

Greetings from the Community Lay Director

Hi – My name is Pam Taylor. I attended Dallas #19, in November 1992 and sat at the Table of Rachel. It is with great honor and privilege that I serve the Denton Area Emmaus Community this year as the Community Lay Director. I have previously served as Secretary and as Trainer. The Denton Board is made up of 12 Elected Board Directors (3 year terms), a Past Community Lay Director, a Community Spiritual Director and Community Assistant Spiritual Director. The Board of Directors chair a number of committees that exist to facilitate the execution of Weekend Walks in accordance with the Upper Room Emmaus Model. We provide training and tools for team members, team selection, weekend oversight, and events. We are looking to expand our teams this year, and if you are interested in serving the community in an expanded role, I would be happy to discuss opportunities and put you in touch with the appropriate Board Chair.

We signed our 2008 Covenant with the Upper Room at Candlelight #33. This year marks our first year with a new Service Term for the board. You may have noticed that last years board served an extra 6 months so that we could shift our Term to align with the fiscal year. We are very appreciative to all those board members who were able to serve an additional 6 months.

So far this year – we have held 2 successful Walks: Mens #33 and Women's #34 which brings our DAEC new membership to 792. WOW – GOD IS GREAT!

Our next Denton Men's Walk #35 **June 19-22** is a combined Denton/Dallas Men's Walk. Every other year, either Denton or Dallas will host the walk by providing the Lay Director and Spiritual Director. The conference room team is made up ½ from Denton and ½ from Dallas. There are still openings, so if you have been thinking about a Christian man that is ready for Emmaus, you can pull an application from the Denton Emmaus web site.

Women's Walk #36 **July 10-13** is a great time to sponsor teachers who are on summer break! There are still some openings, so send in applications as soon as possible.

If you are interested in starting to serve in the Denton area, we ask that you first serve on the Servant Team (either onsite or offsite), even if you have transferred from another community. Once Servant Team service has been completed, you may be eligible for Conference Room service. We will consider previous community service.

One way you can support the community is by attending Candlelight – Saturday 8PM of the Walk weekend. Remember how special that night was on your walk, and you can be part of it for someone else. We ask that the family and sponsors sit in the first 4 rows, as they will be the last to leave the room, and the pilgrims are always looking for their sponsors. Though we don't encourage those that have never attended an Emmaus Walk to come to Candlelight, under certain circumstances, it is acceptable (contact a member of the Board if in question). Since Candlelight runs late, we wouldn't encourage children to attend, but we understand that there are circumstances when it is the only way you can attend, but please use your very best judgment in consideration of the other attendees. One other thing I'd like to point out – after candlelight – please leave as quietly and quickly as possible. It's fun to stay in the parking lot and chat, but can become disruptive to the pilgrim's "moment".

I look forward to seeing you in Service for Christ through supporting the Emmaus Community.

De Colores

Pam Taylor

...ABOUT COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for August 16, 2008 and make plans to join us at the DAEC Community Gathering. We will meet at the Vista Ridge United Methodist Church at

5:00 for Sponsorship Training,

6:00 for Potluck Dinner,

7:00 Worship and special Fourth Day Message

Don't miss out on the blessing! Come join us for great fellowship, training and worship on August 16!



...COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome articles you would like to submit for publication in **Diakonia**. If you have announcements for Kairos, Chrysalis, or Epiphany events, DAEC wants to hear from you! Submit your announcement by email to **Cindie Vaughan**, who will be serving as the 2008 editor. You will find a link to her email on our website. All articles are subject to review, revision, and approval by the Board.

Each year, in accordance with the Upper Room and Community By-Laws, every Emmaus Community is required to undergo an independent audit of their financial records. Each respective Community Treasurer is required to procure and submit all financial records to an independent party for evaluation of spending, record keeping and reporting.

In May, 2008, the Denton Area Emmaus Community successfully passed its annual audit. The overall audit found the DAEC to be in firm compliance with record keeping and accounting of revenues and expenditures. As a 501c Not-For-Profit organization, the DAEC demonstrated consistency and compliance as compared to other similar organizations.

