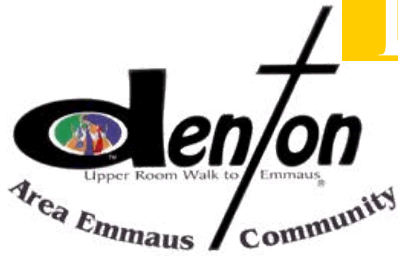


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A WORD FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Well it's October, which means it's Walk month. The Board has been working for several months with the Staff at Briarwood Retreat center to make sure that the facility meets the needs of our Pilgrims. The center staff, especially the Director Jean Oswald have been very accommodating and more than willing to work with us to make sure that we have the best possible experiences at Briarwood.

Meanwhile the teams for walks 51 and 52 have been meeting and preparing for these walks for several weeks. The Team of Walk 51 finished it's final team meeting on Saturday October 8th and is looking forward now to the first walk at Briarwood. The entire team is looking forward to this new experience for the community.

The Team of Walk 52 will finish its final Team meeting on Saturday October 15th. Servant and conference room team members have been working with their counterparts on 51 to

make sure that lessons learned on 51 get incorporated into 52. The team of 52 has embraced the change in venue and is looking forward to the experience as well.

As I look back over the year, your Board has been busy. We reacted on short notice to the need to

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change venues, found a new venue and got an agreement in place to address our fall walks. We also worked to solidify an agreement with Briarwood to host our four 2012 walks at the center. We updated our insurance coverage to reflect the new site and worked on making sure that we had everything in place to support these walks.

We worked to ensure that teams were selected and staffed and continued to

refine and improve the information in our files to ensure that we have up to date information on our members. We found a new home for the community trailer since we no longer have the option to store it at Lake Sharon, and **are preparing for 2012 Board elections now.**

Along the way we put together plans for an outreach program to churches in central and northern Denton County, and worked to ensure that we have reliable information with which to contact clergy for service.

At this point, we your Board, the community and the Pilgrims on the next two walks need your prayers, and your presence at Send Off, Candlelight and Closing. Let's show these newest members of our community what the Denton Community looks like when it loves on its Pilgrims!

de Colores—Bill Beattie

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READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

We are not suggesting we form another book club for busy Emmaus members, but we do realize we all look for the opportunity to learn about books that others have found interesting, inspirational, and/or informative.

If you did not get to visit the book table on your walk or you were a bit intimidated by all the information on study, maybe the following books will help you revisit the idea of the role of reading in your spiritual growth.

Several people came up with some interesting titles in a meeting I was in just last month.

These included Radical by David Platt. A challenge to all who consider themselves disciples of Christ in our modern world. The subtitle defines it further as Taking back your faith from the American Dream. You can read about it further on Amazon. Highly recommended by David Taylor.

Another title is Saint Benedict on the Freeway by Corinne Ware. This is a look at the Benedictine Rule of Life and its pertinence to our own lives. This was used as a group discussion book but would be equally good for personal reading. Lots of good information about the early church and their desire to be close to God, and are we any different?

If group study is what you prefer, Joyce Rupp's The Cup of Life is designed for that. She offers a guide for spiritual growth using daily lessons that culminate in weekly discussion. Once again, it certainly could be used effectively by an individual.

Acedia and Me by Kathleen Norris was an interesting book on a topic that many of us know little about. I would recommend it as a thoughtful read from an excellent writer.



If your church would like to sponsor the Winter Gathering, please contact Rosie Alexander, Board Member in charge of setting up these events. girlietchr@gmail.com

DATES FOR 2012 WALKS

Men's Walk #53	February 23-26
Women's Walk #54	March 1-4
Men's Walk #55	September 27-30
Women's Walk #56	October 4-7

HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST NEEDED

- 1) Off-site Servant Team Members are needed now for Men's Walk #53 .
- 2) Off-site Servant Team Members are needed now for Women's Walk #54
- 3) You can also sign up for Servant Team on the website.

Email [Sheri Smith](mailto:sherart74@yahoo.com) at sherart74@yahoo.com and let her get you signed up for this important task.



LOOKIN' GOOD!

HEAR YE, HEAR YE: Hot off the presses are our new Denton Area Emmaus Community T-shirts. They come in several colors (blue, gold, red, green, pink, purple and gray). Sizes range from small, medium, large, X-large, XX-large, XXX-large and 4X. These shirts are perfect for school, work and casual wear for the whole family.



Order yours today!
Contact Vera Gibbs with your color choice(s) and size(s) at email VeraGibbs@aol.com or call 214-662-4422.

"THIS IS THE DAY—THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HATH MADE!"

One of the great joys that comes from serving the Denton Area Emmaus Community as a member of the Board is that as the "Music Guy", I get to work with the wondrous musicians that God has sent this community. It tickles me when I hear a conversation between sponsor and pilgrim at Send Off professing something like this - "I'll be OK with a lot of things, but I'm not hugging and I'm not singing." I know that music is going to change all that - so much so that by closing on Sunday all you see is hugging and singing, especially among those Thursday night professors. Music is integral to what happens on an Emmaus Weekend in part because it encourages us to try things we think we can't do. It moves us all from ordinary, passive listening to extraordinary, active singing. It encourages us to let go of the song that God places in each of our hearts.

