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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

While I was thinking about this article and what to write I kept thinking of this New Year. It is still hard for me to believe it is 2005. What happened to 2004? I think about celebrations of new beginnings, like the New Year and the New Year resolutions that people make. I remember the new beginning that I felt when I took my Walk in 1998 at Lake Lavon. The remembrance of God's gift of grace and unconditional love for me was the greatest gift I have ever received. My Walk was a new beginning for me and my personal relationship with God.

As we all begin our New Year, I would like to challenge each one of you to become more involved in your Emmaus Community. Make a commitment or New Year's resolution to sponsor someone this year so they can be reminded of God's grace and unconditional love. Commit to attend a send-off, candlelight, a closing, or a monthly gathering, or attend Community trainings. Become more involved in your Emmaus Community.

Your next opportunities to serve are Men's Walk #15, February 24-27 and Women's Walk #16, April 21-24. I look forward to seeing many of you in 2005 at walks, at gatherings, and at trainings. Thank you for your support of the Denton Area Emmaus Community.

Blessings,
Joy Morrison
Community Lay Director
Walk 98, Table of Esther



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Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. It is a time to deepen our commitment to a way of life that was made through our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need. May the Lord bless you in this time of reflection and may you enter into a greater awakening in Him.



Thoughts from our Spiritual Director

Extra Grace Required

“People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.” (Mark 10:13 NIV). Matthew 19:13 and Luke 18:15 read very similar. These disciples had at least one day they were EGR people. Jesus recognized they were in a place for *Extra Grace Required*. If the disciples following, living and hearing Jesus in real time became EGRs or *sandpaper people* I don’t think we should be surprised to (a) find ourselves rubbing people the wrong way or (b) finding others rubbing us (or others) the wrong way.

I find EGRs usually have the phrase “on my walk” somewhere in their suggestion (or insistence) that something be done in a particular way. The spirit of the Emmaus experience requires that we recognize that “our walk” was unique and those experiences will never be duplicated. We must be open to the idea that the format for meetings and walk week ends has been prayerfully and carefully crafted to offer each pilgrim a level of consistency and openness for the Holy Spirit to touch each child brought to Jesus. This is “their” walk and it will be different.

Emmaus experiences are so powerful that Evil has to be fighting the Denton Area Emmaus community walks. Using a person to *rub someone the wrong way* or emerge with the need for extra grace is one of the most successful techniques. That EGR may surface inside or outside the meeting room. It is at those tension filled moments we need to step back and pray for the extra grace to extend to that person and direct our response.

Anyone can be an EGR. If you feel called to step up and “help” the Holy Spirit work on a week end, please remember that disciples are servants. In our community we are not into “rebuking.” We are only here to serve those whom God has entrusted to us to share the marvelous miracle of the Walk to Emmaus. Our job is to bring the children and then let Jesus touch them through the words of the talks, the agape love and unselfish actions of the servants.



Blessings,
Joe Zinser
Community Spiritual Director



Prayer is one of the greatest gifts of agape we can give... signup for a Prayer Vigil online.

Hold a candle and let your light shine... attend a candlelight.

You are the hands and feet of Christ... sign up for a Servant Team online.

Agape Corner *from the Heart*

Agape is the example of the love and concern of a supporting community. Agape is not in fact gifts to the pilgrims, but sacrifice on their behalf. It is loving the pilgrims in a sacrificial

way. Our agape must demonstrate clearly to them the grace of God working in our lives on their behalf, and the power the Holy Spirit gives us to sacrifice ourselves for them, even though we may not know them. This shows that the life of grace they have just learned about is indeed possible. It is agape that shows the truth of grace.

The first act of agape before a Walk ever begins in sponsorship. During the Walk itself, member of the Emmaus community support the team with prayer. In addition, as the speakers are giving their talks they are supported by persons praying in the Prayer Chapel. General agape may include letters addressed to the pilgrims as a group from other Emmaus communities. Table agape is the endless variety of gifts that appear on the dining tables at each person's place throughout the weekend. Some table agape may come from other communities, but most of it will come from the members and Group Reunions of our Emmaus community. Table agape is an expression of unconditional love; therefore personal names are not attached, although Reunion Group or church names are acceptable. Include a message or scripture on your agape, to let each person know you have prayed for and sacrificed for him or her.

Please take this opportunity to support our upcoming walks with your agape. 52 pieces will be enough for team and pilgrims.

DeColores,
Barbara Carruth
Agape Chair



*For every creature of God is good,
and nothing to be refused, if it be
received with thanksgiving ...*



Past Lay Directors – Where are you?

