



## Don't forget to Vote

The election for the Denton Area Emmaus Community is underway. We'd like to thank each of the nominees for their willingness to serve and devote their time to the Community. We'd also like to thank those members of the board who have completed 3 years of service (or fulfilled the remainder of a previous members position) and will be leaving office in December, 2008: Pam Taylor, Sandra Giesler, John Bucklew and Matt Bieri.

After elections, board members are assigned specific areas of responsibility and receive training in November and December. Each board member serves for 3 years (January 1—December 31). The Board plans to meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise announced to address community needs and conduct business in preparation and follow-up for each Walk to Emmaus weekend held in the Denton Area Community,

Please prayerfully consider each of the nominees and cast your vote using the **BALLOT** available online. Vote for **TWO** men and **TWO** women. One (1) ballot per each voting member. All ballots must be Signed and Dated including the Community/Walk# of your walk. To mail the ballot, please have postmarked on or before **October 14**, or turn in during Candlelight for Walk 38

Nominations

John Bucklew  
Bill Beattie  
Sandra Giesler  
Melva Jones  
Sandra Schertz

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING—October 11, 2008



Make your plans to attend the annual Denton Area Emmaus Community at Lake Sharon just preceding Candlelight Service for Walk 38. It will be a wonderful opportunity to get involved, worship together, turn in your DAEC Board Ballots and encourage the Pilgrims of Walk 38!

### UPCOMING DENTON WALKS

2008 Walks	
DNW #38	Oct 9-12
2009 Walks	
DNM #39	Feb 19-22
DNW #40	Mar 26-29
Dallas	Jun 25-28
DNW #42	Jul 23-26
DNM #43	Sep 10-13
DNW #44	Oct 15-18



As of  
AUG 11, 2008

Beginning Balance	\$7,582.61
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	
CCLI License, Literature, Walk #36 Supplies	(\$1,976.02)
Operating Balance (less scholarship)	\$2,874.33
Pilgrim Scholarship Fund	\$2,732.26
Ending Bank Balance	<u>\$5,606.59</u>

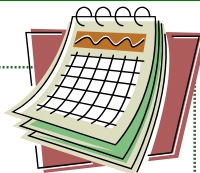
*Respectfully submitted, Jerry Harvey, Treasurer*

### ...ABOUT COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for November 15, 2008 and make plans to join us at the DAEC Community Gathering. We will meet at the First Presbyterian—Lewisville at

- 5:30 for Sponsorship Training,
- 6:00 for Potluck Dinner,
- 7:00 Worship and special Fourth Day Message

Don't miss out on the blessing! Come join us for great fellowship, training and worship on November 15!

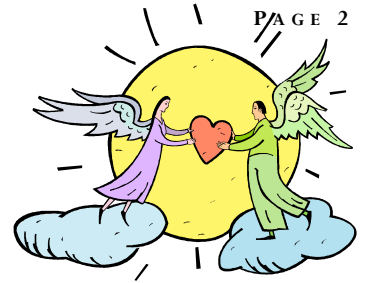


### ...COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome articles you would like to submit for publication in **Diakonia**. If you have announcements for Kairos, Chrysalis, or Epiphany events, DAEC wants to hear from you! Submit your announcement by email to **Pam Taylor**. You will find a link to her email on our website. All articles are subject to review, revision, and approval by the Board.

What a great God we serve. He loves us unconditionally. Don't you wish everyone knew that, or felt His unending love all the time?

I have had the privilege to serve the Denton Area Emmaus Community over the years as part of a Servant Team, Conference Room Team; as a Weekend Lay Director, Musician, Board member, Sponsor as well as attending Candlelight and Gatherings. Each time, I am renewed in my enthusiasm to share the love of God with others – whether it be within the Emmaus community, or at church, in my family, at work, or just in those every day experiences. It takes much prayer and lots of servant hearts to be able to provide a Weekend event so that others can experience agape love and grow in their journey with Christ through the Walk to Emmaus. I encourage you to consider how you can be involved in serving Emmaus or to offer the opportunity to attend a walk to someone else through sponsoring.



I challenge each of you to spread the news about Emmaus throughout your church. Consider putting an announcement in your church bulletin about upcoming events, sharing the experience in your Sunday School class, or women's/men's group, or small groups, etc. If you would like to have someone from the Board come and talk to your group about the Walk To Emmaus – just contact any of the Board members (email and phone listed on the website).



