time with the Lord. Her toddler is still asleep. Her husband is a full time college student, and the couple is surviving on \$400 per month. They have no home church, no friends nearby, and she does not drive. Even the expense of a long distance phone call might leave them without milk or bread in weeks to come.

Such is the backdrop of Laurie Klein's classic praise song, "Love You, Lord", written in 1974.

"It was a very hopeless time, a very depressed time," she summarizes. "I felt the poverty of my own life keenly at that point, both emotionally and physically. That morning I was so empty, I knew I didn't have anything to offer Him. I asked if He would like to hear me sing . . . if He would just give me something He would be in the mood to hear."

Klein describes "I Love You, Lord", as a gift from God that emerged spontaneously: "I sang the first half and put the chords with it with no effort," she says.

*I love You Lord and I lift my voice To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!*

Intrigued and moved by these words, she remembers thinking, "maybe I should write that down." She stopped long enough to get a pen. When she came back, the last two phrases came just as easily:

*Take joy, my King in what you hear, May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

Laurie's husband, Bill, recognized the simple beauty of the song and encouraged her to play it for a local pastor and some visiting musicians. Eventually the song surfaced at Jack Hayford's Church on the Way in Van Nuys, California. There Buck and Annie Herring learned the song and included it on Annie's Kids of the Kingdom. But its greatest exposure was on Maranatha! Music's Praise 4 in 1980.

Since then, Bill Klein has lost count but estimates the song has been released on 60 or 70 recordings. "I Love You Lord" has emerged in at least a half-dozen dialects, but the author particularly enjoys a Pidgin English version that starts, "Me like-a You, Papa-God".

The Kleins, now parents of two grown daughters, live in Dearpark, Washington. Both have served on staff at various churches over the years, but their focus these days is House of Mercy, through which Bill acts as consultant to worship leaders of various denominations.

Now 47 years old, Laurie Klein is more driven by a thirst for intimacy with God than ever. God has placed the phrase, "prepare Me a place" on her heart as a personal theme for this year. "We're called to prepare room for Him," Laurie explains. The heart of a worshiper becomes evident as she speaks. "We must be prepared to meet Him no matter who we're talking to or what we're doing, whether we're worshiping in church or worshiping with all the tasks that make up our day."

That, she has come to understand, genuinely makes a "sweet, sweet sound" in God's ear.



**Musicians Needed**

Music is an important part of Emmaus. We are still a fairly new community, and have not yet built up a critical mass of musicians to serve on walks and provide music for gatherings and other events. If you would like to be part of the Denton Emmaus music team, please contact Jim Gerber ([jim@dentonemmaus.org](mailto:jim@dentonemmaus.org)).

**By Phil Christensen (Worship Pastor at Chapel of the Hills Community Church in Sandy, Oregon)**



**2006 GATHERING DATES**  
Available for your church to host:

- May 20
- August 19
- November 18

Checklist and other information available on the website

**MEN OF WALK #21**

- Roger Barry - Lake Cities UMC
- Tom Brulet - Aldersgate UMC
- Verl Burnaugh - Inglewood Methodist
- Fred Clark - Hope Fellowship Church
- Scott Cross - Crossroads Bible Church
- Shannon Gummelt - Trietsch UMC
- Frank Halloran - Trietsch UMC
- Jim Heard - Inglewood UMC
- Matt Hedding - Trietsch UMC
- Joe Hight - First UMC
- Randy Larson - First UMC The Colony
- Dean Libby - Trietsch UMC
- Zane Maness - Wings of Deliverance
- Calvin Mims - First UMC The Colony
- Jason Mullin - First UMC
- Don Oldham - Arapaho UMC
- Joey Peacock - Friendship Church
- Michael Peters - Trietsch UMC
- Nick Pillittere - Friendship Church
- Jay Register - Farmers Branch Church of Christ
- Burle Richardson - First Assembly of God
- Hart Van Meter - Colleyville First UMC
- Kyle Ward - Trietsch Memorial UMC
- Ronnie White - Cross Plains First Baptist Church
- Philip Zacharias - Shady Grove Church

**Help Needed -**

Lake Sharon Christian Center is looking for a cook. Must be able to work weekends. Cooking experience is helpful. Other duties include: helping clean and set up conference center rooms and cabins for groups.



Please call Debbie Burks at 940-321-4521.

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

NAME	POSITION
Joe Culwell	Community Lay Director
Pam Taylor	Secretary
Jerry Graham	Team Selection
Matt Bieri	Supplies (trailer)
Jerry Harvey	Supplies/Literature
Darlene Ward	Registration
Nancy Daniel	Treasurer
Carol Lindaman	Agape/Communications/History
Jim Gerber	Music/Weekend events/Webpage
Chuck Lowry	Servant Team
Margie Lindley	Training
Joy Morrison	Past Lay Director
Joe Zinser	Spiritual Director
Kerry Smith	Asst. Spiritual Director
Carleen Alderman	Upper Room Representative

**We Want to Hear from YOU!**



Do you have any news or articles to share with the community? Are you involved in Kairos, Chrysalis or Epiphany and have information regarding an upcoming weekend? DAEC wants to hear from you! Email your articles to [frog2shine@aol.com](mailto:frog2shine@aol.com). The next issue of DIAKONIA will be published in June with a deadline of 5/19/06. All articles are subject to editor and board approval.



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



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