

A word from our Community Lay Director



It's Time!

The Fall Walks are upon us. Walks have to have at least 16 pilgrims to be held. The deadline for making this

decision is two weeks from Walk start date. That'll be August 30th for the Women's Walk and October 11th for the Men's Walk. Please get applications turned in ASAP. This helps in multiple areas, including registration and especially team prayer for each pilgrim.

Applications, sponsor duties, agape letter request template, agape gift ideas, prayer vigil and more can be found on our website. Please check it out!

Women's Walk #80 is September 13 - 16. To help serve, please contact Marcy Petersen at marcyken@aol.com. Marcy will get you plugged in as needed and as you can serve for the women's walk.

The Men's Walk is October 25 - 28. To help serve, please contact Duane Drake at duane.drake@reagan.com. Duane will get you plugged in as needed and as you can serve for the men's walk.

Please keep these teams in your prayers.

We also are still needing members / potential nominees for 2019 - 2021 Board Service.

Board Service Qualifications include: 1) Active in a Reunion Group and 2) Served two or more times in the Conference Room, able to serve a 3-year term (2019, 2020, 2021), and are interested in a significant contribution to the Community, please reach out to the Community Lay Director (CLD) to let him know of your interest.

The 2019 Class Nominations will be put before the Board shortly as we prepare the Ballot in advance of elections to be held in October. Please pray about this, consider it for yourself and or ask a fellow Emmaus friend whose name God puts on your heart.

We need these names NOW.

I look forward to seeing and serving with you all soon!

De Colores!

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Visit our Website

www.dentonemmaus.org

We welcome Red River Emmaus as we seek to help them re-establish their community! Welcome!!!

Would you like an Emmaus speaker for your church group?

How about an Emmaus slide for your church's announcement powerpoints or for their email / newsletter use?

If so, please contact Hope Jarrell at hope_gordon@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events:

Women's Walk #80
Sept. 13 - 16.

Men's Walk #81
Oct. 25-28.

All Walks held at Briarwood Retreat Center.
www.briarwoodretreat.org

NOW is the time to sponsor!

Gathering, Saturday, Nov. 10th
Abiding Grace Lutheran
6 pm - Potluck Dinner
7 pm - Worship
abidinggracedfw.org

SPONSORSHIP: THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL:

- *Good sponsorship is the first act of Agape*
- *Good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim embodying the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim*
- *Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its true purpose: the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.*

One place that more sponsorship info can be



A Pilgrim's Reflections on Denton Area Emmaus Community Walk #1

In the latter part of 2001, I was approached by a friend of mine. He posed this question: Are you interested in going on a Walk to Emmaus? I didn't have any idea what a Walk to Emmaus was all about. So, I asked a few questions. The conversation went something like the following:

Me: What is a Walk to Emmaus?

Friend: Oh, you go to a campsite and listen to a bunch of guys give talks. I think there are 15 of them.

Me: How long does it take?

Friend: 3 days. They give you lots of breaks and you have free time to think about those talks.

Me: I don't think I'm interested.

After this conversation, I was once again approached and asked if I was interested. I was very reluctant. So, I made a condition. If Jerry, another friend of mine, would go, so would I. Great News! Jerry had just signed up! Woe is me. Then, I made another condition. If my wife would write the check and would give me permission to go, then I would do it. A few days later my wife asked me why she had had to write a check for me to go on a walk. By the way, what is this walk I wrote a check for? I don't know. Woe is me again. Ok,

found is on the FAQ section of our website:

<http://www.dentonemmaus.org/daecfaq.htm>

Basic Walk Schedule:

Thursday:

6:00 pm - Pilgrim arrival, unload 1st at cabin, then onto registration.

7:00 pm - Potluck dinner starts when all have arrived (*gluten free items go on separate table*).

8:00 pm - Sendoff to weekend start, Sponsor's Hour follows.

Saturday:

8:00 pm - Candlelight.

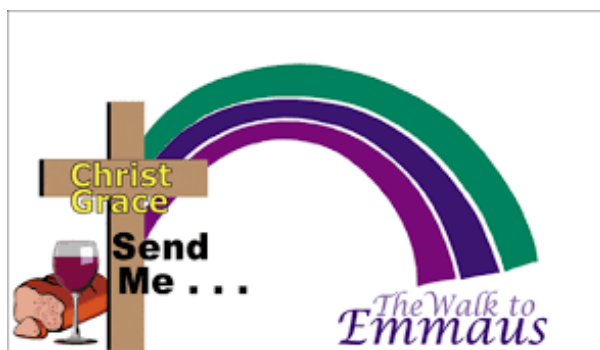
Sunday:

4:15 pm - Sponsors gather pilgrim belongings.

4:30 pm - Closing.

Prayer Vigil Sign up here:

http://www.dentonemmaus.org/walks_2018.php



now I'm trapped.

February comes around. I'm given information on what to pack, clothes, linens, towels, etc. I pack. My sponsor, (one of many co-sponsors as I found out later), arrives. He has me and Jerry in the vehicle. He takes our watches. We're headed to Lake Sharon. Had to go the back way. Road construction. More questions for our chauffer. More glib answers. Oh, you'll enjoy it. Just a relaxing weekend. Right.

Arrive, driver drops us off, takes things to cabin. I see some folks I know. Begin to chat. Lots of food. Things are looking up! Then, roll call and off we go.

Once the weekend began, I knew I had been had. Thursday night I'm looking for a way out. Silence isn't a bad thing, but how do you get to know those folks if you can't talk? Sleep, no way. We had a guy in our cabin that snored like a freight train. And he slept hard. No sleep Thursday night. Or, for the rest of the weekend for that matter. Friday morning things get rolling. Guess I need to cut out a lot of the detail, cause you guys know what happens. By Sunday, I was really getting into it. Then those letters. I think God had a personal hand in arranging mine. They were all deeply touching and meaningful. I might have cried. Didn't even realize it was almost time to go home. Then closing. I was choked up. I may have even shed a tear or two then as well.

I got home, looked into the agape' bag. More letters! My wife helped me read them. I was floating on air. Looked at the agape. She asked, what's this stuff? I said, it's agape stuff. She didn't understand, but it didn't matter at the time.

When it came time to volunteer for a team, I was right there in line. It has been a great ride. 16 years later and I still look forward to candlelight, closing, team meetings and Reunion group.

Has Emmaus changed my life? Yes. Am I a better person? Yes. And am I still a dunderhead? Yes and if you don't believe me, ask my lovely wife. She can affirm this. But most of all, the Emmaus experience has taught me to be much more accepting, less judgmental and more discerning. Emmaus means the world to me. I have had the privilege of sponsoring several people on their walks. I am grateful to the men and women who made Denton Area Emmaus Community Walk #1 a wonderful experience. And, I am more grateful to God for his Grace than ever before.

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Glen Bottoms, DAEC Walk #1,

February 2002, at Lake Sharon, and I

sat at the table of Matthew.

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