Pray to God to put someone's name on your heart that you might sponsor. Applications are available on [www.dentonemmaus.org](http://www.dentonemmaus.org).

De Colores,

*Pam Taylor*

## ...FROM THE WORLD OF MUSIC

In keeping with previous newsletters, I would extend a warm welcome to all of you music types in our Community. We need your help! If you are a singer, musician of any type, or just like to make a joyful noise, please contact me at [dcorbittmd@aol.com](mailto:dcorbittmd@aol.com). If you are not on our list of musicians, I would like to place you there for future contact.

We are always in need of help at Candlelights, Gatherings, and Walks. It is easy to place any of you in areas that are comfortable to learn and eventually expand yourself in providing music to the Community. It is easy, fun, and very rewarding.



Now for the good stuff...

Have you ever wondered where we got the "Doxology?"... A simple, beautiful four line hymn that is probably the most sung words of any song for over three hundred years. Even today, most English speaking congregations include it in their Sunday services as a noble ascription of praise. It has been said that the doxology has done more to teach the doctrine of the Trinity than all the theological books ever written. It has been referred to as "the Protestant Te Deum Laudamus." (the Praise to God of the Protestants)

The author of this text was a bold, outspoken seventeenth century Anglican Bishop named Thomas Ken. He was born in England in 1637. Left as an orphan, he was educated at Winchester School and Oxford where he was ordained in 1662 to the ministry of the Church of England. He was appointed personal chaplain to Charles II who referred to him as "the good little man", and, when it was chapel time would say, "I must go in and hear Ken tell me of my faults." But after the death of Charles II, Ken would incur the wrath of his successor, James II. James II was a staunch Catholic and imprisoned Ken and several other bishops in the Tower of London. Although later acquitted, he was removed from his position and spent the rest of his life in obscurity. He died at age 74, in 1711. Before his death, he wrote several hymns that were not just versifications of the Psalms like the hymns that preceded him. In 1673, he wrote A MANUAL OF PRAYERS, that included three hymns, "Morning Hymn," "Evening Hymn," and "Midnight Hymn." Each of these closed with the four lines we know today as "The Doxology." He sang each of these daily until his death.

The tune, "Old Hundreth," is said to have been written in 1562 by Louis Bourgeois.

De Colores,

*Dr. Dan Corbitt*

**WOMEN OF WALK #36**

Jana Marshall - Highland Meadows Christian Church  
 Michele Beach - Highland Meadows Christian Church  
 Janice Balla - Highland Meadows Christian Church  
 Linda Crutchfield - Stonebriar Community Church  
 Nancy Graeve - Highland Meadows Christian Church  
 Gail Crossley - Trietsch Memorial UMC  
 Marti Franks - First Christian Church - Denton  
 Gloria Sherrill - Trinity Church of Nazarene  
 Barbara Buchanan - FUMC - Sanger

Laurel Gideon - FUMC - Sanger  
 Deana Clark - First Baptist Church - Frisco  
 Catherine Giles - FUMC - Aubrey  
 Doris Casey - Trietsch Memorial UMC  
 Claudia Scharnell - First Presby - Lewisville  
 Kim Schenck - Trinity UMC Denton  
 Mary Bishop - Highland Park UMC  
 Julia Sykes - Vista Ridge UMC  
 Marion Rohwer - Trinity UMC  
 BJ Gosnell - Justin UMC



**MEN OF WALK #37**



Rody Hinkel - Trietsch Memorial UMC  
 Aaron Spencer - Flower Mound UMC  
 Gary Farrington - Serenity  
 Michael Bell - Fellowship Plano  
 Jerry Fisher - Justin UMC  
 Patrick Oliphant - Trietsch Memorial UMC  
 Skip Waisner - Christ Community  
 Charles Burke - Aubrey UMC

Mik Rosser - Serenity  
 Richard Crossley - Trietsch Memorial UMC  
 Mike Russ - Justin UMC  
 Bill Bagby - Serenity  
 Matt Ivicic - Serenity  
 Coty Bell - FCC Carrollton  
 Eddie Hill - First Christian Garland  
 Will Ferson - Flower Mound UMC  
 Brandon Reynolds - Victory

**Pray about who to sponsor**

**Registration Reminders:**

Both pages of the application must be complete when submitted. Include Pilgrims Church name and address, Pastors Signature, Sponsor's information and Signature. Incomplete or unreadable applications will be returned.

