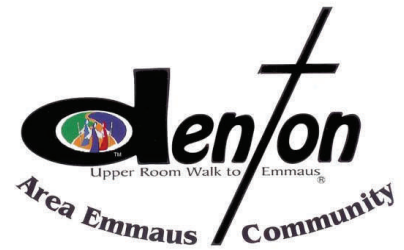


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JANUARY, 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR...

We are all aware of the newest crime of "Identity Theft." Through illegal means and methods, someone gains access to enough personal information about someone else, such as birth date, social security number, and driver's license number, to assume that person's identity. Charge accounts are opened and maxed out; sometimes crimes are committed all in the name of the innocent victim. The victim's credit is usually ruined, and sometimes that person even has difficulty proving who he really is. It takes years to get the financial disaster straightened out, and unfortunately, sometimes, the wrong is never righted.

Identity theft uses our past to make the present bad and to take away our future.

The bad news is that as humans, we all have had our identity stolen. We were created in the image of God, but when we

first sinned, that identity was stolen. As long as our identity belongs to the kingdom of darkness, as the Bible calls it, our past haunts us, makes today not as good as it could be, and offers us no hope for the future.

However, there is always good news with God. Remember God's prevenient grace is always pursuing us in order to restore our identity through justifying grace as a loved child of God. Our identity has been restored through Jesus Christ. ***Christ takes away our past, works in our present to give us a future.*** Because of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness he offers, we have become part of the Kingdom of God. We no longer have to live with the guilt and regrets of the past. That forgiveness makes the present a gift because of the presence of God which gives us strength and endurance, comfort and joy. Because our new identity is in Christ, we no longer fear the future, because we

know we will never be abandoned or forsaken by God. And, best of all, our identity in Christ gives us a promised future with God forever.

Jesus continues to invite us into our true identity: a redeemed, loved, Child of God.

De Colores!

Lynda Schupp



FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR...

Greetings for the New Year! I want to thank you for your wonderful service last year. As we begin to prepare for our first walk and future walks for 2007, I encourage you to begin praying for the pilgrims, teams and to think about how and when you can serve.

On November 3 & 4th, 2006, John Alcoze and I had the privilege to attend and represent the Denton Area Community at the Emmaus Celebration 2006 held in Houston Texas. We had a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, training and lots of food! Workshops touched on every part of the weekend from Sponsorship to Fourth Day. The opening session with the parade of community banners was great. (Denton might want to consider designing a community banner for future regional Emmaus events). It was a pleasure to attend a workshop by Carleen Alderman the South Central Regional Representative on Spon-

sorship. She shared some wonderful ideas and discussed the responsibilities of sponsoring our future pilgrims. All the speakers from the International office of the Walk to Emmaus encouraged us to continue to have community training, provided us with valuable information on resources and ways to best serve our community.

When God leads us to sponsor a pilgrim, our responsibility doesn't end at closing. We need to make sure they attend the follow-up meeting, find a reunion group, and take them to their first candlelight and gathering. Unfortunately, we think that is the end of our job. But it is doesn't end there! We are to continue to encourage them to serve in their home churches. If they are interested in serving in the Emmaus community, we need to encourage them to start by working an outside team and train them on how to be a good sponsor.

My prayer for each of you this year is that you may see God's beauty and love in all things and that this year will be filled with a newness of his amazing grace!



Blessings and DeColores,

Margie Lindley

Community Lay Director

FROM YOUR BOARD MEMBERS...



RESOLUTIONS or RESIGNATIONS ?

In turning the page of our calendars to a new year, we resolve to lose weight, exercise more, or get out of debt... Does this list seem familiar? But, why do our *resolutions* become *resignations* and why do we so easily slip back into old, comfortable habits? Our problem is likely two-fold: First we expect fast, easy results without real effort or intentionality on our part; and second, we fail to focus on the Lord's greatest desire and our greatest need—spiritual growth!

When it comes to spiritual growth, some of us have the mistaken notion that trusting in grace and the work of the Holy Spirit negates the necessity of personal effort. However, spiritual growth is NOT passive! It involves intentional, perpetual activity and productivity on our part. Our sanctifica-

tion, the process of growing more Christ-like and more *practically righteous* requires our cooperation with God. I Peter 1:5 confirms that we should devote *"every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.* Likewise, Philippians 2:12 says, *"...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and act according to His good purpose."*

So, in this new year of 2007, let us resolve to begin a *spiritual work-out plan!* Here are a few resolutions to consider:

1. **Make every effort to eradicate all willful sin from your life.** Although we can never be *sinless*, we should always strive to *sin less!*
2. **Eliminate conflict wherever possible.** Make an intentional effort for reconciliation and peace. Don't do anything to perpetuate animosity.
3. **Generate more encouraging words than judgmental words.** Is it an accidental omission that the New Testament does NOT mention the *gift of criticism?*

4. **Develop a greater passion for unity.** Allow the bond of Christ to always trump any personal differences so that our unity will glorify God.
5. **Cultivate a more Christ-like character.** Just as a baby learns to sit up, to crawl, and to walk by God's design, we are to grow more and more into the image of Christ. And, just as a child expends great effort and practice in his or her development, so much we devote ourselves to growth in cooperation with God's Spirit at work in us.

Of one thing in 2007 we can be most assured: **God will bless our efforts when we resolve to grow spiritually!** I would not be the least bit surprised if spiritual growth might bring about serendipity blessings in helping us to lose weight, exercise more, or get out of debt... Does this list seem familiar?

