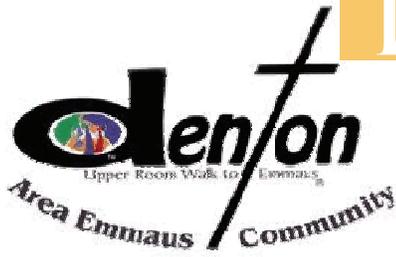


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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY PAST LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Denton Area Emmaus Community,

It is with a most grateful and humble heart that I thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve you not only as your 2010 Community Lay Director but also as past Lay Director, Servant Team Leader and as your representative to the Walk to Emmaus in Seoul, South Korea.

Each and every time I serve I am spiritually renewed in my enthusiasm to share the love of God with others – whether it is half way around the globe or within the local Emmaus community as well as in my church, my place of work, with my family and friends or just in my every day living.

The past few years have brought many joys and sorrows for

my family with health concerns, parents’ death, new grandbabies, and family relationships. I am ever so thankful for your prayers that uplifted me during those times that I stumbled, and for God’s steadfast love and grace in giving me the strength and courage to lead. I hope I have been a faithful servant.

The Emmaus Community will continue to be a channel of that love and grace in my life even as I pass the baton to our new Community Lay Director Bill Beattie.

It takes much prayer and hundreds of dedicated hours to organize an Emmaus weekend just so others can

experience God’s unconditional agape love. No matter where anyone is on their 4th day journey there will al-

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ways be challenges to face. However, I know God takes our challenges and creates miracles out of them – we all have been a witness of His Magnificent Grace.

BECAUSE OF YOU and your servant’s heart we have accomplished so much this year. You are an abundantly generous and faithful Community and I am so very blessed to be a part of it.

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PAST LAY DIRECTOR—CONTINUED

and in sponsoring and giving someone else the opportunity of meeting one on one with Jesus on that road to Emmaus.

I ask that you continue to be in prayer throughout the new year for the pilgrims that God may have placed on your hearts as well as those unnamed, and offering them the gift of a lifetime, the gift of the Walk to Emmaus.

Again, I want to thank the Community for your love and support and the privilege of serving with you and for you. I will continue to serve in whatever capacity the Board asks of me.

I leave you with this encouragement from *Isaiah 41:9-10*

"I took you from the ends of the earth; from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my

servant; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

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Theresa Rogers

NEW EMMAUS BOARD MEMBERS

Please welcome **Rosie Alexander (Lake Cities UMC); Dave Farish, (Flower Mound UMC); Sherri Smith, (Midway Baptist Church in Aubrey); and Les Watland, (Asbury UMC)** as new members for the Emmaus Board Class of 2013.

Les, Dave, and Sherri are serving their first term on the board. We are delighted to have Rosie Alexander returning to the Board to finish out a term interrupted earlier by family illness. We praise God for her restored health.

Each of these Board Members has a true servant heart and a great interest in the Denton Area Emmaus Community. We know the community will benefit greatly from their leadership.



FOR A JOB WELL DONE—RECEIVE OUR THANKS

Please also let our outgoing Board Members know how much you have appreciated their many hours of compassionate and dedicated service to the Denton Area Emmaus Community.

Diane Clements – Secretary
Dan Corbitt – Music Director
Jerry Harvey – Past Lay Director
David Hixson – Trailer/Supply Director
Theresa Rogers – Community Lay Director

2011 WALK SCHEDULE

MEN'S WALK #49 Lay Director Spiritual Director Servant Team Leader	FEBRUARY 24-27 Dave Christianson Rev. Sherman Gardner Matt Bieri	Lake Sharon
WOMEN'S WALK #50 Lay Director Spiritual Director Servant Team Leader	MARCH 3-6 Tracey Mostyn Rev. Joe Zinser Laura Chistianson	Lake Sharon
MEN'S WALK #51 Lay Director	OCTOBER 6-9 Dennis Hale	TBA
WOMEN'S WALK #52 Lay Director	OCTOBER 3-6 Cindy Shoemaker	TBA

LAST 2 WALKS AT LAKE SHARON. COME BE A PART OF THIS HISTORIC TIME IN OUR COMMUNITY!