Applications can be downloaded from [www.dentonemmaus.org](http://www.dentonemmaus.org) and mailed to DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY, PO BOX 295068, LEWISVILLE, TX 75029-5068 together with \$145 registration fee. Cutoff is 6:00 PM the Friday before a walk weekend

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**New**

**DAEC**

**members**

I have found myself in recent months trying to examine my relationship with God in a different way. I think it's helpful to flex your spiritual muscles in new directions because I think familiarity with discipleship methods sometimes restricts personal growth. Often we look to church to provide our growth environment but in my experience that's too limiting. Most of us spend more time in the bathroom in a week than we spend in church and almost none of us become plumbers.

Try this and see what you think. Go through the Gospels and look for the questions Jesus asked people. Don't think about them in the context in which they are asked, but instead use them as questions asked specifically to you. Try this one this week. In John's Gospel Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" By the way, this is not a trick question. Don't force a standard answer and don't imagine that for you, right now, there is a correct answer. Ask yourself why you answer that question the way you do. Ask what you think it means to you today. Ask yourself every question about that question you can.

DO NOT use it as a way of seeing your weaknesses or lack of growth but instead as an honest way of seeing what you believe. Find your growth in the contemplation of God's questions. We listen to clergy far too much regarding what we should believe. Let God tell you. Give it a whirl for a week and next week find another question. And remember, God thinks your cooler than you do.

Grace and Peace, Assistant Community Spiritual Director

*Bruce Riggs*

## WHAT IS EPIPHANY? WHO ATTENDS? HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?.

Epiphany is a Christian outreach program for incarcerated youth at the Gainesville State School. It is similar in nature to Kairos but tailored to the younger inmates.

Epiphany Weekends are held only twice a year, once in July and once in January. At that time, 40 young men are allowed to spend 8 hours a day for 3 days in a loving Christian environment with music, worship, prayer, 8 different talks about the Christian life, discussion of the talks, skits, music, recreation, and "free world" food. Each young man has a weekend guide who spends extra time counseling and praying specifically with him.

### **How can you be involved in this ministry?**

Epiphany team members must have completed a 3-day Walk-type experience prior to working on a team.

In addition, there are state requirements that must be met. This involves a training class on campus at Gainesville to qualify you as a trained Volunteer with the paperwork and badge necessary to be on campus. It is always good to do this ahead of time. The next Epiphany Weekend is in January so a training class could be attended between now and then.

You are also required to be fingerprinted and undergo a background check.

### **Are there on-site and off-site teams?**

Yes. Just like the Walk to Emmaus, there is an on-site team that works directly with the Stars. (Stars are to Epiphany as Pilgrims are to the Walk to Emmaus.)

There is also an outside team that prepares the meals that play such a big part of the weekend. Not only do they feed the inside team and the Stars, they also make breakfast for the entire Team each morning before the day starts. They also help out with many of the other logistics of the weekend. Plenty for everyone to do.

### **Is music a part of the weekend?**

Boy, is it! And grand music it is. This is particularly well received by the Stars. The band is always looking for members to help share in the weekend. Musicians help out in other ways during the weekend as well.

### **Would I be required to give a talk?**

There are only 8 talks by members of the team. You probably would not have to give a talk your first weekend, but expect to get a chance to give one at some point. There are also other ways you can help with devotionals, recreation, and assisting at the tables.

### **Is there a cost to serve on a team?**

There is a fee of \$100 per team member to help pay for the cost of the weekend. In addition, you will have to pay for housing for 3 nights in a motel at Gainesville. We usually get a discounted rate at a nearby motel. But don't let this aspect cause you not to serve. Scholarships are available if needed.

### **Come and check out the weekend.**

Each Epiphany Weekend ends with a worship service called a Closing. This is a glorious time of praise and worship with a chance for the young men to speak about what they have learned on the weekend.

**You are invited to attend any Closing.** However, In order to do so, you will need to be pre-screened. All that requires is that you let board members John Bucklew, Bruce Riggs, or Sandra Giesler know you would like to do that. A copy of your driver's license will be needed so you can be approved to come on campus to the chapel. Closing is at 3:00 pm on the final day of each Epiphany Weekend.