In the spirit of maintaining good stewardship of community resources, it was suggested in the audit that the DAEC take full advantage of its Not-For-Profit status, which allows for purchases to be made without being charged sales tax. As your Treasurer, I commit to working with future Walk Teams and the Board to help facilitate making purchases without having to pay sales tax. This action, will not only save the Community money, but also maintain excellent stewardship for future Pilgrims and members of the Denton Area Emmaus Community! *DeColores! Jerry Harvey - Treasurer*

 <p>FINANCE REPORT As of May 12, 2008</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Jerry Harvey, Treasurer</p>	BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 6,697.94
	INCOME	Walk #34 Team (Registration)	\$ 3,145.00
		Wak #33 Team (Lunch Money)	\$ 176.48
		Walk #33 Candlelight	\$ 356.00
		Walk #33 Booktable	\$ 332.00
		TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,009.48
	EXPENSES		\$ -
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -
		OPERATING BALANCE (Less Scholarship Fund)	\$ 7,975.16
		ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$ 10,707.42
Pilgrim Scholarship Fund	Previous Balance	\$ 2,732.26	
	Current Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,732.26	

...FROM THE WORLD OF MUSIC

HEY, ALL YOU LOVERS OF NOTES AND MELODIES. A COUPLE OF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND A GOOD STORY THIS MONTH.

Announcement #1: We are scheduled to have a music training session as a joint event with the Dallas Emmaus Community on June 7th at Lake Lavon. This is a Saturday prior to their Candlelight service for their Women's Walk #212. Everyone is invited to attend.

Announcement #2: For those of you wishing to stay a little closer to home, we will have a May 17th Saturday morning training event at Trietsch at 8:30 am. Hope to see you there!

The Story:

As I was studying to give a devotional for our choir practice earlier this month, I ran across a story that I would like to share with you. It is the history of the beloved hymn, "Just As I Am." The text was born within the soul of an invalid woman who wrote these words out of intense feelings of uselessness and despair. Charlotte Elliott was born in Clapham, England, on March 18, 1789. As a young person she lived a carefree life, successful as a portrait artist and writer of humorous verse. By the time she was thirty, however, her health began to fail rapidly and soon she became a bed-ridden invalid for the remaining years of her life. Depression and despondency soon followed.

In 1982 a noted Swiss evangelist, Dr. Caesar Malan, visited her home and it became a turning point in her life. He impressed upon her this truth, "You must come just as you are, a sinner, to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Throughout the rest of her life she celebrated that day as her "spiritual birthday." Fourteen years later, in 1836, she wrote the words to the hymn we love so well for they hold the very essence of this song.

Although she lived to age 82, she never regained normal health and dialed battled great physical suffering. She once wrote, "God sees, God guides, God guards me. His grace surrounds me, and His voice continually bids me to be happy and hold in His service just where I am." Her brother, a pastor himself, said, "In the course of a long ministry, I hope to have seen some of the fruit of my labors, but I feel more has been done by a single hymn of my sister's." A simple reminder that each of must come to God with heart and mindset, "Just as I am."



MEN OF WALK #33		WOMEN OF WALK #34	
Harry Anderson - Aldersgate UMC	Tommy House - Trietsch UMC	Amber Bronson - Christ Community	Gwen Price - FPC Lewisville
Robert Arruda - ArgyleUMC	John Krasnan - Vista Ridge UMC	Pam Cooley - Vista Ridge UMC	Eula Bell Roberson - Blue Mound UMC
David Barham - Collin Creek FWB	Douglas Nelson - Asbury UMC	Amanda Eldred - Trinity UMC	Carri Roberson - Blue Mound UMC
Roger Burks - FPC Grapevine	Harry Nelson - ArgyleUMC	Kathryn Fisher - Justin UMC	Allena Sanders - Christ Community
Keith Cheatham - Sunlight Baptist	Mark Nolan - Gateway	Linda Fogle - FPC Lewisville	Shari Schmidt - Christ Community
David Fogle - FPC Lewisville	Buster Payne - N Cities U Pentecostal	Elizabeth Hinkel - Trietsch UMC	Joanna Smith - FlowerMoundUMC
Terry Goodnight - Trietsch UMC	Michael Smith - Flower Mound UMC	Debbie Jorgensen - Trinity UMC	Elizabeth Snapp - Blue Mound UMC
Glenn Hale - Aldersgate UMC	Ed Smith - FUMC Frisco	Angie LaPre - Christ Community	Louann Strickland - Trietsch UMC
Richard Hambleton - FBC Krum	Mark Storms - FBC Corinth	Lori Lester - Trietsch UMC	Kelly Thien - Trietsch UMC
Craig Holman - Plano FMC	Fred Trietsch - FBC Colleyville	Nancy Messuri - Aldersgate UMC	Leah Weikel - Vista Ridge UMC
Jerry Horton - Serenity Church	Stuart White - ArgyleUMC	Chris Patton - Trietsch UMC	Jackie Wickware - Pleasant Mound

SPONSORSHIP: The key to strengthening the Community is to Sponsor new Pilgrims. As Pilgrims stand at Closing and tell what the weekend meant to them and what they intend to do about it, frequently their response to the Community is that they want to pass on God’s love to others. A special way to do that for others is to Sponsor a Pilgrim on an upcoming walk.



