

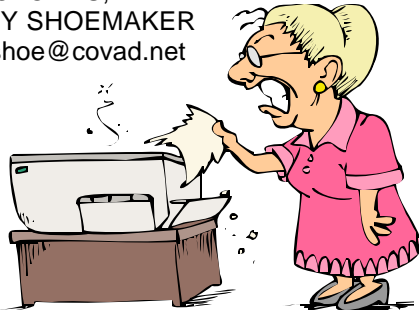
Diakonia

Newsletter of the Denton Area Emmaus Community

ATTENTION!!!!

DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF COPYING, FOLDING, LABELING, AND POSTAGE, THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER MAILED OUT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. ANYONE WHO HAS AN EMAIL ADDRESS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER NOTIFICATIONS. THOSE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS AND/OR WISH TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER, WILL NEED TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND MAIL IT IN WITH \$10.00. THIS WILL COVER YOUR NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1 YEAR. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME.

DECOLORES,
CINDY SHOEMAKER
ccccshoe@covad.net



Please continue my subscription to the Diakonia. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$10.00, payable to the Denton Area Emmaus Community.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Walk #: _____

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Box 2609, Denton, TX 76202

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR GOD LATELY?

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." (Mt 9:37)

We on the marketing committee, few as we are, know all too well what Christ was talking about. There are MANY people listed from MANY churches in our plentiful data base but, few workers who are willing to bring spiritual revitalization to other Christians. The aim of Emmaus is to build up the body of Christ and we each have our part to play. Emmaus needs your help to spread the word to your church and to others. Won't you say yes to God and be his hands and feet?

There are many ways to help out—visiting churches, making phone calls, making flyers, copying, mailing, giving testimonies, etc. If God is leading you to help out in ANY way, please contact Renea Riley at rriley3399@comcast.net.

DeColores,
Cindy Shoemaker



**September
2003**

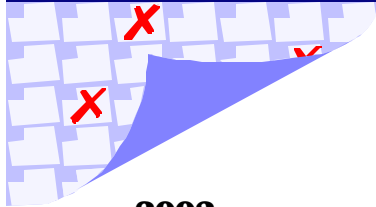
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Remember to get pilgrim applications mailed in for the 2004

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Calendar of events



2003

October 18th
Gathering
TBD

November 15th
Gathering
TBD

2004

Men's Walk #9
February 26-29, 2004
Lake Sharon

Women's Walk #10
March 24-28, 2004
Lake Sharon

Men's Walk #11
June 24-27, 2004
Lake Sharon

Women's Walk #12
July 22-25, 2004
Lake Sharon

Men's Walk #13
September 23-26, 2004
Lake Sharon

Women's Walk #14
October 14-17, 2004
Lake Sharon

TEAM SELECTION

The Team Selection Committee met for the first time on September 4th to prepare for the 2004 Walks. Committee members include:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Joe Culwell (Board Rep) | Trietsch UMC |
| Karen Bledsoe | The Colony Church of Christ |
| Debbie Burks | Vista Ridge UMC |
| Scott Ferguson | Riverside Church of Christ |
| Chuck Lowry | The Colony FUMC |
| Don Place | Denton Asbury UMC |
| Joe Zinser (Community SD) | Chinn's Chapel UMC |

The committee asks that any members that have recently served on a Dallas Walk to please let Cindy Shoemaker (ccccshoe@covad.net) know so she can update our database. Any other changes to the database such as new phone numbers, addresses, etc. would be most helpful.

De Colores, Joe Culwell

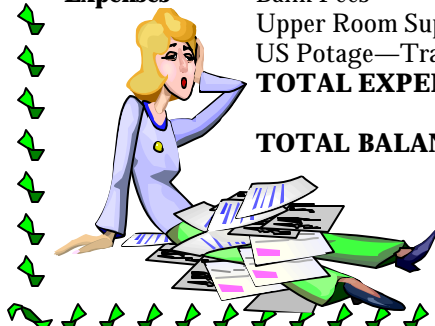
GATHERINGS

Would you like to host an Emmaus Gathering at YOUR church? Gatherings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month (only on months when there is not a walk). This is a good way to have some good, clean fun and give praise to our Lord. If you are interested in hosting a gathering, please contact Jim Gerber at 972-874-9278 or jvgerber@comcast.net for more information.