De Colores!

Darlene Ward



Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Harvey
Treasurer

DAEC - FINANCIAL REPORT		
As of DECEMBER 31, 2006		
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$12,779.67
INCOME		
No deposits this period		
TOTAL INCOME		---
EXPENSES		
No expenses this period		
ENDING BALANCE		\$12,779.67
CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND BALANCE		2,587.26



Welcome our Newest Members to the Community

The MEN of WALK #25 September 21–24

Marion Allen - Lakeland Baptist	Chris Keith - Village Church
Bruce Babcock - First UMC, The Colony	Curtis Martin - Flower Mound UMC
Barry Beard - Lake Cities UMC	Lane Palmer - First Presbyterian of Grapevine
Dave Casey - Trietsch Memorial UMC	Ed Robinson - Sunlight Baptist Church
Jeff Edgren - First UMC, Grapevine	Cody Schulte - Krum UMC
Bob Harrison - First UMC, The Colony	Jeff Scott - The Colony Church of Christ
Che' Hightower - The Colony Church of Christ	Ryan Toornburg - First UMC, The Colony
Sebron Jackson - Living Water Min. Inc.	Ed Watkins - First UMC, Denton
David Johnson - Trietsch Memorial UMC	Rob Wright - Trietsch Memorial UMC

The WOMEN of WALK #26 October 5–8

Shirley Goldfield - Crossroads Bible Church	Lisa Whisenhunt - Trietsch UMC
Marcy Petersen - Flower Mound UMC	Nancy Wright - Lake Pointe
Shauna Farrington - The Colony Church of Christ	Joy Miller - First Family
Barbara Stock - Trietsch UMC	Tracy Spradley
Wendy Mitchell - Collin Creek Church	Dawn Pillittere - The Church of Corinth
Phyllis Miears - Collin Creek Church	Carol Gummelt - Trietsch UMC
Delores Green - Webb Chapel UMC	Donna Madsen - First UMC Lewisville
Ruby Ewell - Church of Christ	Linda Widhalm - Colony Park
Kim Toornburg - Trietsch MUMC	Holly Morgan - Southlake 11:7
Tracy Atkins - First UMC Denton	Jennifer Scott - The Colony Church of Christ
Darlene Battise - Village Church	Lynette Luke - Button UMC
Sidney Avlos - Flower Mound UMC	Stacey Odom
Jennifer Leney - Fellowship	
Debi Richardson - Prestonwood Baptist	



Do you know someone who is ready to attend an Emmaus Weekend? There are openings available for all the upcoming Denton Area Emmaus Walks for 2007!

Feb. 22–25	Men's Walk #27	LD John Bucklew	SD Tom Blair
April 19–22	Women's Walk #28	LD Carol Lindaman	SD Joe Zinser
June 21–24	Men's Summer Walk	hosted by Dallas Emmaus Community	
		(go to www.dallasemmaus.org for info)	
July 26–29	Women's Walk #30	LD Charlotte Place	SD Ella McDonald
Sept. 20–23	Men's Walk #31	LD Sonny Gann	SD Joe Zinser
Oct. 11–14	Women's Walk #32	LD Patti Gann	TBD

For more information check the web or contact our Registrar:
 Amy Pennington at acpennington@earthlink.net

Upcoming Walk registration status is updated regularly on the DAEC Homepage. Vacancy or Full Status is posted. Unless the walk is full, registrations are accepted up to the Friday prior to Send-Off.

DAEC Music Teams



The purpose of the music team is to lead the conference room team and pilgrims in musical praise and worship throughout the weekend, not to have a 72-hour series of performances. When the weekend is over, the pilgrims should remember the music, not the musicians. For that reason, the music team for a walk in the Denton Area Emmaus Community is composed of two persons, rather than a "band". At least one of the musicians must be able to play guitar or keyboard, and, whenever possible, one of the musicians should be serving on a music team for their first time. Since the music team is part of the "conference room" team, you must first serve on a servant team.

The music team, with input from the rest of the conference room team, chooses the songs that will be used during the weekend. They also choose a few meditative songs that are used during the special chapel times. The music team also provides music for the team meetings that precede the walk weekend.

If you are interested in serving on a music team in 2007, please contact Jim Gerber (jim@dentonemmaus.org).

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 articles to:
darleneward@charter.net



NEW PURPLE WORSHIP GUIDES

The Upper Room has published revised purple worship books. Team members will be able to purchase the newest versions at team meetings. Also, copies will be available at the March community gathering and coming candlelight services for those who would like a copy of the current issue.

2007 CHRYSALIS SCHEDULE



Girls' # 74

January 13—15, 2007, Saturday—Monday
FUMC Sachse
Candlelight: Sunday, 8:00 PM

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



1 Corinthians 4:1

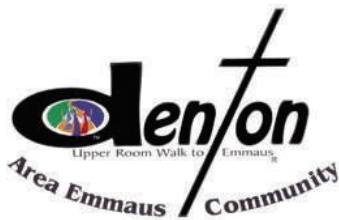


- Sign up for prayer vigils
- Find a reunion group
- Update your information in the community data base
- Check for vacancies for upcoming Walks
- Download an application
- Contact a board member
- Check schedules and community calendar
- Locate a reunion group
- Get a map/directions

www.dentonemmaus.org

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