

SPONSORSHIP—THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE! - PART 3

We continue with our series on Sponsorship. In the prior two newsletters we covered:

- WHAT IS GOOD SPONSORSHIP?
- WHY DO WE SPONSOR?
- WHOM DO WE SPONSOR?
- HOW DO WE SPONSOR?

In this newsletter we conclude the series with:

- WHO CAN SPONSOR?
- THE EQUAL COMMITMENT RULE
- WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY PILGRIM?
- THE APPLICATION

WHO CAN SPONSOR?

Any persons who have participated in Emmaus can sponsor another person to Emmaus so long as they understand the aim and responsibilities of sponsorship and can fulfill them for the person they would sponsor. Persons who have participated in Chrysalis can also sponsor adults to Emmaus under the same conditions.

Sponsors should not serve as team members on Walks with persons they are sponsoring. If you decide to serve on the team, you need to find another person to serve as sponsor. Sponsors must be able to fulfill the responsibilities of sponsorship as a priority over serving on the team. Combining the roles of team member and sponsor in one's relationship with a pilgrim diminishes the value of both roles.

THE EQUAL COMMITMENT RULE

The Letter of Agreement states that "husbands and wives are encouraged to make an equal commitment

to participate." The rule does not mean that Emmaus primarily focuses on married persons. Single persons are as welcome to participate in Emmaus as married couples. However, the rule does reflect a concern and hope about the effect of Emmaus on marriages and families. First, the equal commitment rule guards against the Emmaus experience becoming a divisive influence in a marriage. Emmaus can be the occasion for commitments to new life directions that one's spouse may not understand or appreciate at the time. The Emmaus Movement attempts to strengthen marriages and to avoid practices that may have the potential to affect a marriage adversely.

Second, when the rule is followed, Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage and family. So sponsorship of married persons involves approaching both husband and wife together and encouraging them to make an equal commitment to participate.

Third, the equal commitment rule results in increased participation of many grateful husbands and wives who probably would not have attended a Walk otherwise but did so in order to make it possible for their spouse to participate. While their initial motivation for going on a Walk may not have been personal, they came to realize during the course of the weekend that the Walk was also meant for them.

The equal commitment rule does not mean a wife can never go to Emmaus unless her husband has gone first. It is always best to schedule spouses' participation in the same set of weekends so they can share their experience and support each other. However, circumstances may arise when husbands or wives must attend their Walks at different times.

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NEXT GATHERING

THIS SATURDAY!

NOVEMBER 10TH

TRIETSCH MEMORIAL UMC

Family Life Center

6101 Morriss Road

Flower Mound

6:00 Sponsorship Training

6:30 Potluck Supper

7:30 Worship

Sponsors be sure to bring your potential pilgrim or newest DAEC community member. It's a great way to introduce them to others in the Community.

We have the opportunity to remember what our Walk meant to us when we attend Emmaus Gatherings throughout the year.



INTERESTED IN HELPING REVITALIZE CHRYSALIS?

Tom Mladjen is heading up the steering committee for the Dallas Chrysalis community. Any Denton Emmaus folks interested in helping please contact Tom. His contact information is

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WELCOME TO DENTON AREA EMMAUS

Welcome to all those who attended Walk to Emmaus in 2012:

Men's Walk #53

Pete Mladjen	Eric Cooley	Art Johnson	Chris Cassels
Anthony Blake	Greg Damron	Jason Pope	Stacey Stalls
Mark Craig	Steve Briscoe	Johnny Moore	Jarrold Jeffcoat
John Powell	Randy Cain	Jamey Lamm	
Chris Millican	Todd Albracht	Justin Ruiz	
Joe Rodriguez	Chris Hendrick	Kurt Bradley	

Women's Walk #54

Georgianne Burlage	Jenni Kerber	Catherine Edwards
Alice Russ	Patti Albracht	Fran McQueen
Jennifer Moore	Pam Matthews	Jen Manley
Diane Brown	Delia Ortega	Angie Jeffcoat
Melissa Solley	Martha Segundo	Maegan Ruiz
Jenny Lojuk	Shi Bruggette Barber	Courtney Schultz
Blair Rankin	Alma Maynard	Tricia Kellum
Pam Edwards	Sharon Nowell	
Shannon Morehouse	Vicki Pope	

Men's Walk #55

Neal Craig	Doug Meyer	Pender	Craig Thompson
Ted Flores	Danny Lambert	Tommy Raper	Douglas Bentley
Paul Jester	Philip NicholsWill	Terry Schaefer	Patrick Ward

