

Diakonia

Newsletter of the Denton Area Emmaus Community



From the Community Lay Director

One of the greatest blessings of being the Community Lay Director is observing how God accomplishes great things with ordinary people. You might only write one letter, help serve one meal, hold one candle at candle light or offer up one prayer, but you have helped in making Emmaus an instrument that changes people's lives.

Where Emmaus has had the greatest impact on my life has been helping me to understand Agape. It's not enough to love others with our love, we must love them with God's Agape love - a love that is totally undeserved and can never be repaid, a love that is expressed both in Joy and in sacrifice. God led me to a quotation from Mother Teresa, "We cannot all do great things, but we can *all* do small things with great love." This "great love" is at its greatest when it is God's love.

There are many aspects to the Emmaus model, but this is the heart of Emmaus - the one thing that makes it work - "to do small things with God's love". If we, as individuals and as the Emmaus Community, will listen to God in prayer, and will focus on doing the small things we are led to with God's Agape love, then God will do great things in Emmaus, in our family, in our church, and in our world.

God has blessed Emmaus and will continue as long as there are servants desiring to do His will.

I would like to begin the new year by saying THANKS to all of you for what you do!

DeColores,
Barbara Carruth
Community Lay Director

Stuff

Do you remember the pen or pencil that you used to take notes on your Walk To Emmaus weekend? Was it a yellow number 2 or a Bic ball point? It is not likely anyone else remembers either. Why is that? Was it because the pen or pencil was not worth remembering? We all know the reason, the pen or pencil was nothing more than a means to an end. Anything that produced notes on the paper would have been fine. That is life.

Now, do you remember a particular item that showed up at your spot during that same weekend. It might have been a paper crown or rainbow stick-on. You knew it was an item that was very low cost. But, you placed a high value because someone took the time and effort to buy and stick a note and give to you and those around you. I have some of those items I received in 1997. I wouldn't trade them for any amount of money.

On Feb 6 we will once again have a Walk to Emmaus weekend. The stuff that money can buy will be there. It will be there because the board had faith you would give the money needed. And you have given and are giving still. The items that we could not buy will be there also. The items only love and personal craft could provide.

As we experience the weekend, let us each reflect on the importance of being a part of an Emmaus community that is beyond any physical borders. Then even the stuff, takes on dimensions of value beyond the money used to acquire.

De Colores
Roy Wells
Denton Supply Person
Dallas Walk #95



February 2003

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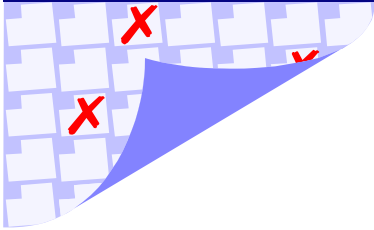


Remember
to get pilgrim
applications
mailed in for our
2003 Walks!

THANK YOU!

DAEC

Calendar of events



2003

Men's Walk #5
February 6-9, 2003
Lake Sharon

Women's Walk #6
March 13-16, 2003
Lake Sharon

Training / Gathering
November 15, 2003
Training 4:00p-6:00p

Is God calling YOU
to work in
Prison Ministry?
Then KAIROS is for you!
For more information
please contact
Mitch Martin
972/567-7836 or
Steve Griffin

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Reality TV?

What if we produced a show to compete with *Survivor*, *Big Brother*, *The Bachelorette* and *Joe Millionaire*? All we need is someone to write the script, produce it, and sell it to a network!

We could put 30 or more Christians, no, make that church leaders in a location with a group of servants for a designated number of days. This servant group would take care of all of the "pilgrims" needs. They would have their beds made for them, have food in every corner of every room, be fed three good meals a day – and they wouldn't even have to do the dishes!

We could tell the "participants" that they would come back *changed spiritually* (and perhaps mention a few pounds heavier). The process would involve 10 talks by lay people and 5 talks by clergy. This way it will sound fairly un-eventful.

Once we get them on location we will have almost hourly challenges asking them to look at things like the priorities in their life and how God loves them. The group could be reminded of things back home like being priests to one another, or studying or being active in their community in Jesus' name.

