

DIAKONIA



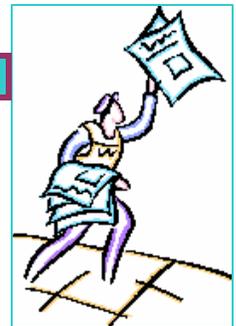
COMMUNITY NEWS

Kairos Weekend #7 Boyd Unit in Teague, TX



The weekend Starts at 4pm Sep. 29, 2005 and ends Oct. 2, 2005 at 4pm. Please keep this weekend in your prayers. There are also many ways in which you can support the team and the men whose lives will be deeply touched by this experience:

- Prayer - We need your help in our prayer chain. The times are in 30 minute increments. If you would like to sign up for a time please send to email txaero@swbell.net or you can call Curtis or Linda at 972-625-1671
- Cookies - A health department approved kitchen is required for the baking. If you are able to bake cookies please call the above number and we will give you the specified guidelines.
- Placemats - 11x17 placemats made by children are needed. They can be painted, crayon, pencil with a theme of Jesus. (Jesus loves you, Look to Christ, a Cross etc..) Please include the child's name (first name only) and age.
- Sponsors - Sponsors are needed for the residents. If you are able to make a financial contribution please make the check payable to Kairos of Texas and mail to Trena Hunt c/o The Colony Church of Christ 6404 Paige Rd The Colony, TX 75056



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 newsletter@dentonemmaus.org. The next issue of DIAKONIA will be published in October with a deadline of 10/11/05. *All articles are subject to editor and board approval.*



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Do you know someone who is ready to attend an Emmaus Weekend NOW? There are still openings available on the upcoming Walks in September and October.

Registration Deadlines:
Men's Walk #19 - Monday, Sept 12
Women's Walk #20 - Monday, Oct 3

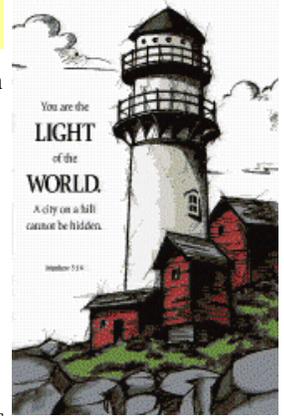
For more information check the web or contact our Registrar,
 Darlene Ward at

darlene@dentonemmaus.org

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.

Lay Director's Insight

Just a few years ago the idea of forming a new Emmaus Community was only that --- an idea. Through the commitment and hard work of many dedicated individuals, the idea became a reality. Denton Area Emmaus was birthed and began to grow. I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Barbara Carruth, Steve Hines, and Bob Kovacs for their outstanding service and dedication to the Denton Area Emmaus Community as their terms on the Board expire. They have truly provided excellent leadership for our new, growing Emmaus Community. I also want to thank Joy Morrison for her guidance and inspirational leadership this past year as the Community Lay Director. Joy will continue to provide insight and knowledge to the Board this year in the position of the Community Past Lay Director.



As we start into this next year, I am thankful for the privilege and opportunity to serve as the Community Lay Director. We also have four new members that were elected to our Board: Matt Bieri, Jerry Graham, Carol Lindaman, and Pam Taylor. I appreciate their commitment to serving the Denton Area Emmaus Community. A complete listing of the current Board and their responsibilities and contact information can be found on our website at www.dentonemmaus.org.

This year we have once again scheduled six walks -- 3 women's walks and 3 men's walks. Several of our past walks were not full. We could have accepted several more pilgrims. Good sponsorship is the key if we are to successfully grow. Let me describe for you some typical pilgrims and look at whether the timing is right or wrong for them to attend a walk.

1. "Spiritual Sam" - knows Christ intimately and serves Him well; he would cherish the Emmaus experience and influence others to attend; perfect pilgrim.
2. "Theological Thelma" - active in church, knows all about God (in her head), but she needs to learn how to open her heart to a personal relationship with Christ; Emmaus is the right place.
3. "Burned Out Bobby" - loves the Lord but hasn't learned to say NO; his light is growing dimmer as his energy and excitement wane; sign him up quickly.
4. "Helping Hannah" - service is her middle name; always in the background of church activities with a willing attitude; reward her with this special Emmaus weekend.
5. "Committeeman Clyde" - his name is on numerous church task force and committee lists, loves to be involved where the action is; the action is at Emmaus; add his name to the list.
6. "Grieving Grace" - grieving a personal loss; needs time to heal before attending Emmaus.
7. "Newby Natalie" - fairly new Christian seeking foundational truths; be a good friend and guide her to Sunday school, basic Bible study, small group or Alpha before Emmaus.
8. "Returning Ralph" - hasn't been active in church for a long time; newly seeking; help him find his place at church before suggesting Emmaus.
- 9/10. "Questioning Carl" and "Hesitant Harry" - full of questions or not quite ready to commit to Christ; their place is at church, not Emmaus; introduce them to the same groups as "Newby Natalie" attends.

