

DIAKONIA



September 2010

FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

We are very excited about our 2 walks that are taking place this fall. Men's Walk #47 Sept. 16-18 and Women's Walk #48 Oct. 7-10. We would love to see all of you at the Candlelight Service. What a blessing this is to the new pilgrims and to the teams.

Would you like to help someone attend the Walk to Emmaus who may not have the financial resources to pay their own way? Our DAEC board has established a "scholarship fund." This fund is made up of proceeds from offerings during Candlelight Services. Team meeting lunches, and designated donations for scholarships. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you may mail your contributions to:

Denton Area Emmaus Community
P.O. Box 295068
Lewisville, TX 75029



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Community Board Meeting will be held prior to the Candlelight Service for Women's Walk #48 on October 9, 2010 at 8:00pm. A brief update of Board activities and an end of year finance report will be given. This is election night as well. The Board will have paper ballots available as to vote for the Candidates to serve on the Board for the 2011 - 2013 term. If you are unable to attend candlelight that evening, ballots will also be sent out via the Denton Area Emmaus yahoo group email. At the beginning of October ballots will be emailed to each members email address on file. No paper ballots will be sent via US mail unless specifically requested. Only one ballot per Denton Emmaus Community Member may be cast. Hope to see you at Candlelight!

DeColores,

Theresa Rogers



In Memoriam
John William Bucklew

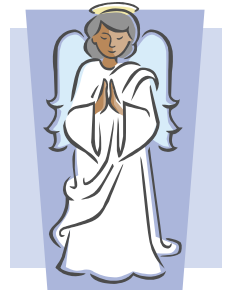
It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our friend John Bucklew. John, who served on the Denton Area Emmaus Community Board as Servant Team Leader, as well as being actively involved with the North Texas *Epiphany* and *Kairos* Communities, was hospitalized on Labor Day at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas after suffering a severe stroke. He passed away on September 9 due to complications from his illness.

Please keep his wife Debra and his daughters Amber, Jinny, and Bethany and his mother Mary in your prayers as they deal with the sudden loss of their husband, father, son, and grandfather.

While we celebrate John's ascension to be with our Lord and Savior, we mourn the passing of one of God's wonderful and faithful Servant Leaders. John will be truly missed by all of us who were blessed to know and love him for his tireless dedication to serving God, his church, his family and the DAE Community.

DeColores!

Jerry Harvey, Past Community Lay Director—DAEC



COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR CHANGING OF THE GUARD

A huge THANKS to Linda Schupp for her many years of dedicated service to the Denton Emmaus Community as Community Spiritual Director! Linda is not leaving the Community, just changing roles. Please give Linda your expression of appreciation.

Although Linda can't be replaced, Joe Shafer is now serving as Community Spiritual Director. Joe says that after going on his walk in 1999, he planned to "fly under the radar" and just be supportive to the community from a distance!" This was all well and good until a member of Trietsch UMC, where Joe is one of the Associate Pastors, was serving as Lay Director on a walk and asked him to be on her team as Assistant Spiritual Director. Well, it was a person that Joe couldn't say "No" to, so he served. Then it happened two more times! So, this is how Joe ended up happily agreeing to serve the Denton Emmaus Community as the Community Spiritual director! Joe is working with the Dallas Emmaus Community to share clergy lists since both communities use virtually the same persons. Serving alongside Joe as Assistant Spiritual Director for the Community will be Elaine Bussey.





NEXT WEEKEND EVENT.....
November 13 at First Presbyterian Grapevine
5:30 Sponsor Meeting
6:00 Potluck Dinner
7:00 Worship

Denton Area Emmaus Community
Financial Report
September 2010

Beginning Balance	\$7,594.79
Income	———
Debits	
Electronic Transfer (Korean Scholarships)	\$2,200.00
Upper Room (manuals, booklets)	195.00
2 boxes of Emmaus checks	46.50
Bill Beattie (training materials)	210.15
Cindie Vaughn (lay director stipend)	100.00
Jerry Graham (lay director stipend)	100.00
	\$2,851.65
Operating Budget	\$3,501.14
Scholarship Fund	\$1,242.00
Ending Balance	\$4,743.14

Melva Jones
Treasurer

Responsibilities of the Sponsor

Sponsorship is the most important service in Emmaus. It is a serious commitment, which should be prayerfully considered. When agreeing to sponsor a pilgrim on an Emmaus walk, you accept certain responsibilities:

FIRST, before agreeing to sponsor someone, stop and ask yourself honestly, "Is the person you wish to sponsor a good candidate for attendance on a Walk at this time?"

- Is the candidate a Christian who is actively participating in the ongoing work of their church home, a dependable church member who is the quiet backbone of the church, one who will bring renewed vision, grace and commitment back to their congregation? Or is the candidate a less active member who needs the awareness of grace rekindled and their commitment renewed?
- Is the candidate a Christian who wishes to strengthen their spiritual life?
- Is the candidate a church member or leader who will help the Emmaus Community remain theologically sound, centered on the core Christian beliefs of our common faith?
- Is the candidate strong enough medically, physically, and emotionally to withstand the often demanding and taxing weekend, and is able to handle his/her own particular medical and physical needs?

Please remember that while Emmaus is a wonderful, spiritually-renewing weekend for many people, *it is not right for everyone*. The religious background, medical, or emotional needs of some people may make Emmaus an improper discipleship tool for them. Other persons' may be unsuitable choices for sponsorship because of the negative effect they might have on an Emmaus Weekend or the divisive influence they might bring to the church.

Some examples of questionable sponsorship are as follows:

- Non-Christians
 - Christians whose theology and/or practice is notably different or incompatible with the traditional theology and practice represented by the Walk to Emmaus
 - Christians who have specific dietary restrictions and Sabbath celebrations that the Emmaus experience cannot provide
 - Members of groups who will feel a need to defend the uniqueness of their beliefs throughout the Walk
 - Persons who do not share a belief in traditional doctrines of the faith basic to the major denominations of the church and to Emmaus
 - Persons who are undergoing an emotional crisis (for example, family breakup, job loss, severe grief) or who are psychologically unstable
 - Persons who have serious medical conditions, are recovering from serious illnesses, or are taking medications which would make a Walk weekend too demanding physically
 - Persons who have been presented with the opportunity to attend a Walk but do not wish to do so. They may feel the timing is not right. God will renew the person in another way. Remember: The Walk to Emmaus is not the way to renewal for every Christian.
 - "Church hoppers"; those who bring contention within the church body; members who would use Emmaus as a tool to divide the body, or to further their own theological agendas.
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