Women's Walk #56

Jo Ausley	Becca Needham	Jeri Beckham	Jerie Wylie
B.J. Harms	Cindy Schumacher	Janet Moore	Elizabeth Woods
Risa Bentley	Kathy Perry	Lynn Parker	Kelli Anderson
Kelly Graeber	Kim Thomas	Eva Yeager	Jessica Soule
Kristi Melvin	Pam Christian	Amy Smith	
Sandy Darden	Judith Goss	Andrea Pender	
Vicki Elder	Lisa Volkmann	Fran Flores	

Have a Fourth Day story to share?

Contact edbarnes@gte.net and it may show up in the next newsletter.



T-SHIRTS - NOW AVAILABLE!

Denton Area Emmaus Community T-shirts and Sweatshirts

Have people ask you about the Walk to Emmaus!

T-shirt cost is \$15 (4X is \$19).

Sweatshirts are \$25(4X is \$29)

Available in seven colors (blue, gold, red, green, pink, purple and gray).

Sizes range from small, medium, large, X-large, XX-large, XXX-large and 4X.

Available at the gathering!



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cases, the order of participation is secondary and becomes a practical matter.

Remember, however, that the equal commitment rule represents wisdom, not law. Exceptions may be granted when there is no possibility of participation by both spouses and reasonable assurance that the participation of only one spouse will not adversely affect the marriage.

WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY PILGRIM?

While a pilgrim may not know what questions to ask, you do not need to tell them everything that will occur during the three days. However, keep in mind there are no secrets! Saying to a pilgrim that you can't tell them anything about the Walk potentially creates unnecessary suspicion and anxiety. And for clergy and staff leadership, this posture often builds a wall of division that results in an "us vs. them" mentality against the Emmaus community. There is no reason to shroud the event in secrecy. This practice has probably done more harm to the movement than people realize. You can share many things about Emmaus without revealing some of the unique and meaningful experiences such as Candlelight or agape letters. Here are some suggested items to cover with a pilgrim.

- There are fifteen presentations (five each day) dealing with subjects like setting priorities, serving God in everyday situations, how to be a disciple, and how to persevere in faith. Encourage note taking.
- There is time spent in discussing these presentations.
- Time is spent in the chapel meditating and praying.
- Communion is emphasized.
- There is plenty of good food and fellowship.
- Discuss sleeping and showering arrangements with your pilgrim. A list of suggested items to bring is included with the pilgrim's assignment letter.
- No contact with family or business is expected except, of course, for emergencies.

- Tell how each weekend is unique, but each person seems to find exactly what God wants that person to experience. Don't try to prejudge what a person's needs are or what someone will get out of the Walk to Emmaus. Simply tell your own story. There are no expected results other than experiencing God's love.

THE APPLICATION

- Please answer all questions. The information is needed for proper placement in The Walk to Emmaus.
- We must have your signature, your sponsor's signature, and your pastor's signature before your request can be considered.
- Send the full amount of the registration fee with this application. Make checks payable to Denton Area Emmaus Community. In the event of cancellation, \$100.00 of this fee is refundable. The check may be deposited when received.
- Return the completed reservation request with your registration fee to your sponsor.
- When an applicant is placed on a walk, the sponsor and the applicant will receive information about the walk. If you have not received information one week prior to the walk, sponsors should contact the Board Registrar to see where the applicant is on the waiting list.
- **REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 5:00PM ON THE THURSDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO EACH WALK.**



SUGGESTED RESOURCES

*Much of the material was ripped part and parcel from the North Georgia Walk to Emmaus Sponsor document which was written and excerpted from the following two resources that are available through The Upper Room website at

<http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus>.

DAY FOUR: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey by Robert Wood & Marie Livingston Roy

THE UPPER ROOM HANDBOOK ON EMMAUS, 2nd Edition by Stephen Bryant & Richard Gilmore

... each of us have gifts that God needs for the Kingdom Come. Some of those gifts you discovered on your Emmaus weekend. How's that been going? Are you sitting on them or are you sharing them?

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

- 1) Off-site Servant Team Members are needed now for Men's Walk #57 .
- 2) Off-site Servant Team Members are also needed now for Women's Walk #58
- 3) You can also sign up for Servant Team on the website.

Email Sarah Gerber at sarahgerber@verizon.net

The 2013 Walks will be held at Briarwood Retreat Center in Copper Canyon.