Available dates are: 11/15/03-01/17/04-04/17/04-05/15/04-08/21/04-11/20/04

SEPTEMBER 2003 FINANCIAL REPORT

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | | \$8,402.14 |
| Income | Walk #8-Late Pilgrims/Team Fees | \$ 405.00 |
| | Walk #8-Book Table Sales | \$ 229.00 |
| | Literature/New LD Manuals | \$ 132.00 |
| | August Gathering | \$ 82.90 |
| | TOTAL INCOME | \$ 848.90 |
| Expenses | Bank Fees | \$ 2.00 |
| | Upper Room Supplies-Literature | \$ 185.94 |
| | US Potage—Training Reminders) | \$ 172.50 |
| | TOTAL EXPENSES | (\$ 360.44) |
| | TOTAL BALANCE | \$8,890.60 |



Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Daniel, Treasurer

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

"The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through development of leaders and renewal of Christians as faithful, committed disciples of Jesus Christ." (Walk to Emmaus Directors' Manual, page 7).

The purpose and objective of Emmaus is accomplished by volunteer laity and clergy who literally pay for the privilege of being in service for a weekend Walk to Emmaus. The community and the team are blessed by God to enhance the spiritual lives of Emmaus participants by encouraging one another to be active disciples and put individual gifts to work for the kingdom of God. We must always remember that Emmaus is not the Church. Emmaus is an organization designed to support member's churches through encouragement and accountability.

As members of the Emmaus community we are regularly reminded that our family and our church take priority over Emmaus and Emmaus activities. Over the past month I have had an unusual number of people tell me how much they are torn between their church's activity and an Emmaus candlelight or gathering. I always remind them, "home church comes first!"

It is not only our home church activities that have priority over Emmaus; it is also the use of our time and talents. Emmaus sponsorship and time volunteered to the Emmaus community can work in conjunction with church work. It should never replace it. The Church is the body of Christ and each person is responsible to fill their role in their church. Having met that obligation, time and talents for the Denton Area Emmaus Community are needed and appreciated.

The Walk to Emmaus helps develop and strengthen local church leaders. As you work around your church note who are candidates to sponsor on a walk. Talk to them about the purpose of Emmaus and your experience. I have seen this done as volunteers folded bulletins, placed labels on envelopes and rocked babies. Then be a good sponsor. Look around your church for Emmaus Community members - these are good candidates to fill leadership roles in your church. Encourage them to get involved to help your church ministry grow.

If your pastor has not been on a Walk to Emmaus encourage them to allow you to be their sponsor. Ask others in the Emmaus family to speak with the pastor about their experience. Surround the pastor with positive leaders while encouraging him or her to take a weekend off for their own spiritual renewal and Emmaus experience.

Sometime today, review your notes from the first talk, "Priority", and with bold confidence know you have your priority straight as you disciple the world!

Blessings, Joe Zinser

| WALK NUMBER | DATE | LAY DIRECTOR | SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR | SERVANT TEAM LEADER | BOARD REP |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Men #9 | 02/26-29/04 | Dan Grace | Kirk Taylor | John Alderman | Steve Hines |
| Women #10 | 03/24-28/04 | Mary Hunt | Joe Zinser | Kathy Faulkenberry | Joy Morrison |
| Men #11 | 06/24-27/04 | Jeff Simpson | Linda White | TBD | Joe Culwell |
| Women #12 | 07/22-25/04 | Janice McKee | Marilyn Dickson | TBD | Barbara Carruth |
| Men #13 | 09/23-26/04 | Chuck Lowry | John Featherson | Steve Hines | Bob Kovacs |
| Women #14 | 10/14-17/04 | Debbie Burks | Scott Jones | TBD | Margie Lindley |

THE UPPER ROOM "MODEL"

We have all heard the phrase "We've never done it that way before". Well, just because we have never done it that way doesn't mean it is wrong or won't work. We who are on the Denton Area Emmaus Board want to remind everyone the importance of following the original Walk to Emmaus model. We have heard about communities who have strayed from the model and of some of the traditions that have varied greatly from the original intent.

The "model" is actually the established set of processes and procedures affecting all aspects of the Walk to Emmaus movement, particularly the Walk itself. The Upper Room in Nashville publishes a variety of documents, manuals, and guidebooks to guide the entire Emmaus movement. The model is published in great detail in the primary Emmaus document, The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus. What we are striving for and what the leaders of the Emmaus program in Nashville want is for the Walk experience to be the same for pilgrims attending here in Denton Area as it would be if they attended a Walk in Nashville, Los Angeles, Ohio, or any other community in the world. The best way to insure that the experience is indeed the same is by having each community follow the Emmaus model as closely as possible.