Les Garrett knew something about that. By his own words, he didn't have much musical ability and he couldn't play an instrument. A New Zealander, he moved to Australia at age 24 and began travelling around the country as an evangelist. However, his traveling was considerably limited by the fact that he didn't even have enough money to put gas in his car most of the time. One day, feeling sorry for himself he began reading his Bible particularly Psalm 118: 24, the verse that begins "This is the day that the Lord has made" and suddenly the song "This Is the Day" came to him. William and Ardythe Petersen in their book "Hymns" describe what happened next:

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He kept it secret for two years - after all, he wasn't a songwriter. One day in a camp meeting in New Zealand, a woman stood up during testimony time, and looking at Les, said, "There is someone here who has something that was given to you by the Lord, and you are not sharing it." That evening Les shared his secret song for the first time. It didn't take long for that song to go around the world.

I think the most powerful aspect of the Walk to Emmaus is the feeling that God has not only made us for some divine purpose, but that God has blessed each of us with unique gifts and talents that we so often miss in ourselves and others. So many times out of our own assessment of our gifts, we sit for years on the "song" God has given us.

For those of you who are musicians, singing "This is the Day" is easy. Come share your song at a Candlelight or maybe even as a Musician on an inside team. If you have reservations based on what you think you can't do, give me a call. We'll figure out what you can! But this isn't just a Music thing. You see 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? Have you shared how your weekend experience mattered in your life to your family, your church, and your community? Have you talked to your pastor or a spiritual friend as to how to use your gifts?

You see songs are meant for singing and gifts are meant for giving. Maybe we just need to hear "This is the Day!!" one more time.

- DeColores, Dave Farish

2011 WALK SCHEDULE

MEN'S WALK #51 Lay Director	OCTOBER Dennis Hale	October 13-16
WOMEN'S WALK #52 Lay Director	OCTOBER Cindy Shoemaker	October 20-23

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

REMEMBER THE BOOK TABLE?



Did you ever wonder where those books on the book table come from? Of course, it is some dedicated person's job to see that there is an interesting and inviting array of good books to tempt every already-avid reader and also every "I'm-just-getting-into-this"-reader. This is certainly an important part of our growth through study. The books are purchased and then paid for by the sales made during the Walks. Here's a new idea. I bet we all have a really good book that is in good condition (not underlined or raggedy) that we would donate to help build up the book table. I know we could collect those at the Gatherings and help make stocking the book table an easier job to do. Bring just 1 book with you to the next Gathering or Candlelight and give them to a Board Rep who will see they get to the correct person for the upcoming walks. Just thought you might like this recycling and sharing of good books. Thanks in advance. *-Editor*

Board Elections for Class of 2014 are upcoming. Stay tuned for important details.

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This form is filled out by Pilgrims on the last day of the Walk. This is the way the Community stays in touch and recognizes those who wish to serve in the Community.

If you have made any changes that need to be recorded in the Emmaus Database for future calls to serve, you can go to the community web site and print this form, fill it out and mail it to the DEAC Registrar who will see that your information is updated.

Or if you like, you can print this page and do the same thing. Record your new info and mail it to:

Registrar.
P.O. Box 295068
Lewisville
TX 75029-5068

DENTON AREA WALK TO EMMAUS SURVEY AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Name _____ Telephone _____ (indicate wk or hml)
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Cell phone number _____ Email address _____
Age: _____ Birthdate _____ Name of spouse (if applicable) _____
Church _____ Are you an active member: _____
Pilgrim Walk No. _____ Date of walk _____
Community or Location of Walk _____

_____ **YES!** I would like to participate in Emmaus walk support and teams in the future.

BEHIND THE SCENES: I am willing to be a part of the weekend participation in the following ways (check all that apply):

- _____ 72 Hour Prayer Vigil
- _____ Prayer Chapel Agape - Come onsite and pray in the chapel during the weekend
- _____ Provide agape (both food and table agape) for walks
- _____ Be part of the Servant Team
- _____ Do maintenance and repairs
- _____ Assist with paperwork, typing, newsletter mailings, etc.
- _____ Be a part of one of the committees on the Board of Directors

MUSIC:

I would like to be involved as one of the musicians in the community and on walks:

_____ I play one or more musical instruments (List below)

_____ I do not play an instrument but can lead singing.

CONFERENCE ROOM TEAM FOR THE WALK WEEKEND:

_____ Someday I would like to be on an Emmaus Conference Room Team

_____ I am currently active in the _____ Reunion Group.

_____ As a new member of the Denton Area Emmaus Community, I plan to be a part of a reunion group. (Active participation in your local church and Reunion Group is a pre-requisite for working Emmaus Walks.)

PREVIOUS WALK EXPERIENCE: Number of walks worked _____

Give Walk Nos. and Dates _____

Positions served _____

Talks given _____

(This information is to be used for the purpose of future team selections. We are always updating our database and it is important to have accurate information.)

If unable to turn this form in on a walk weekend, please return to:

Denton Area Emmaus Community
PO Box 295068 Lewisville TX 75077

I understand that as part of an Emmaus Conference Room Team I will be required to pay the same fee as a pilgrim pays. In the support role, if staying onsite, I will be responsible for paying for my room and meals.

Signature

(Date)