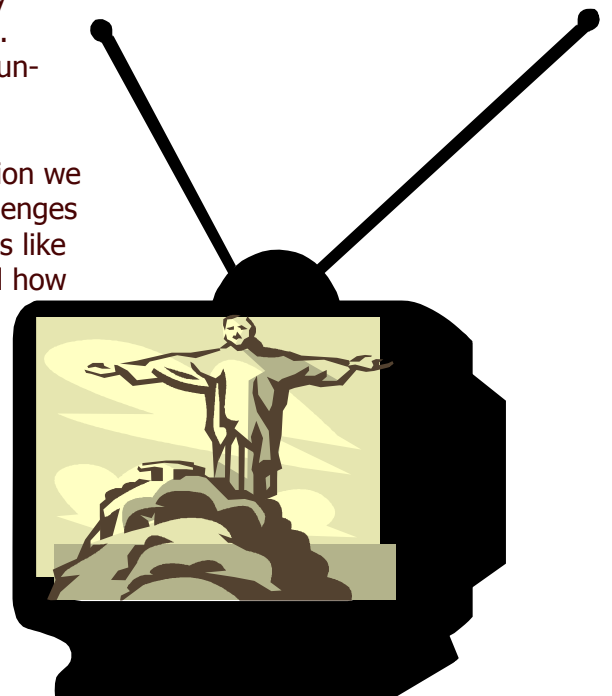
There could be skits with chickens and farmers, we could tell jokes. The participants themselves could be asked to give their ver-

sion of what the talks are about and provide entertainment with skits, posters or songs.

God of course would be right in the middle of everything. We could have worship every day, meditations, time to reflect and time to just relax away from the normal pressures. If we do this right, after three days we would tell them that every day afterwards is the "fourth day" and their mission is to keep the spirit going and growing.

I am sure lives would change and churches would grow stronger – but you are correct. No one would accept this as *really* being possible. So much for reality.

Joe Zinser
Dallas # 53
Table of John





**Team Members for
Men's Walk #5
February 6-9, 2003**

Steve Hines-LD	Perseverance
Roy Bradshaw-BR	
Randal DuPape-ALD	Priorities
Steve Faulkenberry-ALD	
David Taylor-ALD	Fourth Day
Kirk Taylor-SD	Means of Grace
Tom Blair-ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Joe Zinser-ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Dave Yunker-ASD	Prevenient Grace
Robert Posner-ASD	Justifying Grace
Ron Crowell-TL	Discipleship
Sonny Gann-TL	Life in Piety
Tom Mladjen-TL	Changing our World
Carey Sattler-TL	Body of Christ
Drew Timmons-TL	Christian Action
Frank Bonner-ATL	
Glen Bottoms-ATL	Priesthood of all Belivers
Jerry Graham-ATL	Grow through Study
Richard Jacob-ATL	
Gerry Untz-ATL	
Jim Gerber-MUS	
Les Dodson-MUS	



**Team Members for
Women's Walk #6
March 13-16, 2003**

Jones, Melva-LD	Perseverance
Lindley, Rob-SD	Means of Grace
White, Linda-ASD	Justifying Grace
Kruger, Larry-ASD	Prevenient Grace
Daniel, Nancy-BR	
Burks, Debbie -ALD	
Hunt, Mary-ALD	Fourth Day
Morrison, Joy-ALD	Priority
Taylor, Pam-TL	Body of Christ
Franklin, Nancy -TL	Changing Our World
Lindaman, Carol-TL	Discipleship
Monnig, Lisa-TL	Life in Piety
Stockard, Martha-TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Kelly, Mary Ann-ATL	
McWilliams, Trisha-ATL	
Robinson, Denise-ATL	Grow through Study
Sepanek, Betty-ATL	Christian Action
Sherman, Patty-ATL	
Alexander, Rosie-MUS	
Beard, Desi-MUS	



DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT



Balance as of 11/31/02		
	Regular account	\$4,668.33
	Scholarship	<u>\$ 863.00</u>
	TOTAL BALANCE	\$5,531.33
Income	Trailer—list	\$1,625.00
	Trailer—list	\$2,500.00
	Donation of Expenses	<u>\$ 5.38</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$4,130.38
Expenses	Upper Room—supplies	\$ 757.69
	Dan Grace—I.d. stipend	\$ 50.00
	Flora—lite candles	\$ 450.50
	Service charge	<u>\$ 10.76</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$1,263.57)
Balance as of 12/31/02		
	Regular account	\$7,435.14



Trailer Update

Within days of the theft of the DAEC trailer the board met and with prayerful consideration decided to ask our community and others to help in recovering from this set back. One of the first decisions was to not place blame or play *ain't it awful!*

The Denton Area Emmaus Community is truly blessed. As of January 8, 2003 the trailer, sound system, tables, storage containers, VCR, projector and cart, music stands, candles, songbooks, and supplies have been donated or adequate cash gifts given to the community to make the purchases. Individuals in other Emmaus communities have responded to our needs from places like New Mexico, Oklahoma, Austin, Dallas, Mid-Cities, and Tres Dias.

At this point there is nothing left to purchase. However, not all of the needs have been met. For example we still need ten banners. If you will take responsibility to make one of the following talk banners please email Debbie Zinser at djzins@attbi.com or call her at 972.539.2715 and let her know. This is the only way we can avoid duplications.

The banners needed are: Body of Christ, Christian Action, Grow thru Study, Justifying Grace, Life in Piety, Means of Grace, Obstacles to Grace, Perseverance, Priesthood of all Believers and Priorities.

Other items needed are: 8 More Banner Stands, 15 Banner Poles, Blessing (before/after meals) Posters, Farmer and Wife Costume, and Signs (No job talk, etc). If you can help us with these items please contact Roy Wells at roy.wells@st.com or phone 972.370.6005.

Your response has proven how blessed we are to be part of this community. Your board of directors sincerely thanks everyone who has helped in recovering from the loss. We are all thankful that all of this has been accomplished in a relatively short period of time. DAEC #5 will have everything necessary for the weekend of February 6 - 9! The new trailer is now registered and stored in a secure location and arrangements are being made to have the DAEC logo painted on the sides.

De Colores,
Your Board of Directors

The Doorway to Team Service

Service on a Servant Team either On-Site or Outside is the doorway to team service. If you are new to the community, been inactive for a while or just went on your walk, the way to inside team service starts with being on a Servant Team. The Servant Team Leaders and their contact numbers are:

Walk # and date	Name
#5, 2/6/03-2/9/03	Russ Daniel russ.daniel@verizon.net
#6, 3/13/03-3/16/03	Pat Bock pat.d.bock@oxy.com
#7, 6/26/03-6/29/03	Roy Wells roy.wells@st.com
#8, 7/10/03-7/13/03	Vikki Culwell vikkic@tmumc.org

Give them a call and find out how inspirational this service is, or call me if you have questions.

Steve Hines
Dallas Emmaus Walk #27



Agape Corner

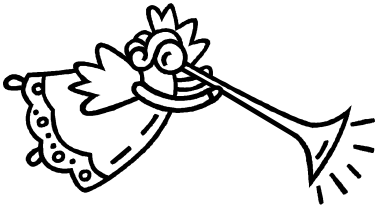
Do you or your reunion group make agape? We always need agape for our Walks. If you would like to contribute agape, please contact Barbara Carruth, Lay Dir./Supplies, 972-724-2235 or bcarruth@flash.net, or contact anyone on the Board and let us know who you are and what you are willing to provide.

Please Follow These AGAPE Guidelines

- ◆ No personal names (church/reunion groups only)
- ◆ Include the number of each item you have brought
- ◆ Name & phone of who to contact if there are extras
- ◆ Do not distribute copyrighted material (including song lyrics)

DeColores!

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord



There are so many facets that make up the Walk to Emmaus that as Pilgrims we tend not to notice the details. As Pilgrims we understand that everything seems to show up just when we need it so why even think of the details. As we progress it is reinforced that God, unlike agape, doesn't just show up but is always with us.