Yes, the Emmaus model is a model that works. It has worked to move Pilgrims closer to God and to encourage leadership in the local church. It has been very successful from Day 1 and all the many Fourth Days for the past 25 years. We ask for understanding and acceptance from the community as we glorify God in all things.

*You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us a new people. As a people of love, we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things.*

Amen.

Your Denton Area Emmaus Board

TRYING TO FIND A REUNION GROUP??? CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.dentonemmaus.org FOR A LIST OF SOME OF THE GROUPS IN OUR AREA.



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Recently I was privileged to hear a sermon preached by a guest preacher at my church. In his message the speaker alluded to the fact that the mystery of God's will was revealed to him in this text:

In him we have forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the richness of His grace that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, gather up all things in Him, things in heaven and in earth.

Gather up all things in Him... We will not have any walks from now until February 22, 2004. So, if we are to be fulfilling God's will we must be diligent in our church attendance, participating in our Reunion Groups, and attending our Monthly Community Gatherings. For you see, that is where we gain insight, share prayers and gifts, gain strength and purpose as well as fulfill God's pleasure.

For the location and time of the next Gathering for the Denton Area Emmaus Community, visit the website: www.dentonemmaus.org or check the calendar in this and future editions of the newsletter.

DeColores,

Steve Hines, Community Lay Director
Dallas Emmaus Walk #27, Table of John



TEST YOUR EMMAUS KNOWLEDGE

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE EMMAUS TRADITIONS AND WHICH ONES ARE PART OF THE EMMAUS MODEL?

- 1___ Making the beds of the pilgrims on Thursday evening.
- 2___ Singing before each talk.
- 3___ Singing "Jesus, Jesus" at candlelight
- 4___ Roses for the women at wakeup on Sunday morning.
- 5___ Table Leaders giving most of the talks.
- 6___ Joke time at meals.
- 7___ Praying for the pilgrims at sponsor's hour and candlelight.
- 8___ Singing "Sing Alleluia" before each talk.
- 9___ ALD presenting the "Priority" and "Fourth Day" talks.
- 10___ Tying up Pilgrim's letters for presentation on Sunday afternoon.
- 11___ Dinner on Saturday night being more special.
- 12___ Entertainment at dinner on Saturday night.

THE WALK TO EMMAUS MODEL HANDBOOK (if you've never seen one, see how good you can guess!)

- 13 Sponsorship is the most important job ___ True ___ False
- 14 Emmaus is for everyone. ___ True ___ False
- 15 Men's walks precede women's Walks for theological reasons. ___ True ___ False
- 16 The Team Selection Committee should select both Lay and Clergy Team Members. ___ True ___ False
- 17 Table Leaders have the most important job in the Conference Room. ___ True ___ False
- 18 The purpose of the Emmaus is:
 - A. To find people's gifts and talents
 - B. To bring the unchurched to Christ
 - C. To develop Christian leaders
 - D. To help someone going through a crisis
- 19 Agape is introduced:
 - A. Friday afternoon after Justifying Grace talk
 - B. On Saturday after the Christian Action talk
 - C. At the time chosen by the Lay Director
 - D. When the pilgrims arrive
- 20 Table agape should be labeled:
 - A. With Reunion Group names
 - B. With first names only
 - C. With first and last names
 - D. With Church or Reunion Group names
- 21 "Joke Time" is:
 - A. Optional
 - B. Started at lunchtime /supper time on Friday
 - C. A "flavoring" started by the Dallas Community
 - D. Started at any meal during the weekend
- 22 Saturday Evening Dinner:
 - A. Is celebrative, with table/dining room decorations
 - B. Includes joke time
 - C. Includes entertainment prepared by members of the Emmaus community
 - D. A & B

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS, ETC.? IF NOT, PLEASE SEND THAT INFORMATION TO CINDY SHOEMAKER AT ccccshoe@covad.net.



- 1 Tradition
- 2 Model
- 3 Model
- 4 Model
- 5 Model
- 6 Model
- 7 Tradition
- 8 Model
- 9 Tradition
- 10 Model
- 11 Model
- 12 Model
- 12 True
- 14 False
- 15 False
- 16 True
- 17 True
- 18 C
- 19 A
- 20 D
- 21 B
- 22 C

Now that same day two
of them were going to a
village called Emmaus...

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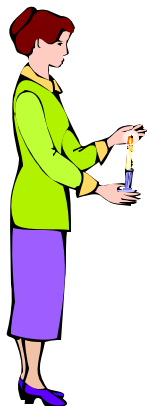
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AFTER YOU KNOW IT ALL
THAT COUNTS."

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