



## DENTON EMMAUS YEAR IN REVIEW

*By Community Lay Director*

2014 is coming to an end as well as the end of my tenure as the Community Lay Director. It has been a true honor and privilege to serve the Community alongside extraordinary board members whom serve with an unwavering commitment to the mission and purpose of the Walk to Emmaus in the Denton community. Our new board members will only enhance the service of the board in the years to come.

It has been a deeply spiritual experience that has stretched my mind, body and soul. Much has also made my heart smile. The beautiful and sweet look back over the past year allows me to see that God has not only been beside us, but in front of us, behind us, and all around us like a vine wraps itself around a branch. From my vantage point, I have watched God work in so many capacities. I have watched our community grow by adding 63 new pilgrims to our community, I have witnessed and heard of frightened and bewildered pilgrims to become stronger Christians, I have watched board members grow through spiritual confirmations in areas of personal leadership, I have witnessed a year of second chances, and I have watched a community come together to serve our God in so many ways. None of these things could have happened without God's hand working all around with the love, patience and generosity of caring individuals, without the advice and wisdom a great board or without the support of an amazing community.

*And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17).*

As I think about this past year as the Community Lay Director and in the light of this verse, I find myself wondering ... Have I done everything that God wanted me to do? This is a good question to ask of ourselves. Each of us fail regularly. The real question is, "What are you going to do about it?" It isn't about what we did or didn't do, but what are we going to do about it.

On my top ten list of things I love about Emmaus is our honest talks at Walks where people share their stories. These are stories of where people have been and how God used them anyway. These are stories of God's amazing grace. These are people who tried to do their best only to realize that God's best was so much better.

That is my story, too. This girl who can be like a bull in a China shop sometimes, who is so passionate that she gets so caught up in it all, who has grand ideas that often don't work out grandly, and who is loved by a God who shows me His amazing grace every day.

Like at closing, I am faced to answer two questions, "What did this mean to you?" and "What are you going to do about it?" This year has meant learning humility and focusing on priorities. It has taught me that stepping out in faith is challenging and scary, but worth the leap. It has taught me that God's plan is so much better than mine. It has taught me that our Emmaus Community is great, and has the potential to be even greater. What am I going to do about it is to keep participating in every way to help keep Emmaus strong and encourage others to do the same. I am going to help the board as needed, support Walks, attend send-offs, candlelights and closings, pray and sponsor pilgrims for 2015 Walks. Because, when we have been blessed, we need to be a blessing to others.

In January someone else will fill my position and I know that it will be good because God is good. He has good things waiting for this community.

As I fondly say thank you for your support and dedication to the Emmaus Community the past year, I also challenge each of you to continue to remember our mission as members of the Community. To be the hands and feet of Christ! I wish you all peace and blessings this Christ season and in the new year to come.

Be Blessed ... Be a Blessing!!!

De Colores,  
Brenda Brown  
Soon to be Past Community Lay Director, DAEC

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### Upcoming Walks

**Mens' #65**

February 26-March 1, 2015

**Womens' #66**

March 26-29, 2015

## Thank you for your service!!!

As we approach the end of 2014, we say farewell to  
Board Members  
Brenda Brown, Dan Chraska, Dennis Hale and Janice McKee.

These folks have served tirelessly for  
god and the Denton Area Emmaus Community for three years.  
Their efforts have been crucial to achieving our goal of  
growing disciples to strengthen our local churches. As you  
come across these servants in your travels,  
please offer up your thanks  
... it will be appreciated more than you know.

**Brenda, Dan, Dennis and Janice, you will be missed!**

De Colores!  
Denton Area Emmaus Board

## NEXT GATHERING!! JANUARY 24TH AT JUSTIN UMC

Attention Denton Area Emmaus Community.  
Our next Gathering will focus on  
**BRING A FRIEND**

Gatherings are a great way to keep members connected. Our time together will consist of the following: **6:00 pm** - Sponsorship Training - if you are interested in sponsoring a pilgrim or would like a refresher, please attend. **6:00 pm** - Emmaus Overview - if you are interested in attending a Walk, please attend. This is a great opportunity to bring prospective pilgrims that would like to know more about the Walk to Emmaus.

