

DIAKONIA



COMMUNITY NEWS

2005 WALK SCHEDULE
Men's Walk #15 February 24-27, 2005
Women's Walk #16 April 21-24, 2005
Men's Walk #17 June 23-26, 2005
Women's Walk #18 July 7-10, 2005
Men's Walk #19 September 15-18, 2005
Women's Walk #20 October 6-9, 2005

What a great year it has been for the Denton Area Emmaus Community. And we look forward to 2005 and welcoming our future community members!

We have 6 walks coming up in the next year, all of which will offer you an opportunity for active involvement and growth in the Denton Area Emmaus Community. There are many possibilities for you this year to work with the DAEC. You can be on a conference room team; work with the outside servant team or the inside servant team; sponsor a pilgrim; attend or host a gathering; or just show up at candlelight and closing.

Preparations for walks #15 and #16 are under way and need the community's help in showing Agape love to the unnamed pilgrims of those two walks. Get involved in helping the community and show your love and support for these pilgrims. You can help in two ways- sponsorship and service.

First, look around your home church and see if you can identify anyone that is "Emmaus ready". Become their sponsor, or get them sponsored! Second, go to the web sight, click the servant team button, sign up, and get involved! The website address is www.dentonemmaus.org.

Your service in helping the community with each walk allows you to grow in your relationship with God, with the DAEC community, and into team positions. If you've already worked on a conference room team you still can work on the servant teams. I promise you will be welcomed with open arms.

But more importantly, your service to the pilgrims- in whatever role you do- brings the sharing of God's love in a new, exciting way to the 20-30 pilgrims that will attend each of this years DAEC Walk to Emmaus.

De Cobres

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



Chuck Lowry
Chair, Team Select
Dallas Walk #37
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Agape Corner



Sponsorship

So why is this article on sponsorship appearing in the agape corner? Sponsorship is the first act of agape that a pilgrim receives. When does your role as a pilgrim's sponsor end? Some might be inclined to answer "When my pilgrim receives (his or her) cross and is then officially a member of the Emmaus community." Others might think a little beyond that and say, "Sunday evening when I drop my pilgrim off at home."

Not true! Sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus movement, and the church being affected by the movement. The aim of sponsorship is to build up the body of Christ.

And sponsorship doesn't just end with the completion of the walk weekend.

The sponsor should be committed to helping the new member in his or her Fourth Day involvement, help find a Reunion Group for the new member, encourage that person to serve the Emmaus community and be active in Emmaus events, and most importantly, help that person sponsor others.

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the pilgrim, for the Community and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love. It is making oneself an instrument of prevenient grace. So find someone to sponsor on our upcoming walks!

DeColores,
Barbara Carruth
Agape Chair

Weekend Events There are openings for your church to host a Gathering in 2005. Wouldn't this be an exciting time to introduce a friend to Emmaus? The Gathering dates are:

- January 15th hosted by St. Andrew Christian Church
- April 16th
- May 21st
- August 20th
- November 19th



If you would like to host a Gathering, give me a call or email. All you need is that regular Emmaus enthusiasm, a place to hold worship, serve pot luck and have fellowship and a person willing to share their "4th Day" experience. The Community can provide music, website announcements, email and if necessary a Clergy person for Communion. DeColores!

Steve Hines
Weekend Events Chair
Call 972-625-2845 or email at shines57@att.net

Denton Area Emmaus Community
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 (For contact information visit our website)

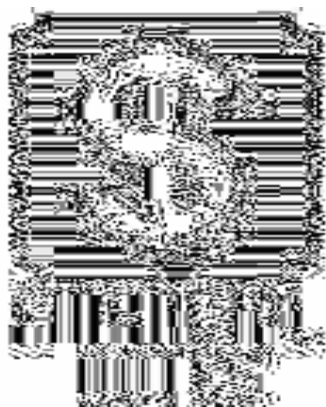


SCHOLARSHIP FUND

DO YOU WANT TO HELP SOMEONE ATTEND THE WALK TO EMMAUS THAT MAY NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY? ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAS SUGGESTED TO YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT IN CHRISTIAN TRADITION WE ESTABLISH A "SCHOLARSHIP FUND" TO WHICH ALL OF US CONTRIBUTE WHAT WE CAN, WHEN WE CAN. WITH SUCH A FUND, WE WOULD HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS ON A NEEDED BASIS TO PILGRIMS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS MINISTRY, MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO:

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NAME	POSITION
Carleen Alderman	Upper Room Representative
Joy Morrison	Community Lay Director
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Jim Gerber	Music/Webpage
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Respectfully submitted
 by
Nancy Daniels
 Treasurer

DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT as of Dec 6, 2004		BALANCE
INCOME		BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 13,793.98
Pilgrim Registrations/Director Manuals Gathering 11/20/04	\$ 157.00 72.26	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 229.26
EXPENSES		
Trailer Supplies - Women's Walk #14	\$ 128.93	
Trailer Registration Renewal	82.50	
Cell Phone (final payment)	43.77	
2005 Lay Director Stipends	250.00	
Upper Room Books - Supplies/Literature	772.86	
Bank Adjustment (pictures Wms Walk #14)	.01	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (1,278.07)
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 12,745.17

WOMEN OF WALK #14

Allison Beattie	Joan Newcomer
Tammy Brown	Teresa Peterson
Genni Burns	Dana Ratcliff
Karen Cassil	Helen Reneau
Camilla Chu	Cookie Roberson
Doris Corbitt	Kimberly Scales
Eva Courtnew	Beverly Shockey
Claire Evans	Kristie Smith
Kornelija Francisti	Violet Teal
Paula Honea	Theresa Thomas
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Jana Krizova	Defae Weaver
J.R. Martin	Loretta Weinheimer
Becky McBryde	Terry Workman
Susan Mistrot	Rachel Zacharova



TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, January 15th 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
St. Andrew Christian Church in Carrollton

Choose two of the four topics (agape, servant team, sponsorship or music) Potluck dinner will begin at 6:00, followed by a Gathering at 7:00 p.m.

Musicians Needed



From perusing various community Web sites and based on conversations with community leaders in other parts of the country, it would appear that, generally speaking, Emmaus musicians are a scarce commodity. Yet most would agree that music at an Emmaus event, whether a walk, a gathering or a team meeting, is an important element in the overall success of the event.

The Denton Area Emmaus Community is blessed with some truly dedicated and talented musicians, but it's a small group. What can you do? If you know someone who has been on a walk who enjoys leading group song sessions, whether he or she can play an instrument or not, then encourage that person to contact the Denton Emmaus community music leader, Jim

Gerber (jim@dentonemmaus.org).

Of course, instrumentalists are essential, whether they play keyboards, guitar, mandolin or autoharp. So, if you know someone who can play an instrument (yourself included), encourage that person to contact Jim as well. Or if that person is too shy, then send his or her name to Jim and someone will get back to the musician with an encouraging invitation to join the merry band.

If you've ever wanted to play the guitar, maybe now is the time to dive in and take a few lessons. Playing for an Emmaus event is a great reason to practice.

De Colores.
Jim Gerber





Our Favorite Emmaus Songs

“I’ll Fly Away”

Albert E. Brumley was born on a cotton farm near Spiro, Oklahoma on October 29, 1905. Before his song writing career, he attended the old Hartford Musical Institute at Hartford, Arkansas and sang with the Hartford Quartet. Later he taught singing schools in various parts of the Ozarks. He met his wife-to-be, Goldie Edith Schell at one of these schools in Powell, Missouri. They were married in 1931 and continued to live at Powell, where they raised their six children.

It was in 1929 that Brumley actually composed "I'll Fly Away". He recalled that he was picking cotton and singing the popular song, "If I Had The Wings Of An Angel". Suddenly, he thought about flying away. Quote, "actually, I was dreaming of flying away from that cotton field when I wrote *I'll Fly Away*". That thought, of course, like the thoughts that underlay all his many songs, was based upon his own deep spiritual convictions.

Mr. Brumley had tried his hand at writing music for a number of years but for the most part this had been just for his own pleasure. Goldie encouraged him to try to have more of his songs published. Albert agreed to try to sell one of his songs and *I'll Fly Away* was mailed to the Hartford Music Company one hot afternoon in July of 1932. Goldie was right and the Hartford Music Company published the song in the book, **The Wonderful Message**. The song began to gain national recognition while numerous others began asking to be allowed to use it in their church books. At the time that the song was accepted and published he was working in his father-in-law's general store for a dollar a day and was then shortly afterward employed by Hartford as a \$12.50 a month staff writer.

The song' "*I'll Fly Away*" became Mr. Brumley's most recorded song.

From www.brumleymusic.com



www.dentonemmaus.org

- YOU CAN NOW SIGN UP TO SERVE ON A SERVANT TEAM VIA OUR WEBSITE!

- YOU CAN NOW SIGN UP ON A PRAYER VIGIL VIA OUR WEBSITE!

It Takes a Servant's Heart...

Remember your walk? You may not have even noticed that as you moved from room to room, activity to activity, that every detail was cared for, every need met before it was known. One of the best parts of Emmaus is that its very survival rests on the participation and dedication of the laity. It takes many people to be the hands and feet of Jesus and make a weekend happen. There are many, many ways to serve:

- Music
- Servant Team
- Agape
- Newsletters
- Sponsorship

Look on-line at the many contacts and email them about how you can help. Remember - we are the hands and feet of Christ!

Luke 24:13-35

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



Alleluia!

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