As a priority this year, I pray that each of us will look at our church leaders, family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Are they active church leaders and helpers? Are they spiritually ready for this once in a lifetime experience? If they are, your first step is to begin with prayer for them. Then tell them about your experience and offer to sponsor them. Remember that our task in the Christian community is to identify our church leaders and other Christian leaders in our community and to offer them an opportunity to take their walk with God to a higher level, to refresh and build a deeper relationship with Christ. But remember, God's timing is perfect. If they turn you down for fall, tell them about spring walks, but don't be pushy. An open, accepting heart learns much more than a closed, defensive one.

If you have never sponsored someone before and are not sure what your responsibilities would be, you can order a booklet called *Sponsorship* from the Upper Room at www.upperroom.com. You can also ask another member of the community to help you as a co-sponsor. Lastly, watch our website for information about the next community training session.

Together, we have birthed this spirit-filled, new community. Now, if we are to grow stronger, we must reach out to others and continue to share the message of Christ. Let's fill the September and October Walks! Teams are preparing. Prayers are being lifted. Who is God calling to attend? If He is whispering a name to you, be His hands and feet. You can get a copy of the registration form from the website. If you have questions or need help, contact any member of the Board. We are here to serve you.

Blessings and De Colores,
Joe Culwell
Community Lay Director



Thoughts from our Spiritual Director

In our society today, there is a lot of confusion between the word **"friend"** and **"acquaintance"**. Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary defines the word **"friend"** as a person you know well and regard with affection and trust. **"Acquaintance"** is defined by Worldbook Dictionary as a person known to one, but not a close personal friend.

For the past year or so I have become aware of news reports about youth and adults who committed a crime or did something really stupid because a friend led them astray. This is not a new twenty-first century problem – it is as old as humankind. Cain and Able are a good example! In 2 Thessalonians 3:6-7a Paul deals with the problem, “In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every brother or sister who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you,”

Paul has a way of facing life challenges with an “in your face” dialogue. If someone is just sitting around and doing nothing for the Kingdom, get away from them. If a person is not following the teachings of Jesus Christ, run from them. If you don’t know how to act or what to do, follow the example we, the disciples, set for you.

Each of us has friends and acquaintances we have lost touch with for a variety of reasons. Some of our friends and acquaintances have also lost touch with their church, their friends, their acquaintances and the Emmaus Community.

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**

One of the many things I love about the Emmaus community and the Emmaus movement is the change encouraged in those who participate. I pray for every pilgrim that each will “get it” and recommit their lives to Jesus and run as far and as fast as they can away from their bad habits and those who destroy faith.

Let all of us make an effort to follow Paul’s instructions personally and then help others move away from those brothers and sisters who are “idle” and get them back into Christian servant leadership. We each invested 3 days to be renewed so we could go home to serve our local church. Many of the brothers and sisters have been pulled away by the idle and forgotten the teachings. How many will you bring back home to your church and then to the Denton Area Emmaus Community? This is your act of agape.

Blessings,
Joe Zinser
DAEC Spiritual Director

**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

Servitude

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



In just a few short weeks, Denton Walk #19 will be underway. The Lay Director and the team are working hard on getting their roles down for the conference room. The inside servant team leader, has begun getting together that team. The outside leader is getting together a group of community members to assist in set up, candlelight and closing. And team members of Walk #20 are following directly behind them. What a great few weeks this is- watching all these servants of God working for people they don't even know- those unnamed pilgrims!

A month ago I was placed as chair for the servant team and I cannot tell you what a blessing it is! To see the community come out Wednesday night and transform an empty Lake Sharon into an enclosed setting- setting up for the walk, then worshipping and praying together on Saturday for the pilgrims and team, then diligently pack up for the next walk on Sunday evening- what a beautiful sight that is. All of us working in one way or another - to show the love of God to a group of new Emmaus brothers and sisters.

But, we do need more involvement. Denton Emmaus cannot exist without all the outside, unseen, unrecognized help that the community provides. It is appreciated by the team, but more importantly, by the pilgrims. The servant team allows the conference room team to concentrate solely on their task at the table and not worry about who is setting the tables for dinner, and they allow the pilgrims to not worry about one single little thing, as it is all taken care of for them already!

As you reflect back on your walk, did you ever wonder where "all those things" came from? Or, "how did that get there? It wasn't there yesterday!" Or "Who put that out there for us?" Well, "those things" and "that got there" and "it showed up", well, that came from individuals who have said "YES" to a call to serve- anonymously.

Serving without recognition but knowing in your heart that you provided something special for someone else is a great feeling. Isn't that what Jesus instructed his disciples to do in Matthew 10:8 when he sent them out- "Give as freely as you have received".

If you want to work in the conference room serving on the outside team is where you start! Help will be needed on the upcoming walks this fall- #19 and #20. In the spring we have #21 and #22. Go to the website and click the "servant team" link under that happy wigglin' rooster. I promise you WILL get called and begin your journey of serving Denton Emmaus Community.