**6:30 pm** - Dinner

**7:30 pm** - Worship

Blessings,  
Board of Directors



**THANK YOU!**



# Mens Walk #63



<p>Joel Ashford - Gateway          Timothy Twitchell - Bible Teachers          Rob Williams - Argyle UMC          Ronnie Hale - NTT Cowboy Church          John Lanier - Serenity          Paul Nettles - FMUMC</p>	<p>Brock Cline - Serenity          Duane Mauldin - FMUMC          Steve Williams - Argyle UMC          Anthony Barron - Watermark          Guy McElroy - Argyle UMC</p>
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# Womens Walk #64

<p>Melissa Shaw - First UMC - The Colony          Kathryn Stream - First UMC - Denton          Brenna Conklin - First Baptist - Corsicana          Nancy Adams - Trietsch Memorial UMC          Shirley Cantrell - Trietsch Memorial UMC          Margaret Browning - Argyle UMC          Kirstyn Wright - First Baptist - Paradise          Leisha Young - First Baptist - Paradise          Julie Ann Comitini - Serenity Church</p>	<p>Cheri Mostyn - First UMC - Trophy Club          Debbie Gustafson - Ponder UMC          Michele Aboumrad - Serenity Church          Stefany Schneider - Trietsch Memorial UMC          Stefani Suits - Irving Church of Christ          Sheryl Vandeventer - Christ Community          Liz Anglin - Elevate Life Church          Fran Hill - Serenity Church          Melissa Cline - Serenity Church</p>
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## SKIP WAISER

I attended Denton walk #37 in September 2008. I served on the outside team for #38, and on the inside teams for walks 49, 51, 53, 57 and 61. I am married to Teresa Waisner (24 years in January). We have 3 children, Kayleigh (21) works for Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, Brittney (19) is a sophomore nursing major at Oklahoma Christian University, and Dillon (14) is a freshman at The Colony High School. We attend Bent Tree Bible Fellowship in Carrollton. I am currently involved in the Guest Services ministry at Bent Tree, serving on Sunday mornings as a Guest Services Lead. I have previously served as a Shepherd (Elder) at Christ Community Church in The Colony. I have taught kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and high school Sunday school classes, and was very involved with the youth group at CCC, serving as a chaperone on the annual mission trip for 5 years.

## MICHAEL PETERS

My Family and I have been attending TMUMC since January 2013 and currently serving as a Sunday group co-leader with a group of 12 members doing book and bible studies, Co-leading for the 6th grade boy's confirmation class, work on the Hospitality ministries (coffee and donuts). As well, I am assisting with sports ministries (basketball & flag football), and as well I serve on the Spiritual Gifts Team supporting the initiative assisting members and attendee's in reviewing their inventory and supporting their engagement in the community. I re-engaged in the Emmaus community, after not being involved since leaving my reunion group in 2007, as an inside servant team member on Men's Walk #63 as an Assistant Table leader. Prior to my attending TMUMC, my Family and I attended The Village Church in Highland Village for 5 years, serving as Home group leaders for the final 3 years supporting 6 families in fellowship, study and accountability. My wife Anne and I have been married for 23 years and have two sons, Max (16), Evan (12). We moved to Flower Mound from Virginia Beach in 1999 and call Texas our home. Our first Church attendance was at TMUMC from 2000 until 2008 where we served in many areas of the Church. My passion is Service, Administration, and Teaching which I tend to be called to use often at work, home or church.



## SHARON WATLAND

I have been married to Les Watland for 38 years, lived in Denton for 28 years, Mother of 3 grown children, and Grandmother of 9 & a very delighted Great-Grandmother to 1 precious baby girl. I took my original Walk #16 to Emmaus in September of 2005. Since my walk have served on multiple walks as Outside Servant teams doing whatever was needed. Have loved serving on the many inside teams as well as the "Trailer Man's wife" for 3 consecutive years. Les & I were members of Asbury Methodist Church for 16+ years where I served on the Finance committee for a three year term. Also served at their Coordinator for the Annual Craft Bazaar 5 years & volunteered at the Monday night "Food Pantry", 5 years. With much prayer and a good bit of soul searching & prayer we transferred our membership to Denton First United Methodist Church where we are members of the "New Horizon's" Sunday School Class" since January, 2014. Other Denton Community involvements are Denton High School Rodeo Team Sponsors, North Texas Fair "Clown Coordinator" & Meals on Wheels. My husband & I are both retired with myself serving UNT Physics for 18 years as their Accountant. We are currently avid campers, & currently "Want to Be" Woman.



## JUDIE SHERWOOD

Dallas Walk #149 in July 2001. I have served the Dallas and Denton Emmaus Communities on several inside Servant Teams, and served multiple walks as an assistant table leader and table leader, including delivery of talks. I enjoy participating in send-off, Candlelight, and Gatherings, and have been in a Reunion group since 2001. My husband Mike and I are active 18-year members of Trietsch Memorial UMC where we serve in various ways. Mike and I live in Flower Mound.





It has truly been a pleasure to serve you on the Board for the past 3 years as Registrar. This has been a huge learning experience and my service would not have been possible without my "committee of one" - Ed Barnes. I want to encourage each of you to try to Sponsor someone this year. It is truly a gift from God! If you would like to give the gift of Emmaus this Christmas Season, let one of us know and we will get a you a certificate to wrap.

Thanks again allowing me to serve these past 3 years  
De Colores -  
Janice McKee