

# DIAKONIA



**March 2010**

Hello Friends....my name is Donna Pockrus. I attended Dallas #65 in April 1996 and sat at the table of Ruth,Ruth,Ruth...(you know us Ruth's can be a bit rowdy☺). I am honored and humbled to serve on the board. My responsibility is to gather information for the newsletter. If you have any information that you would like to see in the upcoming newsletters, please send me information and suggestions and I will do my best to get it into the newsletter. My email address is [pockrusd@hotmail.com](mailto:pockrusd@hotmail.com) . Our newsletter goal is to have one online every other month, so let me know if you have any news for us to share with everyone.

The board is on fire and very excited about our upcoming Walks and Gatherings. Please help support both of these events with your prayers and presence, both are appreciated. We especially need prayers for pilgrims for walks. Also, please keep in prayer those board members who will be headed to Seoul Korea to participate in Korea's very first walk! What an exciting adventure~~~what a blessing it will be to all members on the walk.

Thank you so much for lifting the Denton Emmaus Community in prayer, things are moving forward thanks to all of the hard work of the board members and the prayer support from you the community.

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*Donna Pockrus*



A big THANK YOU to David Taylor for joining the board for Rosie Alexander. We will miss Rosie at this time. Next board meeting will be Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

## 2010 Walks

May 13-16 Men #45

May 20-23 Women #46

Sept. 16-19 Men #47

Oct. 7-10 Women #48

Lay Director-Alan Carruth

Lay Director-Sandra Giesler

Lay Director-Jerry Graham

Lay Director- Cindie Vaughan





## Music

By Dr. Dan Corbitt

Greetings all you music types! I pray this finds you all well and happy in the Lord. Our article for this month is the story behind “He Leadeth Me,” a wonderful old hymn I’m sure we all have heard/sung over the years.

This beloved gospel hymn was written on March 26, 1862. The author, Joseph H. Gilmore, has left the following account.

“I had been speaking at the Wednesday evening service of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Corner of Broad and Arch Streets, about the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, and had been especially impressed with the blessedness of being led by God...At the close of the service we adjourned to Deacon Watson’s pleasant home where we were being entertained. During our conversation, the blessedness of God’s leading so grew upon me that I took out my pencil, wrote the hymn just as it stands today, handed it to my wife, and thought no more about it. She sent it without my knowledge to the **Watchman and Reflector** magazine, and there it first appeared in print. Three years later I went to Rochester, New York, to preach as a candidate for the Second Baptist Church. Upon entering the chapel I took up a hymnbook, thinking, ‘I wonder what they sing.’ The book opened up at “He Leadeth Me,” and that was the first time I knew that my hymn had found a place among the songs of the church.”

Joseph H. Gilmore was born in Boston, MA., on April 29, 1834. His father was the governor of the state of New Hampshire for a time. Joseph graduated from the Newton Theological Seminary in 1861. He was a pastor, professor of Hebrew, English literature, and author of several books on these subjects. He wrote several other hymns, but none that gained the acceptance of “He Leadeth Me” did. Although he was highly respected as a college professor and religious theologian, he is best remembered for this hurriedly written text when he was 28 years of age and a visiting interim preacher.

William Bradbury added the melody in 1863. He is the author of “Jesus Loves Me,” “Just As I Am,” “Sweet Hour of Prayer,” and “The Solid Rock.”

When the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia was demolished in 1926, it was replaced with an office building whose cornerstone bears a bronze tablet containing the words of the first verse of “He Leadeth Me.”



## Gathering Schedule

**April 10 – (Saturday)**

### Christ Community Church

6404 Paige Road  
The Colony, TX 75056  
972-625-6655  
Contact: Karen Bledsoe

5:30 PM – Sponsorship Training/Video  
6:00 PM – Potluck  
7:00 PM – Worship

**June 19 – (Saturday)**

### Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church

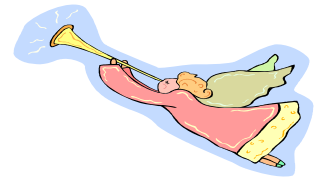
6101 Morris Road  
Flower Mound, TX 75028  
972-539-8547  
Contact: Roma Maslak

6:00 PM – Sponsorship Training/Video  
6:30 PM – Potluck  
7:30 PM – Worship

**August 7 – (Saturday)**

### St. Andrew Christian Church

3945 North Josey Lane  
Carrollton, TX 75007  
972-492-7531  
Contact: Nancy Daniel



Every week Walks to Emmaus for men and women occur all over the world. Add to that Chrysalis Flights and other similar 3-day Christian experiences dedicated to building disciples and changing our world and you get a much larger picture of Emmaus than just our own Denton Area.

Please reserve a few moments of your prayer time to hold up those attending and those leading these events. This is a true act of agape that each Denton Area Emmaus Community member can provide.

**Prayer:**  
"Lord, we pray for all the men and women and the young men and young women that are joined together at this time through your Grace on their respective Walks or Flights. May they grow and become joyfully aware of your Holy Spirit and your direction for their lives. In Christ's Name we pray, Amen."