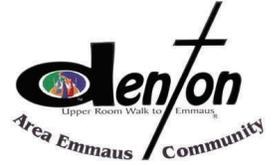


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JULY 2006



Congratulations and welcome to the Denton Area Emmaus Community Board our newly elected members: Amy Pennington, Sherry Goin, Mary Ann Kelly, Jerry Harvey and John Alcoze. This year's voting was extremely close, and I want to thank everyone who took the time to vote. I am looking forward to these new board members taking their positions and serving our community.

The Board of Directors will be losing some wonderful members who have done an outstanding job for the community. I want to thank Nancy Daniel for the great job she has done as our treasurer for the last 3 years, and Carol Lindaman for serving this last year as our Agape / News person. Many thanks also to Joe Zinser for his dedication and guidance over the last several years as the Community Spiritual Director. Joe has done an enormous amount to steer this community into becoming the God-based, spiritually-driven community that it has become today. Joe is leaving the board as of July, and we will welcome

Linda Schupp, who is assuming the responsibilities of the Community Spiritual Director. Kerry Smith has resigned her position as the Community Assistant Spiritual Director because of a transfer to another church in Dallas. Replacing Kerry will be Sherman Gardner. We will miss all of these great servants and thank them for all their contributions and efforts.

As I leave the position of Community Lay Director, I want to tell you what a privilege it has been for me to serve in that capacity. I appreciate all the help that I have received from the community and the great board members that I have had the pleasure to work with over the last year. If you attended Candlelight or Closing for Men's walk #23, you know that Margie Lindley is taking over the position of Community Lay Director for next year. Margie has served our community for several years and will faithfully continue to build this community with God's help and guidance.



With the completion of Men's Walk # 23, we now have 614 persons who have attended the Walk to Emmaus with our Denton Area Emmaus Community. Walk 23 was a joint effort between our community and the Dallas Emmaus Community. From all I heard, the walk was a great success, and we look forward to working next summer again with Dallas when they will sponsor the joint men's walk.

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Again, I want to thank everyone who supported our mission over the last year and for allowing me to serve you in the capacity of Lay Director. May God bless you all.



Joe Culwell
Community Lay Director



Agape is an act of love that comes from the heart. The Emmaus weekend is filled with wondrous acts of agape. *The first agape on a walk weekend is prayer.* The inside servants cover the weekend in prayer by their ever presence in the chapel. And you, the community, support the walk in prayer through signing up on a prayer vigil being online or on paper. Covering the pilgrims and team in prayer throughout the weekend is one of the most personal and greatest gifts of love you can give.



Letters from
the Community

The pilgrims are supported by several other forms of agape given by the local and international Emmaus communities as signs of God's loving presence. This agape first takes the form of "general agape." General agape may include letters addressed to the pilgrims as a group from other Emmaus and Cursillo communities and from individual members or groups within communities. The agape chairs for Emmaus communities often send out notices of upcoming Walks to other communities with requests for general agape or include such request along with the general agape they send to other communities. The general agape is first introduced on Friday afternoon after the JUSTIFYING GRACE talk.

Table agape is the endless variety of gifts that appears on the dining tables at each person's place throughout the weekend, beginning Friday evening after agape has been introduced by the JUSTIFYING GRACE speaker. Table agape is a wonderful sign of God's inexhaustible love for each one of the pilgrims. Since table agape is an expression of unconditional love; please do not attach personal names, although Reunion Group or church names are acceptable.

Personal agape comes in the form of personal letters to the pilgrims written by family members, friends and sometimes members of the Emmaus community in general. Personal agape letters are powerful evidence to each pilgrim that he or she is personally loved by those who know the pilgrim best. For some, the personal agape has the greatest impact of The Walk to Emmaus. Each sponsor quietly requests and collects eight to twelve letters for his or her pilgrim and delivers them to the Servant Team of the Walk. The personal agape letters are delivered on Sunday afternoon after the packets have been reviewed. If the sponsor receives more than twelve letters, he or she will certainly include family letters in the twelve. It's a good idea to mark family letters with an "F". All the letters above twelve can be delivered as a Fourth-Day surprise. Limiting the number of letters delivered on the Walk for each pilgrim has several advantages. The main advantage is that the pilgrim can usually read all twelve letters within the time allotted. A second advantage is to ensure that a disparity between the quantities of letters each pilgrim receives does not distract from the quality of the message that the letters convey. Personal agape should not include personal gift items that are given to one pilgrim but not to all. Those gifts should wait for the pilgrims fourth day. The Servant Team coordinates all agape; individuals in the community should not enter the facility, secretly or otherwise, during the Walk to leave agape in a pilgrim's room.

Sponsors sometimes ask, "Doesn't asking people who have not been through Emmaus to write letters spoil the surprise of the letters for them if and when they attend Emmaus? For many, the opposite has been true. The request for letters introduced them to Emmaus in a positive and interesting way because it gave them an opportunity to do something special for a friend or loved one. Awareness of the letters is not an obstacle to receiving the love they represent. Do you remember how you were impacted by the agape on your walk? Is it time to "give back"?

Food agape in the form of snacks is the sponsor's responsibility, but all gifts are welcome. A variety of snacks are needed to fulfill the weekend: fruits, vegetables, chips, dips, baked goods, candy, soda, juices and water.

If you would like to contribute agape, please contact Carol Lindaman at 940-321-2265 or email carol_lindaman@charter.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)

PLEASE DON'T FORGET FOOD AGAPE ON THURSDAY EVENING

DeColores,
Carol Lindaman/Agape/Communication





Welcome our Newest Members to the Community

The WOMEN of WALK #22

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| Kami Albers | Michelle Blanchard | Amber Bonner | Challis Castleberry |
| Mickie Chung | Linda Cloyd | Briana Currey | Rebecca Eckroth |
| Nancy Forrester | Tara Hendrick | Trina Hightower | Mona Kay Huddleston |
| Kyung Hye Keum | Stacey Kostas | Lee Seung Mi | Lee Yun Nam |
| Dawn Maire | Stacy McLain | Oh Soo Mi | Emily Ryan |
| Shin Mee Young | Barbara Sloan | Suzanne Sutton | Barbara Tandy |
| Crystal Tuttle | Cindy Williams | Tina Willman | Yang Yun Jie |

The MEN of WALK #23

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|----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| David White | Darian Pace | Kelly Hicke |
| John Jennings | Matt Maire | Jon Eckstein |
| Jeff Flower | Jack King | Mike Kay |
| Kyle Woodall | Scott Mairs | Scott Madsen |
| Paul Mayombola | Michael Castleberry | Steve Miller |
| Dick Williams | Steve Morgan | Jim Lang |
| Syd Rauworth | Eddie Frazier | Scott Whisenhunt |



The Emmaus Experience

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**

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



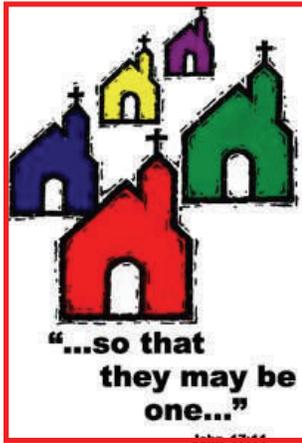
Do you know someone who is ready to attend an Emmaus Weekend? There are openings available on the upcoming Walks in 2006

Women's Walk #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.



2006 GATHERING DATES
 Available for your church to host:

- August 19 - Open to host
- November 18 - Flower Mound FUMC

Checklist and other information available on the website

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
Linda Schupp	Asst. Spiritual Director
Sherman Gardner	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@comcast.net
 All articles are subject to editor and board approval.



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



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