

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



### Filling Our Guppy Tank

One of my favorite skits on Saturday night of a Walk is the "Hey Delores" skit. In it, the pilgrim's spouses complain to their therapist that the returning pilgrims now want a pet. "A pet?", the therapist says. "Yes a pet," the spouses say. "THEY WANT A GUPPY!!!"

One of the things that makes an Emmaus weekend so effective is the absolute immersion in Agape love. Yet each of us, even as pilgrims, knew that though receiving that "Guppy love" was great, we were being called to a life of giving Agape love to a world that badly needs it. Let me share with you three ways we need you to "fill the tank" of Agape love here in the Denton Area Emmaus Community.

**First, agape gifts.** We've been a little short of snack, table, and bed agape on the last several walks. Obviously as a sponsor, you'll want to make sure you bring some of your pilgrim's favorite snacks and goodies, but that work isn't limited to sponsors. If you love baking or preparing special snacks, you too can participate, either individually or as a Reunion Group. And what about those little trinkets that seem so insignificant and corny, yet mean so much to our pilgrims? Schedule an agape making party for your

Reunion Group. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate - placemats, candy, stuff from providers like Oriental Trading Company or Party City - and you can have fun coming up with pithy tags to add that connect those things to Christ and to the weekend [remember to not include names other than your Reunion Group name on your tags].

**Second, we need green agape.**

Your Board has worked very hard to keep the cost of the weekend as low as possible for our pilgrims, but to do so we need green agape (money) to offset the ancillary costs of running a community. Did you know that our insurance alone costs \$2,293 a year? And we have needs from time to time to replace community assets like medicine for the weekend, music equipment, a new machine to make the buttons for the weekend, and the list goes on and on. Your green agape allows us to keep the costs low while maintaining the community in good order. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible gift to the DAEC, you can give that gift to any Board Member or mail them to: our address at:

**DAEC  
PO Box 295068,  
Lewisville, TX 75029-5068.**

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### DAEC WALK #59

**Briarwood Retreat Center  
670 Copper Canyon Road  
Argyle, Tx 76226**

**Sendoff: Thur., Sept 19, 7:00pm  
Candlelight: Sat., Sept 21, 8:00pm  
Closing: Sun., Sept 22, 4:30pm**



**Finally, we need service agape.** While we've had steady interest in folks taking a Walk to Emmaus, we've struggled at times to fill teams to serve those weekends. If you'd like to serve in any capacity to make sure that this life transforming gift continues for pilgrims to come, please go to [www.dentonemmaus.org](http://www.dentonemmaus.org) and fill out the service sheet found by clicking the "your info" tab at the bottom of the left hand side of the page. You can also call our Servant Team or Team Selection Board members and they will find a way to put you in service. While it's important to remember that Emmaus comes after your family and your church, we do need folks to say "YES" for Walks to occur.

Friends, I know that my Emmaus experience, both my own walk and the ways in which I've served this Community, have been some of the most precious gifts of my life and in many ways have defined the type of disciple I am becoming. I'm guessing the same is true for you. Remember we are called to share this Gift in as many ways as God sees fit, so I think what we're saying is, "WE NEED A GUPPY". Let's see how big a tank we can fill!!

De Colores,  
Dave Farish, DAEC Lay Director

## LETTER FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

In our preparing for the upcoming Men's Walk #59 and the Women's Walk #60, lately, it seems to me that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find those who will serve on Walks, in particular, the clergy. I know for myself, I am overscheduled, doing the work of two people. Working a walk is a huge commitment of time and energy, both of which I never seem to have enough of these days. However, I can say that when I am involved in a walk, I have a renewed sense of energy and purpose for my life. Let me share with you the purpose of Emmaus as it is written in the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus.

"The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Emmaus expands participants' spiritual lives, deepens their discipleship, and rekindles their gifts as Christian leaders in their churches and communities. These aims are accomplished not only during the three-day Emmaus Walk but also through participation in group reunions and community Gatherings, sponsorship, prayer, support of Walks, and service on teams. Persons whose spiritual lives are renewed and strengthened through Emmaus are called to share within their community the

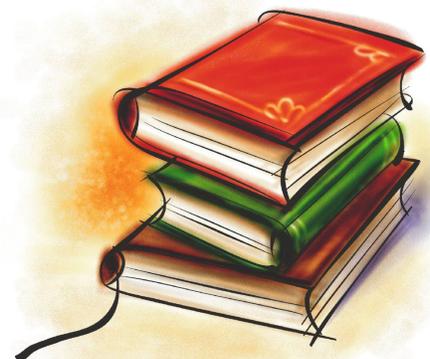
grace they receive. They become leavening influences in their local churches. The purpose of Emmaus is not fully realized during the three days of the event itself but in the Fourth Day."