WALK SCHEDULE FOR 2013

MEN'S WALK #57 Lay Director	February 21 - 24 Jason Anglin	MEN'S WALK #59 Lay Director	September 19 - 22 Troy Workman
WOMEN'S WALK #58 Lay Director	April 25 - 28 Tonja Brown	WOMEN'S WALK #60 Lay Director	October 10 - 13 Lisa Monnig

GATHER AND REMEMBER

Remember the joy we felt at the closing of our Emmaus Walk! Remember the thrill of having the opportunity to worship, sing amazing songs, talk and hug all of our new friends? In my case, I remember how I didn't even want to go home. Does that bring back any memories?

We should never forget that we have the opportunity to do all of that again when we attend Emmaus Gatherings throughout the year. We can call our sponsors or those we have sponsored and make it a "date night" or "night out with friends". We will know that we will be sharing wonderful fun, food, and fellowship, yet most importantly, have the opportunity to worship God together.

Please come this Saturday, November 10th for our next gathering which will be at Trietsch Memorial UMC in the Family Life Center. For a short sponsor training, be there at six o'clock.

Otherwise, dinner begins at 6:30 with worship at 7:30. Bring something to share at the table and look forward to what the others have brought! It will be a fabulous experience!

For directions, you can visit the church's website at <http://tmumc.org/mapanddirections.htm> .

We cannot wait to see you there!

Would your church be willing to sponsor a Gathering? Please contact Rosie Alexander, Board Member in charge of setting up these events. girlietchr@gmail.com

*De Colores,
Rosie Alexander*



My name is Rosie Alexander. I took Dallas Walk #20 at Lake Sharon and sat at the Table of Hannah.

I am currently an instructor at the University of North Texas teaching student teachers how to teach Language Arts. Teaching has always been one of my main passions and continues to be even now. My other passions are my family and my friends. I enjoy traveling, watching OU football, and playing the piano. It is an honor for me to serve on the Emmaus Board as Special Events coordinator.



My name is Les Watland aka Wilford, Tom or Brad. I am your board rep in charge of the trailer/supplies. I attended Men's walk #17 Feb 2005 at Lake Sharon and sat at the table of Mark. I am married to Sharon and we attend Asbury United Methodist Church in Denton.

I grew up in western Nebraska so cattle, horses and rodeo are my passions. I attended collage at Texas Tech after my 4 years with the Navy. Although I love Texas and all it stands for, my heart still is with my Cornhuskers. I have three children and 9 grandchildren who we try to be active in their lives and activities.

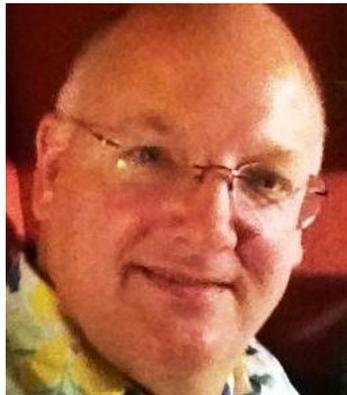
My walk to Emmaus was and still is a wonderful and exciting part of my life.

YOUR BOARD REPS Class of 2013

My name is Dave Farish and I went on my Walk (Dallas Walk #135) at Lake Lavon in May 2000 and sat at the table of Matthew.

I grew up in Denton, went to college at the US Air Force Academy, and served in the Air Force. After that I became a Delta Air Lines pilot where I have worked for over 20 years. I currently commute to Atlanta, Georgia from which I fly widebody jets internationally. My wife Melissa, our 12 year old daughter Caroline, and I live in Flower Mound and worship at Flower Mound UMC where I serve in our various Music and Christian Education ministries. I also serve on an advisory board for the North Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. When I'm not doing all that, I enjoy softball, reading, and spending time with my family.

I currently serve both the DAEC and its outstanding musicians as Music guy.



I am Sarah Gerber. I am a member of Trietsch United Methodist Church. My family moved to Flower Mound in 1998 from El Paso, Texas. I am a retired librarian, and now work part time with visually impaired students. This is lots of fun because I work with children of all ages, from babies to high school students. I love reading. My daughter, Holly, is a librarian in a law library outside of Portland, Oregon. My husband, Jim, is a systems analysis during the week and a musician on weekends. I am very excited to able to support the Emmaus Community by being on the board.

On the DAEC board I currently serve the community in identifying Servant Team members.



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