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A Warm Welcome from the Community Lay Director

Tom Clark

We are pleased to welcome 14 new Men and 22 new Women to our Community with the completion of our Spring Walks #65 and #66. Since “we are the hands and feet of Christ”, let it be known we just added 72 more hands and 72 more feet to our Emmaus Community. WELCOME to each of YOU! We look forward to celebrating and sharing with you the journey of our Fourth Days.

To that point; I was intrigued by the following online quote I recently stumbled upon:

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'.

~ Erma Bombeck

Our Emmaus Experience reminds us that God has given each one of us very special and unique gifts. He leaves it to us to decide how we put them to use, how we share them, and in what ways we help bring to the forefront the talents and gifts of

others.

Our Community Board of Directors is busy with several bold endeavors in 2015 as presented at our Annual Meeting before our most recent Women’s Candlelight Service.

Board Goals 2015

1. Improve our ability to communicate within and outside of our Emmaus Community.
2. Improve our ability to track Members and their Emmaus Experience in order to facilitate Team Selection.
3. Re-engage past Leaders and Members, who, because of our structure, have become passive.
4. Re-engage with our Churches, our Clergy, and our Group Reunions.

These endeavors are being undertaken with dedicated resources to advance our Website, facilitate reporting of underlying Database Structure, and better develop our membership facing and social media tools. In essence, to allow ourselves to commit more fully to the priorities of timely attraction of Pilgrims, developing and prepping teams, and hosting exceptional and consistent Walks. *Cont. pg. 4*

**Next Community Gathering
April 25th at FUMC The Colony**

6:00 pm - Sponsorship Training
What is Emmaus Class

6:30 pm - Community Potluck Dinner

7:15 pm - Worship

Gatherings are open to everyone, so feel free to bring family and



Living Your Fourth Days

Joe Zinser

“The Upper Room® is a global ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. From its beginnings as a daily devotional guide, The Upper Room has grown to include publications, programs, prayer support, and other resources to help believers of all ages and denominations move to a deeper level of faith and service”. The Walk to Emmaus is the ministry we all know and love. This is the ministry designed to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Our “Walk” is just the beginning. This short 3-day experience is the spiritual preparation for what lies beyond the week end. On our second “fourth day” we were gathered together to take the next step: form or join a reunion group. Like the ember pulled from a fire that dies out, we need our reunion group, our home, our church and the Emmaus Community to glow and persevere. That is why the reunion card challenges us to respond to how we are doing in Spiritual growth. How are you doing? Are you growing? What are you going to do about it? Is your church better, stronger, more vibrant because you took your Walk experience home and then to your church and then into your community?

I recently held the hand of a man who labored for his final

breaths of life in this world. His entire life involved his Church and Sunday school. His spiritual growth had covered almost 90 years before he got to go home. He went home in complete peace, surrounded by the love of his family and his church. The celebration of his life included many aspects of his spiritual journey.

When you inventory your fourth days do you see your spiritual growth? I hope so. And if you don’t, find a reunion/accountability group, lead your family to grow, volunteer at your church and then seek a place to serve in the Emmaus community.

And one reminder: if your pastor has not taken a “Spiritual holiday” gather up the Emmaus brothers and sisters in your church and give him or her a completed application with their name filled out and a financial gift to cover the cost of their Walk to Emmaus. Don’t forget to insist they take time to go.

And if your pastor has experienced Emmaus encourage him or her to serve on a team for the full 3 days and get spiritually renewed. Help them financially as much as you and your church Emmaus community can. Team servants pay \$175 for the week end to cover the cost of food and lodging.

And last, but not least - Bless someone and be a blessing to all you encounter.

Pastor Joe Zinser
Denton Area Emmaus Community
Spiritual Director



Upcoming Walks

Men’s #67
Sept 10-13

Women’s #68
Oct 8-11

You are the Answer!

Vicki Pope

I love being a part of the DAEC, and never does our love shine brighter than when we all gather together for send-off, candlelight, closing, or a gathering. During these events, my heart swells with love, and I am reminded of my Emmaus Weekend experience.

I love seeing all the friends I have made through the years, and I reuniting with the ladies who went on my walk. But, at almost each one of these gatherings, I wonder why more people aren’t there. I worry if they even know that it is happening.. So, I was excited that I was called to serve the DAEC as the Communications Rep for 2015.

As Tom mentioned, the board has goals to improve communications. However, we can only get so far.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Keep your contact information up to date, and encourage others to do the same
- Contact your church members and Group Reunion members and invite them to join you.
- Join us on Facebook

Can’t wait to see you all again soon!

De Colores!
Vicki Pope

New Community Members!

MEN'S WALK #67



Dallas Kreps- Justin UMC
 Chris McGowan - UMC The Colony
 Robert Foos - FUMC Denton
 Danny Chambers - Justin UMC
 Mark Peterson - Justin UMC
 David Nelson - Asbury UMC
 Curtis Witter - Trietsch UMC

Terry Brantley - FUMC Denton
 Frank Kastner - Button Memorial
 Roger Shady - Argyle UMC
 Jay Frappier - Trietsch UMC
 George Gump - Trietsch UMC
 David Grein - FUMC Denton
 Pete Corwin - Button Memorial

WOMEN'S WALK #68

Rachel Logan - Valley Creek Church
 Judy Corwin - Button Memorial UMC
 Jennifer Wagner - Justin UMC
 Theresa Moody - Serenity Church
 Robin Cagle - Celebration Community
 Kimbra Pervine - Serenity Church
 Kim Saunders - Abiding Grace Lutheran - Southlake
 Barbara Johnson - Victory Family Church - Decatur
 Lisa Galvan - MacArthur Blvd Baptist
 Fonda Peterson - Justin UMC
 Janet Ward - Stevenson UMC (WA)

Lynn Hunter - Creekwood Christian
 Alicia Binns - Serenity Church
 Carolyn Frazier - First UMC - Denton
 Christie Talamantez - Serenity Church
 Lois Kreps - Justin UMC
 Ashleigh Milam - First UMC - Denton
 Jackie MacElavine - Heartland - Carrollton
 Sandy Heard - Wylie UMC
 Ronda Yahn - Celebration Community
 Teresa Solomon - Serenity Church
 Cindy Clement - Justin UMC

Picture not yet available.