In the coming weeks and months when the phone rings and someone is asking you to serve, **please** prayerfully consider answering the call. Emmaus is not like any other retreat. It is an extraordinary act of love with people loving others into a fuller realization of God's unconditional love for us. It is a sacrificial investment of time and energy and the rewards of this investment can be seen in countless ways.

Remember, Christ is Counting on You!

De Colores!

Janet Ihne



## WELCOME TO THE DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY!

Welcome to all the Pilgrims who attended Womens Walk #58 in 2013 and congratulations to all who participated in the event in any way:

Lael Barker	Shirley Marco	Chris Stockton	Susan Hill
Meagan McLean	Lisa Mick	Karen Templeton	Jo Ellyn Carrell
Donna Stevens	Laura Dickerson	Wendy Bloomfield	Dinah Joset
Lainey Martin	Gwen Jeffrey	Terry Perez	Georgia Pleasant
Suzanne Greever	Brenda Walling	Shannon Bradford	Katie Besly
Stephenie Fedri	Misty Monzingo	Patricia Ngunga	Julie Lawson

Upcoming  
Dates

### REMAINING WALK SCHEDULE FOR 2013

**MEN'S WALK #59**  
Lay Director

**September 19 - 22**  
Troy Workman

**WOMEN'S WALK #60**  
Lay Director

**October 10 - 13**  
Brenda Brown

### WALK SCHEDULE FOR 2014

**MEN'S WALK #61:** May 1-4, 2014

**WOMEN'S WALK #62:** May 15-18, 2014

**MEN'S WALK #63:** September 18-21, 2014

**WOMEN'S WALK #64:** October 2-5, 2014

### NEXT DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

**PLACE:** KRUM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 2, 2013

**TIME:** 6:00 pm TRAINING (Sponsor & Emmaus Overview)

6:30 pm POTLUCK DINNER

7:30 pm WORSHIP

### IMMEDIATE REMINDER: MENS WALK #59 !!!!!!!

**LOCATION:** Briarwood Retreat Center, 670 Copper Canyon Rd, Argyle, TX 76226

**SENDOFF:** Thursday 9/19/13 @ 7:00pm

**CANDLELIGHT:** Saturday 9/21/13 @ 8:00pm

**CLOSING:** Sunday 9/22/13 @ 4:30pm

\* Agape and letters can be dropped off at the picnic pavilion on Thursday afternoon or brought to Candlelight Saturday evening. Please travel safe to all Emmaus Events.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY**

The annual meeting of the Denton Area Emmaus Community will be held at Candlelight on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8:00 pm in the Shalom Center of Briarwood Retreat Center. The meeting will consist of three things: a report on the general state and condition of the Community, a financial report, and the election of Board members for the Class of 2014-2016. If anyone has business that they feel is vital to put before the full community, please correspond with Dave Farish, Community Lay Director before October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

A note on the ballots. Below you'll find a copy of the Class 2014-2016 Ballot. We elect two men and two women every year for a three year term. Normally, we have more than two candidates for both genders, however this year despite a lengthy list of nominees from our Nominating Committee, only two women and two men were able to accept nomination onto the Ballot for this year. As a result, this year's election will be one of affirmation and acclamation. Nevertheless, we encourage you to vote as a sign of your support for these excellent candidates. Ballots will be available at both Walk #59 and #60's Candlelights. If you are not able to vote there, you can send your ballot to:

Denton Area Emmaus Community, PO Box 295068, Lewisville, TX 75029-5068.