The Upper Room website has a very detailed and instructive explanation of Sponsorship and what it involves. <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus>

I found the information to be extra helpful by outlining what to look for when sponsoring others. Remembering the purpose of Emmaus is to build church leaders is the key guideline when looking at your friends and fellow church members for possible sponsorship.

Sandra Geisler—Trainer

UPCOMING DENTON WALKS

2008 Walks	
DNM #35	Jun 19-22
DNW #36	Jul 10-13
DNM #37	Sep 11-14
DNW #38	Oct 9-12

2009 Walks	
DNM #39	Feb 19-22
DNW #40	Mar 26-29
Dallas	Jun 25-28
DNW #42	Jul 23-26
DNM #43	Sep 17-20
DNW #44	Oct 15-18

Registration Reminders:

Both pages of the application must be complete when submitted. Include Pilgrims Church name and address, Pastors Signature, Sponsor’s information and Signature. Incomplete or unreadable applications will be returned.

Applications can be downloaded from www.dentonemmaus.org and mailed to DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY, PO BOX 295068, LEWISVILLE, TX 75029-5068 together with \$145 registration fee. Cutoff is 6:00 PM the Friday before a walk weekend

SPONSORSHIP CHECKLIST

- To be in prayer about your potential Sponsorship. Pray for discernment regarding your friends and your desire for their own spiritual revitalization.
- To make an appointment to explain why you want to sponsor the individual/couple for the Walk to Emmaus. Answer their questions truthfully. Listen to what they really want to know but try not to spoil their Walk with too much information.
- To make sure the application is explained, signed, and sent in so that registration may occur. This helps the Pilgrim to make a formal commitment to the Walk. It also helps the applicant feel accepted and helps the Team know how many Pilgrims will be attending for planning purposes.
- To make sure you have explained all the things your Pilgrim needs to take on their walk and what is best left behind.
- To assure your Pilgrim you will help out at home while they are on the Walk. As a sponsor, you agree to step in with practical help so the Pilgrim has less to worry about while on the Walk.
- To provide transportation to the Send Off as well as food for the potluck and for the Walk and to pick up them and their luggage after Closing.
- To escort your Pilgrim to registration and making sure he/she has his/her nametag.
- To help by making the Pilgrims bed before Send Off supper and making sure their luggage is on their bed. There will be names on the door where the Pilgrim is assigned.
- To attend Follow Up with your Pilgrim (now a new member) on Tuesday following the Walk. Location will be announced at Closing.
- To see that your Pilgrim finds a Reunion Group and gets involved.
- To take your Pilgrim to his/her first Candlelight service at the first available opportunity.

The neatest part about Sponsorship is that you may repeat it as often as God leads you! We will always have need for Pilgrims to help build up the Body of Christ. Look around. Who can YOU sponsor?



www.dentonemmaus.org

- Check the rosters and welcome new community members
- Sign up for prayer vigils
- Update your information in the community data base
- Check for vacancies for upcoming Walks
- Download an application
- Contact a board member
- Check schedules and community calendar
- Locate a reunion group
- Get a map/directions
- Links for the Upper Room, Chrysalis, Kairos, or Epiphany

Denton Area Emmaus Community
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pam Taylor	Community Lay Director
Lynda Schupp	Community Spiritual Director
Teresa Rogers	Secretary
Jerry Harvey	Treasurer
Sherry Goin	Registration
John Alcoze	Agape
Cindie Vaughan	Communications /Newsletter
Dan Corbitt	Music
Matt Bieri	Team Selection
Diane Clements	Weekend Events
TBD	Servant Team
Sandra Geisler	Training
David Hixson	Supplies/Trailer
John Alcoze	Supplies/Literature
Bruce Riggs	Asst. Community Spiritual Director
Margie Lindley	Past Lay Director
Carleen Alderman	Upper Room Representative

DIAKONIA Newsletter Subscription

To defray the costs of printing and postage, DAEC community members are encouraged to access the newsletter online. However, you may choose to subscribe for a hard copy mailed to your home by **sending your name, full postal address, and a one-time subscription fee of \$5.00 to:**

**Diakonia Newsletter Subscription
Denton Area Emmaus Community
P. O. Box 295068
Lewisville, TX 75029-5068**

DAEC Board meets 2nd Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Lewisville



PO Box 295068
Lewisville, TX 75029-5068

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit # 845