Chrysalis is Back!

With 37 new butterflies



There are many folks working very hard to get the Chrysalis ministry up and running again. We want to extend our thanks to DAEC for all your support! I am excitedly serving the newly created position on the Chrysalis Steering Committee as the DAEC Liaison. We hope to keep Denton connected and informed on all Chrysalis events!

Chrysalis is the three day experience for youth 15-20 years old. The weekend talks and experiences are similar to Walk to Emmaus but are tailored to the age group to help them identify God's grace in their lives and encourage growth to become leaders and disciples in Christ.

Chrysalis is hosted by community churches to keep the costs down... our goal is \$95 a weekend. A team of Clergy, adult and youth laity, lead them on this journey. All team participants have gone through background checks and approved by the board. Bathroom and showering facilities are segregated 17 and under... and 18 and over. Every consideration has been taken for our Youth's safety and spiritual journey. Volunteers come onsite to prepare and serve meals. A team of volunteers remains on site to run agape and facilitate the weekend.

After two successful flights, it's time to consider if and how you want to help with the two upcoming summer flights. Please download and complete the volunteer application and let us know how you'd like to help.

Team selection has already begun - if you want to be considered, you

need to let us know now. The app will get you into our database for calls to service.

Please feel free to contact me at traceymostyn@att.net or call 214-223-3323. I'd love to get you connected. If you have more specific questions... feel free to contact our Steering Committee Chair Kenna Davidson at 972.475.5223.

Talk to your kids...reach out to your Youth... Christ can and will change lives!

Fly with Christ!
Tracey Mostyn
DAEC Liaison to Dallas Chrysalis

Welcome Cont.

In addition, for Women's Walk #68 this fall, we have asked to include past Lay Directors to join LD Joy Morrison's Inside Team as we In addition, for Women's Walk #68 this fall, we have asked to include past Lay Directors to join LD Joy Morrison's Inside Team as we attempt to re-engage past Leaders, Clergy, Churches, and Community Members.

There is no doubt that we need your help, your hands, your feet, your ideas. As is said during closing, we need you to "Just be there!" See you April 25th at our Community Gathering.

Thank you.....and De Colores!

DAEC Community Lay Director

There are many ways to serve

- ◆ Serve on the conference room team
- ◆ Serve on the background team
- ◆ Serve on Fourth Day team
- ◆ Host or help with a Rush (Chrysalis Gathering)
- ◆ Help cooking meals for flight
- ◆ Kitchen Day Supervisor
- ◆ Music at Candlelight
- ◆ Serve on Chrysalis Board
- ◆ Make worship guide book covers
- ◆ Serve team meeting meals
- ◆ Donate towards scholarships
- ◆ Make Agape
- ◆ Bring Food Agape
- ◆ Host Chrysalis at my church



Upcoming flights:

Boys Flight #103 – July 9-11th at FUMC Frisco
Girls Flight #104 – July 24-26th at FUMC Mesquite

Registration \$95



I DON'T WANT TO GO TO PRISON

No kidding, who does? It's not for the pleasing ambiance or what passes for food. So why are Kairos volunteers so passionate about this ministry?

Kairos is an Emmaus style weekend in almost every way. It is on those weekends that the team gets a front row seat to watch the Holy Spirit in action. I still serve on Emmaus weekends and am blessed to revisit my Spiritual "boot camp". Kairos is part of the front line in our ongoing quest to fulfill Jesus Great Commission given to us in Matthew's gospel.

Kairos volunteers are true missionaries on a rescue mission. We plant seeds and help water others. In Jesus name we help find his lost sheep. Many Kairos brothers and sisters serve in other ministries but we are all united in the sheer awe of how strong the Holy Spirit shows up on Kairos weekends.

A question - If God called you in an unmistakable way and told you an unbeliever lay near death in El Paso Texas, and if you drove there and shared the gospel with them for three and half days, they would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Would you go? I'm betting you would. There are six men's units and three women's units served by the greater DFW area. There is that same gospel opportunity for you.

Do all of our participants get saved, no but if faith comes by hearing and hearing

by the word, then first they need to HEAR the word. We get to introduce a Jesus most of the inmates have never met before - a Lord of agape love and forgiveness and not a cold, condemning distant God.

You say - I just can't bring myself to go to prison. If you show up for a Kairos weekend (obedience to Matt:25) and suit up in the whole Armor of God (Eph:6) then God will make up anything you lack or think you do with his grace. My brothers and sisters, let us be Jesus hands and feet and help return the lost to their rightful Shepherd.

Blessings
Michael Hill
Dallas / Denton combined Men's
Walk #206
June 2007, Lake Sharron
Table of Peter

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED
MAY 1-2
First ever Texas Kairos Women's Death Row

Christ is counting on you!