Chuck Lowry
Servant Team Chair
Dallas Walk #37
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2005 WALK SCHEDULE

Men's Walk #15
February 24-27, 2005

Women's Walk #16
April 21-24, 2005

Men's Walk #17
June 23-26, 2005

Women's Walk #18
July 7-10, 2005

Men's Walk #19
September 15-18, 2005

Women's Walk #20
October 6-9, 2005



WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

The MEN of WALK #17

Kevin Bradley	Sonny Martinez
John Cames	Mark Matteson
Louis Costello	Jon Patton
Steve Ferguson	KJ Sams
Jimmy Frazier	Mark Szczepanski
John Kostas	Steven Vinet
Jack Kuykendall	Les Watland
Joe Marshall	

The WOMEN of WALK #18

Becky Caines	Paula Holman
Sandra Callahan	Kimberly King
Michelle Cano	Sandra Myrick
Andrea Cano	Karen Ponder
Jaimee Dorris	Diane Ropp
Ali Florkowski	Bev Selby
Susie Garcia	Mary Short
Melissa Gard	Cindy Snitchler
Grace Henson	Kelly Spilka
Tercel Herreman	Barbara Winterton
Rhonda Hill	



“Our Favorite Emmaus Songs”

Submitted by Jim Gerber

Brian Doerksen's "Come, Now Is the
Time to Worship"

Worship leader Brian Doerksen's signature song was birthed out of the darkest season of his life.

By Lindsay Terry Courtesy Integrity Music

*Come, just as you are
before your God*

Brian Doerksen was born into a Christian family in a very musical home, just outside of Vancouver, British Columbia. At first, he wasn't interested in living for God. But when he was 15, he says, "I heard the Lord saying, 'Give Me your whole life.' And I said yes."

Soon he developed "this incredible hunger to serve God through music." He became the full-time music minister at a Vineyard Church, in British Columbia, and discovered a gift for songwriting. His most famous composition to date came in the summer of 1997, during a time that he describes as "the darkest and lowest season of my life."

When Brian and a team of investors lost more than \$1 million in a failed ministry project, Brian and his wife, Joyce, lost their house. And Brian fell into a deep depression. Hoping to regroup, Brian moved his family to England and became the worship pastor of South-west London Vineyard, but life dealt another blow when he and Joyce discovered that three of their six children had a condition called Fragile X Syndrome, a form of mental retardation.

"One morning, I went for a prayer walk, to pour out my heart to God," he says. "As I was walking, I heard as clear as a bell, 'Come, now is the time to worship ... ' I thought, Wow! The call of worship is being sounded all of the time and in all kinds of ways. I was sweating, and walking, and singing that line over and over again, just sensing God's nearness." Back at home, he ran upstairs and sat down at the piano. "I took a pad and began to write everything I could think of concerning the call to worship. Suddenly, I realized that God's call to worship doesn't come only to those who have it 'all together.' It comes to all of us." That epiphany gave birth to "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship," a song that Brian says "became like wings to lift me up from those shadows that had almost engulfed me."

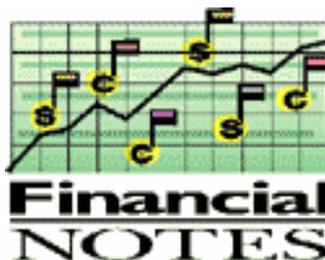
Within weeks of teaching the song to his congregation, he began hearing reports of other churches singing it. Purely by word of mouth, the song made its way to churches around the world. Brian recorded the song in 1998, and it has since become one of the most popular modern praise songs.

Now back at home in Canada, Brian says: "I believe God wants us to come and worship just the way we are, though when true worship happens we don't stay the way we are."

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DAEC Financial Report
As of August 8, 2005

Respectfully submitted by:
Nancy Daniel
Treasurer

BEGINNING BALANCE	BALANCE
INCOME	\$ 11,189.53
Pilgrim Fees	\$ 1,397.50
Scholarship donations	\$ 538.00
Men's Walk #17 Fees	\$ 3,650.00
Women's Walk #18 Fees	\$ 2,958.60
Refund of LCD Projecter Lamp - Bulbman	\$ 582.00
Misc	\$ 50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,176.10
EXPENSES	
Lake Sharon Christian Center- Women's Walk #18	\$ 4,594.00
Servant Team Supplies-Men's Walk #17	\$ 80.25
Pictures-Men's Walk #17	\$ 29.57
Pictures-Women's Walk #18	\$ 32.40
New Computer	\$ 150.00
Trailer Supplies	\$ 291.50
Lake Sharon Christian Center Dep.-Men's Walk #19	\$ 150.00
Upper Room-Walk Pilgrim Fees #17/15 - #18/21	\$ 360.00
Harland Ck's-New Ck's & En- dorsement Stamp Order	\$ 53.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$ 5,741.42)
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 14,624.11

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



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



GATHERINGS - AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHURCH TO HOST

- November 19, 2005

Checklist and other information available on the website



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