

DIAKONIA



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From our Spiritual Director



A couple of days ago I ran into a clergy friend, Larry Bassett. A few of you may remember that Larry was one of the people who started things rolling to form the Denton Area Emmaus Community. Larry is now serving Stony United Methodist Church and looking forward to being involved in the Denton Area Emmaus Community again.

As old friends do we played the “do you remember so-and-so and know what they are doing” game about several members of the Emmaus community. In just a few minutes we had identified a half-dozen men and women who have not been seen around DAEC for a while.

We Christians are responsible to walk with our brothers and sisters throughout our faith journey. Larry reminded me that I am not so good at keeping up with friends I have made at Emmaus events. How about you? Is today the day you will imitate Christ by calling or emailing someone you want to see at the next gathering or candlelight?

Seeing Larry also reminded me of how much this community has grown and matured since we struggled through that first meeting. Individually we have all grown, not only since that first meeting, but also since our Walk to Emmaus.

In Paul’s letter to the Romans he reminds all of us, “in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” (Romans 12:5). Believing that, you and I can approach any brother or sister with words of encouragement – they don’t have to be in our reunion group, either!

The Denton Area Emmaus Community will continue to spiritually nourish church leaders. You, as a church leader, can help the community continue to feed one another as your church and your Emmaus Community grow. Who ya gonna call today?

Blessings,
Joe Zinser
Spiritual Director



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2006 GATHERING DATES

Available for your church to host:

- March 18
- May 20
- August 19
- November 18

Checklist and other information available on the website



“...so that
they may be
one...”



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

Men's Walk #21 - Feb 23-26
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

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 the Monday prior to the Walk weekend.

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



Do you know any teens ready for Chrysalis? Information can be found @ www.dallasemmaus.org

2006 CHRYSALIS SCHEDULE

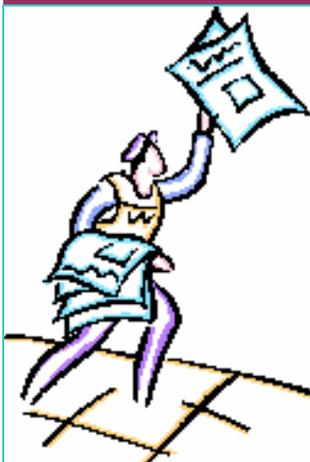
Girl's 71 June 22-24, 2006 Thu-Sat
 Lakewood UMC
 Candlelight: Friday - 8pm

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

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. The next issue of DIAKONIA will be published in April with a deadline of 3/20/06. *All articles are subject to editor and board approval.*

Help Wanted

Community Needs Your Help to Update our Clergy Database

We are in the process of updating our clergy database. Please encourage your pastor and/or church staff who are qualified to serve on Emmaus clergy teams to update their information in our records by submitting the following information to Jim Gerber at jvgerber@comcast.net.

Clergy name, title, denomination, home address including city and zip code, name and address of church now serving, email, telephone number(s), walk originally attended with community name and year, and any of the clergy talks previously given.

With a maximum of six walks per year, our goal is to have 24 different clergy involved in the walk weekends so not to overwork our volunteer clergy. We also want to involve more clergy in leading worship at gatherings, candlelight services, and other community functions. As clergy are reassigned to new locations and leave our community, and as new pastors come into our community throughout the year, please let us know of changes that affect your churches since they affect the Emmaus community also.

A Summary of Clergy Qualifications:

The team Spiritual Director for an Emmaus weekend must be a clergy person in the eyes of the Church (active or retired), be engaged in professional ministry, have the theological and pastoral education required for that role, and be authorized to administer Holy Communion in a setting beyond the local church to which he or she is assigned.

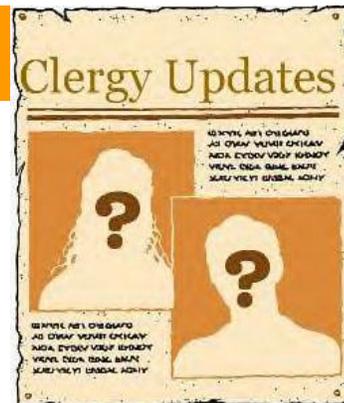
They must also be able to maintain theological balance while being sensitive to the variety of perspectives in this interdenominational setting.