Served as a Lay Director in Denton Area Emmaus or some other community and feel “put out to pasture”? You shouldn’t!

Each of the Denton Area walk lay directors is encouraged to have a past lay director serve somewhere on the inside team. The board of directors voted to begin this with the 2005 walks. The past lay director may be called to serve in any team position. If someone has to drop off the team at the last moment the past lay director will have bonded with the team and can step in to fill a critical need.

Past lay directors also fill a critical role by leading the outside servant team. If you will serve in this capacity please email Lisa Monnig, servant team chair, at: mlldg@sbcglobal.net

Please be sure Chuck Lowry, team selection chair, has your current contact information, email: chucklowry@yahoo.com.

Lisa and Chuck can also be sent a note with you updated information at: Denton Area Emmaus Community, PO Box 2609, Denton, TX 76202. Please note attention Lisa Monnig, Chuck Lowry or both!



We need your help. If your email address, physical address, or phone number has changed, please go to the website, click on “Contacts”, find “Specific Folks”, and you will find the place to update your information. If you have any problems, notify Barbara Carruth – bacarruth@comcast.net. We do not share this information. It is only used for Emmaus communication.



Re-spectfully submitted by:
Nancy Daniel

**DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY
FINANCIAL REPORT as of Feb 7, 2005**

	BALANCE
INCOME	BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 10,623.88
Pilgrim Registrations	\$ 1595.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1595.00
EXPENSES	
Check re-order	\$ 28.22
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (28.22)
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 12,190.66



From perusing various community Web sites and based on conversations with community leaders in other parts of the country, it would appear that, generally speaking, Emmaus musicians are a scarce commodity. Yet most would agree that music at an Emmaus event, whether a walk, a gathering or a team meeting, is an important element in the overall success of the event.

The Denton Area Emmaus Community is blessed with some truly dedicated and talented musicians, but it's a small group. What can you do? If you know someone who has been on a walk who enjoys leading group song sessions, whether he or she can play an instrument or not, then encourage that person to contact the Denton Emmaus community music leader, Jim Gerber

(jim@dentonemmaus.org).

Of course, instrumentalists are essential, whether they play keyboards, guitar, mandolin or autoharp. So, if you know someone who can play an instrument (yourself included), encourage that person to contact Jim as well. Or if that person is too shy, then send his or her name to Jim and someone will get back to the musician with an encouraging invitation to join the merry band.

If you've ever wanted to play the guitar, maybe now is the time to dive in and take a few lessons. Playing for an Emmaus event is a great reason to practice.

De Colores.
Jim Gerber



Denton Area Emmaus Community
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 (For contact information visit our website)



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

NAME	POSITION
Carleen Alderman	Upper Room Representative
Joy Morrison	Community Lay Director
Darlene Ward	Registration
Chuck Lowry	Team Selection
Steve Hines	Weekend Events
Jerry Harvey	Supplies
Joe Zinser	Spiritual Director
Barbara Carruth	Database/Agape
Bob Kovacs	Secretary
Margie Lindley	Supplies-Literature/History
Nancy Daniel	Treasurer
Joe Culwell	Training
Lisa Monnig	Servant Teams
Jim Gerber	Music/Webpage
Kerry Smith	Asst. Spiritual Director
Jim Drake	Asst. Spiritual Director

WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY



Do you know someone who is ready to attend an Emmaus Weekend NOW? There are still openings available on the upcoming Men's and Women's Walks in February and April.

Registration Deadlines:

Men's Walk #15 - Monday, Feb 21st
 Women's Walk #16 - Monday, Apr 18th

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 DEAC 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.



WOMEN OF WALK #14

Allison Beattie	Joan Newcomer
Tammy Brown	Teresa Peterson
Genni Burns	Dana Ratcliff
Karen Cassil	Helen Reneau
Camilla Chu	Cookie Roberson
Doris Corbitt	Kimberly Scales
Eva Courtnew	Beverly Shockey
Claire Evans	Kristie Smith
Kornelija Francisti	Violet Teal
Paula Honea	Theresa Thomas
Simona Konopikova	Cheryll Tilley
Jana Krizova	Defae Weaver
J.R. Martin	Loretta Weinheimer
Becky McBryde	Terry Workman
Susan Mistrot	Rachel Zacharova



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



GATHERINGS - AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHURCH TO HOST



- May 21, 2005
- August 20, 2005
- November 19, 2005

Checklist and other information available on the website



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