LOCATION FOR THE FALL WALKS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS THEY HAVE BEEN DETERMINED. DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ACCOMODATIONS.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS—WHEN AND WHERE

The next Gathering for DAEC is at **Flower Mound UMC on Saturday, March 26, 2011**. The schedule of the evenings activities include 6:00 pm Sponsorship Training, 6:30 pm Potluck Supper, and Worship at 7:30 pm. Great way to get to know the newest members from Walks 49 and 50. Good food, good info, and good fellowship. All members are invited and may bring guests who may be interested in a first-hand glimpse of Walk to Emmaus in action. Mark your calendars now.

BOARD AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Community Lay Director
Treasurer
Secretary
Trailer/Supplies
Music
David Taylor
Sheri Smith
Literature/Agape
Training
Registration
Newsletter
Community Spiritual Director
Assistant Community Spiritual Director

Bill Beattie
Melva Jones
Donna Pockrus
Les Watland
Dave Farish
Team Selection
Servant Team
Vera Gibbs
Don Place
Ed Barnes
Sandra Giesler
Joe Shafer
Elaine Bussey

HELP WANTED:

- 1) Off-site Servant Team Members are needed for Mens Walk #49 February 24-27, 2011. Please contact Servant Team Leader Matt Bieri at matt.bieri@mac.com for more info.
- 2) Off-site Servant Team Members are needed for Women's Walk #50 March 3-6, 2011. Please contact Servant Team Leader Laura Christiansen at

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Happy New Year from the Denton Area Emmaus Board! As we begin this new year I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what we accomplished in 2010 and share some of our plans for 2011.

2010 was in many ways a transition year. As many of you know we've had some trouble filling 6 walks per year in the last few years. Last year the Board reduced the number of walks per year to 4 and that worked well for us. We also increased the number of Gatherings to 1 per quarter. We made some changes to how we handle Community finances to stabilize our financial position. While we increased the price we charge for walks for the first time in over 5 years, we still have a price that reflects what we believe are reasonable costs for putting on a walk. We also added to our scholarship fund this year. All these efforts put us in good shape for 2011.

Board members were invited to attend walks in South Korea in 2010, a recognition of this community's giving spirit. During 2009 a number of people from Korea attended walks in the US as they prepared to launch a new community there. One of those walks was a DAEC walk. They invited us to their walks so that we could see the results of our support. We added to our community through walks and through transfers from other communities and we added and organized new clergy to support our walks. 2010 was a great year for us.

This year is shaping up as a year of change. As some of you have heard, Lake Sharon Conference Center is closing this year. While that's bad news for us as a Community it is great news for the Corinth area, because a new church will use the facility to serve the local community. We will hold our last two walks at Lake Sharon this spring, Denton Men's Walk number 49 and Denton Women's Walk number 50. I think it's fitting that we will end our time at Lake Sharon with our 50th walk as a community. By the way, both of those walks need servant team members to help out. You can sign up on the Denton Area Emmaus Website at www.dentonemmaus.org. This will be your last opportunity to be a part of a walk at Lake Sharon, so sign up soon!

The Board is working on finding a new home for our walks planned this fall, and we may try several locations before we settle on one place. If you have a location you think would be perfect for a walk, let me know, and we'll consider it. We have a couple of options now and we're confident that we will find the right place for our fall walks, with God's guidance.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our new Board members for agreeing to serve. Les Watland, Sherri Smith, Dave Farish and Rosie Alexander bring passion, talent and dedication to the Board and the next time you see them, let them know that you too appreciate them.

2011 will be a year of change, we already know that. We don't know all that will change, only God does. We do know that all we have to do is trust Him and enjoy the ride!

Yours in Christ,

Bill Beattie

DAEC Community Lay Director