Clergy serving as Assistant Weekend Spiritual Directors who do not meet the qualifications to be a weekend Spiritual Director must yet be serving a church, be in good standing, and have sufficient education to counsel pilgrims effectively within the parameters appropriate to the Emmaus Walk.

The Emmaus teams represent a partnership between clergy and laity working together in ministry. The Community Spiritual Director and Team Selection Committee are directly charged with the responsibility of selecting as Spiritual Directors and Assistant Spiritual Directors those clergy who are spiritually mature, theologically sound, and adequately equipped for Emmaus leadership.

Clergy serving on an Emmaus team are expected to attend team meetings and be present on the walk weekend. A minimum of two clergy are required to be in attendance at the walk at all times. The community recognizes that many of our clergy will have to return to their home church for Sunday worship. Clergy are encouraged to return to the walk as quickly as possible after tending to their church. The team Spiritual Director must be on-site at all times during the walk weekend.

For further information contact the Denton Area Emmaus Community Spiritual, revjrz@comcast.net or call Joe Zinser at 972-317-4094.



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).



Job Opportunity Cook 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.

SERVANT SERVING

For just as the BODY without the SPIRIT is dead, so FAITH without works is also dead. James 2:26



James 2:26- *For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.*

We learn in James that Christ calls us to be active in His church, less our faith die. Although the Walk to Emmaus isn't "a church", the spirit still beckons us to serve. With six walks this year there are plenty of opportunities to do just this. Walk 21 is just a few days away and the team has been hard at work preparing themselves for service- *for work-* for the pilgrims. Walk 22 is gearing up to do the same in April. The Holy Spirit is already hard at work with Lay Directors for the summer and fall walks as they prepare themselves to work for the pilgrims of those walks.

What is the spirit doing with you? This is the time to make yourself available to feed the faith. If the spirit calls you to help on any of these walks- let us know! Check the web sight for the dates of the walks this year, check your schedule for availability, then contact us! Servant team leaders will be contacting those who are called to serve- *to work* for the pilgrims.

You can also "just show up". An extra pair of hands is always welcome for Wednesday set-up, candlelight set up, and especially packing the trailer. Those with helping hands, servant hearts and faithful attitudes willing to work for the pilgrims *will not* be turned away but welcome with open arms.

De Colores
Chuck Lowry
Servant Team



Respectfully submitted
by Nancy Daniel

DEAC - FINANCIAL REPORT As of December 31, 2005		
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$13,804.04
INCOME		
Book Table Funds-Women's Walk #20	\$ 73.50	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 73.50
EXPENSES		
Lake Sharon Repairs Supplies	\$ 94.60	
Post/Net Dec 05 Newsletter	\$ 322.50	
USPS Bulk Mail-Non Profit Dec 05 Newsletter	\$ 79.27	
USPS NonProfit Postage Newsletter	\$ 150.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (646.37)
ENDING BALANCE		\$12,610.17
SCHOLARSHIP FUND CURRENT BALANCE		\$ 630.50

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”

Submitted by Jim Gerber

“Blessed Assurance” by Fanny Crosby

Not much is known of the background of this Fanny Crosby hymn, "**Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine.**" Fanny tells this one story about the hymn. Mrs. Joseph Fairchild Knapp, wife of the organizer of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, went to visit her and get an opinion of a tune Mrs. Knapp had written. "What does it say to you, Fanny?" she asked. Fanny's answer was "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." And then a few minutes later she handed to Mrs. Knapp the completed lyrics of the hymn. The tune and the lyrics were put together and are still sung today.

Fanny Crosby wrote over 8000 hymns. She said about her blindness, "The first face ever to gladden my sight will be when I get to heaven and behold the face of the One who died for me. . . . I verily believe that God intended that I should live my days in physical darkness so that I might be better prepared to sing His praise and lead others from spiritual darkness into eternal light. With sight I would have been too distracted to have written thousands of hymns."

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love*

By Fanny J. Crosby / Rex Kennemer

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February is the month of love... spread the love of Christ... Pray for our conference room team, pray for our pilgrims... Share in agape love through your gifts of service, your presence and food/agape for Walk #21. Hold a candle for someone else, come to Candlelight... Experience the love, come to closing... Love one another! DeColores!



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



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