**\*\*\*OFFICIAL BALLOT\*\*\***  
**Denton Area Emmaus Community Board of Directors Class of 2014-2016**

**MEN**

**WOMEN**

**Bobby Ellis**

I attended DAEC Walk #9 at Lake Sharon in February 2004 and sat at the table of Peter. My most recent walk I served as ALD for Walk #59. I am married to Pat (DAEC Walk #50), have two sons and a wonderful granddaughter. We attend First UMC in The Colony where I am the lay leader, facilitate Disciple introduction classes, and serve in audio and video production as a member of the technology committee. I was raised in Florida but later was educated and married in Reno, Nevada where I worked as a paramedic for 12 years. After relocating to North Texas for my wife's job transfer in 1993, I have been employed in information technology as a support specialist and systems administrator. I enjoy traveling to national parks, reading, and chasing after my granddaughter!

**Tonja Brown**

I took my Walk on Great Plains Walk to Emmaus #10 in Canyon Camp, OK, September 1998 and I sat at the table of Hannah. Since that time I have worked numerous walks in the Great Plains and Denton communities. My most recent service was as Lay Director on Walk #58 April, 2013. I grew up in Gainesville, TX and have been blessed to move back to live on my family farm. I've worked for State Farm Insurance for 14 years and am now pursuing my dream of running my own business in Mary Kay Cosmetics. I am the mom of two amazing men who are married to my most beautiful daughters-in-Love. I have two amazing grandkids who are the sweetest to their Nisi. I am also a newlywed having married my best friend and soul mate Dan (who is a builder by trade) in November 2012. At this time my husband and I are seeking a church in our new location but I am a member of Midway Church in Aubrey and have many ministry opportunities in and out of the congregation.

**Rob Wright**

My name is Rob Wright. I attended my walk at Lake Sharon in Sept. 2006 on Denton Emmaus #25. I am originally from Searcy, Arkansas and graduated from The University of Arkansas Law School in 1994. I currently practice law in Dallas. I am married to Holly, who is also active in Emmaus. We have a daughter, Cassandra, who is 23. Holly and I live in Highland Village and attend Treitsch UMC, where I am active in music ministries. I have worked inside teams on several walks in the Denton Emmaus community and inside teams for many Kairos and Epiphany weekends, both on table families and as part of the music teams.

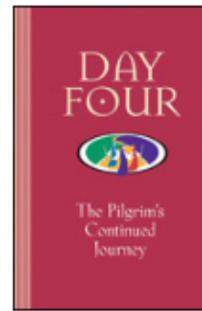
**Darry Watson**

I attended Dallas Emmaus Walk #20 in 1993 and sat the table of Hannah. In this Community, I served as Lay Director for DAEC Walk #26. I am married to Bill Watson and together we have 6 kids and 2 grandkids. We attend The River in the Colony where we work with the youth and in service ministries. I've lived all over the United States but I've been privileged to call the Lewisville area home for the last 26 years. I work as a sales representative for a modular building company, and in my spare time I enjoy cooking, gardening, and outdoor activities.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Walk \_\_\_\_\_

## What Happens After the Emmaus Weekend?



You are invited to have a closer walk with Christ for the rest of your life; “the Fourth Day”. After attending a Walk to Emmaus, you are encouraged to:

- Expand your own spiritual lives through worship, study and active participation in your local church
- Become a more active disciple of Christ in service to the world

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus movement offers specific opportunities.

- First, groups of four to six people meet weekly to reflect on their spiritual journey and encourage one another in accountable discipleship. (Group Reunion)
- Second, there are community gatherings where Emmaus participants meet for fellowship, worship and instruction.
- Third, community members are regularly informed of the support needs of upcoming Walk to Emmaus weekends, and other opportunities for servant leadership.

### Have a Fourth Day story to share?

*... 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?*

#### Witness from an anonymous donor:

*“Arguably, my favorite day of the week is Friday. Not for the typical reasons one might hear like “the weekend is coming” or “Football game tonight”, or even “it’s date night” (All-be-it all good things). For me, it is because the day begins with my Emmaus Group Reunion. That Friday morning gathering sets the tone of how the day is addressed and the attitude I carry forward into the weekend. It allows for the setting of priority for the day and priority for the week. It allows me to look at my failings and view all the graces that fall upon me without notice or deserved appreciation. It allows me to speak with those that do not hold me in judgment but are there for loving and mutual support. It allows me to pray and to be prayed for. Yes, Fridays are good days. I hope you too have a Group Reunion. If not, let’s find you one.”*



## 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 at all Gatherings



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