It is later when we come back to work on a team that we begin to realize the magnitude of the behind the scenes training and coordination that must take place. It is then, as a team member, that we fully comprehend and appreciate the number of people and coordination required to successfully put on a Walk. However, it is not just the Walk itself that takes this type of coordination.

Can you imagine an Emmaus Walk without music? Can you imagine an Emmaus event without music? I am sure that it could, or maybe even has been done, but if you attended such an event would you feel that something was missing?

Music has been an important part of my life since I was very small. For me, possibly you, and certainly for many others, music can reach my heart and soul in a way that nothing else can. For me a Sunday worship service without music would seem somehow inappropriate. The same of course would hold true for an Emmaus event. We currently have six Walks scheduled in 2003. For each of those Walks we need two musicians, so we need a total of twelve musicians, six men and six women, for the 2003 Walks.

Since we do not have gatherings in the months that we have Walks lets assume that we need four musicians for each of the eight gatherings. That is a total of 32 musicians. Then assuming four musicians each for six candlelight's we will need 24 more. As you can see we will need 68 musicians to handle our needs in 2003. Relating back to my opening comments, I am not sure as a community we see the great need we have for musicians. We tend see musicians like agape on our pilgrim Walk; they just show up when you need them.

Currently there are 25 musicians on our community musician list. The good news is that that is a fairly high percentage of our total active community. The bad news is that only eight of those are women and of that eight only five play an instrument. Less than half of the twenty five musicians are currently actively involved so as you can see a very small number of musicians are currently carrying the load for our community.

If you are a musician the Emmaus community needs you. We particularly need women guitar or keyboard players. If you are a little uncertain of your ability or the music come and play with us at the gatherings and candlelight's. The traditional music out of the Teal colored book is not difficult and after just a few times of playing with others who know the music your confidence will grow. One unspoken goal of the music at gatherings and candlelight's is to build the repertoire of new musicians to prepare them to work as part of a music team on a Walk.

If you would like to be included on our community musicians list, and be invited to participate in community events, please contact me at roy.bradshaw@bbnow.net or by phone at 214-837-1204. We would love to have you.

Come help us make a joyful noise.

DeColores
Roy Bradshaw
DAEC Music Coordinator



Upcoming Dallas Chrysalis Flights & Journeys:

Girl's Flight #56	June 26-28, 2003 (THU-SAT)
Boy's Flight #57	July 10-12, 2003 (THU-SAT)

**Now that same day two
of them were going to a
village called Emmaus...**

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Walk to Emmaus Celebrates 25th Anniversary, Four-Day Event

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The 25th Anniversary Celebration of The Walk to Emmaus will be held at the Nashville (Tenn.) Convention Center, July 24-27, 2003. The event offers the half-million participants called “pilgrims” an opportunity to gather and experience spiritual renewal, gain church leadership skills, hear about God’s work through this shared interdenominational ministry, and exchange faith stories.

“We look forward to a festive fellowship of people from around the world who have participated in the Emmaus movement,” says Rev. Stephen Bryant, editor and publisher of Upper Room Ministries, which launched the program in 1978.

Guest speakers are Dr. Tony Campolo, author and commentator, and Larnelle Harris, Grammy winner, among other worship leaders.

More than 80 workshops support the theme, “Making a World of Difference” and focus on becoming more effective Christian leaders. Additional workshops include time with Michael Hingson, who escaped the attack on the World Trade Center with the help of his guide dog; a sing along; a chance to discuss the future of Emmaus; and a field trip to The Upper Room Chapel.

For registration and hotel information, visit www.upperroom.org/emmaus/25th. Early bird discounts, group rates, youth, and children rates are available.

Based on the Emmaus road story in Luke 24:13-35, the Emmaus program “has become a contagious spiritual renewal movement” in which participants return to their churches “bearing witness to the risen Christ with burning faith, expanded spiritual awareness and a deeper commitment to serve Christ through missions,” says Bryant.

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