*Some of you may **want to know more** about how you could become a volunteer to work on an Epiphany Team or other ways you might be involved at the Gainesville State School for young men.*

*Email Sandra Giesler at [sandragiesler@charter.net](mailto:sandragiesler@charter.net) for additional info.*

# Denton Area Emmaus Community

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT, OCTOBER 2008



Postmark on or before October 14, 2008 to:  
DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
PO BOX 295068  
LEWISVILLE, TX 75029-5068

Or bring to Candlelight Walk #38—Oct 11, 2008  
Lake Sharon, Corinth Texas

### VOTE FOR TWO (2) MEN:

**John Bucklew**

Attended Dallas Walk #35 April 1994. Served on several Dallas and Denton Emmaus teams. Was the Lay director of Denton #27. Served in the Kairos community at the Beto and Coffield and Hutichen units. Served as Lay director of Kairos #5 at the Coffield unit. Serves the Epiphany community at the Gainesville state school. Served as lay leader of Epiphany #17. John and his wife Deborah along with there 3 girls attend New Life Church Denton where John serves as a life group leader and Deacon.

**Bill Beattie**

Bill and his wife Allison have lived in the Flower Mound area since 1985 and have worshipped at Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church since 1992. Bill serves Trietsch as the Chairman of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Leadership Board. He co-teaches a Leadership class for lay leaders and is active in Men's ministries. He also volunteers with Denton Habitat for Humanity. Bill took his Walk to Emmaus on Denton number 15 in February of 2005 where he sat at the Table of Luke. Bill later served as a member of the onsite servant team on Denton 17, as an Assistant Table Leader on Denton 21, as a Table Leader on Dallas/Denton 206 and again as a Table Leader on Denton 37.

### VOTE FOR TWO (2) WOMEN:

**Sandra Giesler**

Attended Walk to Emmaus was at Dallas Emmaus Women's Walk #11 at Lake Sharon in December 1990, Sserved as Fourth Day Team Leader on 2 occasions., Assistant Table Leader on Dallas Women's Walk #124 and Table Leader on Dallas Women's Walk #128., Conference Room ALD on DAEC Women's Walk #28. and Bellringer ALD on Walk #34. In 2008, currently serving DAEC as a board member appointed to complete a term ending in December. She has enjoyed being involved in Training for teams and the community. Sandra is a long time member of First Presbyterian Church in Lewisville. She is married to Jody Giesler and lives in Corinth. They have 2 married sons who also live in the Lewisville-Denton area and are blessed with 4 grandchildren.

**Melva Jones**

Melva attended Dallas Emmaus Women's Walk #8 in March, 1990. Melva and her husband, Bob, are the proud parents of 2 sons and grandparents of 3 precious grandchildren. They are members of Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church in Flower Mound. It is a great pleasure to be involved in Trietsch church activities, including Baptism Quilters and Heart Ties Quilting groups, Trietsch Enrichment Center board of directors, Alpha team, steering committee for Fall on the Mound craft show, and Mozambique Silent Auction committee. Melva has served in both the Dallas and Denton Area communities, and was Lay Director for DW65 and DNW06.

**Sandra Schertz**

Sandra took her walk November, 2003, walk #79, in Slaton, TX, LLano Escatado Community, and sat at the table of Ruth. She has been married to Danny Schertz for 38 years, they have 2 children Michelle Pieniazek and Michael Schertz both married and have 7 grandchildren. She and her husband both serve on Epiphany at the Gainesville State School and on the Epiphany Board. She has served as Lay Director for Epiphany #16, July 2007.

**PRINT YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Community/Walk #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit ONE (1) Ballot per voting member

[www.dentonemmaus.org](http://www.dentonemmaus.org)

- Check the rosters and welcome new community members
- Sign up for prayer vigils
- Update your information in the community data base
- Check for vacancies for upcoming Walks
- Download an application
- Contact a board member
- Check schedules and community calendar
- Locate a reunion group
- Get a map/directions
- Links for the Upper Room, Chrysalis, Kairos, or Epiphany



Denton Area Emmaus Community  
2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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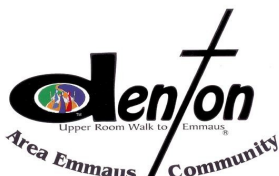
DAEC Board meets 2nd Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Lewisville

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