

Diakonia

Newsletter of the Denton Area Emmaus Community



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Who do you know who....?

...is a church leader (clergy or layperson) who will bring new vision, commitment, and understanding back to their congregations?

...needs the renewal and grace Emmaus channels?

...is a dependable quiet backbone of the church?

...is a less active member who needs their awareness of grace rekindled and their commitment renewed?

...is a Christian hungry for "something more" and wants to grow spiritually?

...is centered in ecumenical cross sections of the church and essentials of our common faith?

...is open to new perspectives?

...is a respected layperson interested in building a sound, balanced, diverse leadership base for their church, community and denomination?

If you know someone who fits these descriptions, now is the time to sponsor them on a Walk to Emmaus. There are openings for all of our upcoming walks. Imagine for a moment the effect introducing one of the above persons to a walk could do. Just imagine...pray and act. Remember Christ is counting on you.

Steve Hines
Community Lay Director

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Remember to get pilgrim applications mailed in for the 2004 Walks!

INFORMATION, COOL GRAPHICS, AND EASY TO USE MENUS.

FUNNIES



A little boy opened the big and old family bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out and he picked it up and looked at it. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. "Momma, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in his voice, he answered, "It's Adam's suit!"

Dear God, Thank you for my baby brother but, what I prayed for was a puppy! Joyce

 One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while, and then said, "So, Mom, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"



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

OCTOBER 2003 FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance **\$8,890.60**

Income

Literature—LD Manuals \$ 32.00

Literature—UR Refund \$ 13.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 45.00**

Expenses

Postage—Sept. Newsletter \$ 326.77

TOTAL EXPENSES **(\$ 326.77)**

TOTAL BALANCE **\$8,608.83**



Respectfully Submitted,
 Nancy Daniel, Treasurer

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S CORNER

My wife, Debbie, claimed I was watching it for the hundredth time as I plopped down and turned on the movie "Doc Hollywood." Hey, what can I say, I like movies with happy endings – especially the ones where the money-lusting doctor headed for a plum job like the Halberstrom Clinic becomes "born again" as small town doctor doing good and loving everybody. What I didn't remember about the movie was the skinny-dipping scene that introduced Julie Warner's character, the witty and attractive "Lou, the ambulance driver."

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Debbie and I don't go out to many movies. We did break away one afternoon to see "Gospel of John" (which we found accurate and enjoyable). It bothers us to find so many movies that contain profanity, nudity, extreme violence or the degrading of men, women or children. The questions remains: how many times can you watch "The Lion King" or "Finding Nemo"?

This "thing" was not keeping me awake at night, but it did stay on my mind. I stopped by a local movie rental business and walked the aisles looking at a large number of movies with R or PG warnings and a special area with some XX and XXX (which I am sure were not extra or extra-extra *long* movies. Later this week, as I exited a local store, I met Mrs. Kelly. She was handing out flyers for a rental business called "CleanFlicks" (texascleanflicks.com). She described her ministry as offering rental movies with "no nudity and no unnecessary intimacy" among other things. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are Christians with a mission to provide movie rentals that the entire family can watch together without embarrassment.

Mrs. Kelly got me to thinking about the other hundreds of ministries in which we Christians can become involved. I think it would be fascinating to hear what new ministries our Emmaus brothers and sisters began after their three-day journey. I know what the Kelly's are doing after completing their walk. How about emailing me your "new ministry story"? (revjrz@comcast.net) I'll put a column together sometime soon and maybe by sharing ideas we can further our task of training up leaders for the Church through our example.

Afterall, if Dr. Ben Stone can abandon his plan to earn millions through plastic surgery in Los Angeles to become a small town doctor, what are our limitations? If city-boy doctor can walk a pig and change, we sure can. I know it is only a movie, but it had a happy ending - the boy got the girl, the boy learned how to give unconditionally, and the pig got a good home. Looks like lots of ministry to me!

Joe Zinser
Community Spiritual Director

DAEC Servant Team Stuff

Servant Team Selection will begin very soon for our next two Walks. DAEC Men's Walk #9 February 26 - 29 and Women's Walk #10 March 25 - 28. For new Pilgrims, these Walks may be your first servant opportunities in the Emmaus Community. There are numerous ways to serve on a Walk, and the first and foremost is to pray for the Pilgrims and the Team. Secondly, you may want to sign-up to serve on the Servant Team. The Servant Team has many responsibilities, too many to mention here. However, if you are interested in Serving, please contact me by email, sgannndad@aol.com. I will forward your contact information to the Servant Team Leaders and they will be contacting you.

Also, for you veterans of the Emmaus Community, the Servant Team Leaders will begin calling you for their perspective teams, and wouldn't it be a grand act of Agape if we made it easy on them. Please, prayerfully consider being a member of the Servant Teams, and if you would like to serve on either Men's #9 or Women's #10, please send me an email. I will joyfully forward your Request To Serve (RTS) to the appropriate Servant Team Leader.

De Colores,
Sonny Gann
DAEC Board -
Servant Teams



Insurance

While last year we had a devastating loss when our community trailer and all of our supplies and possessions were stolen. We witnessed the love of our community for God and the meaning of the Walk to Emmaus in the many gifts that made Walks 5, 6, 7, and 8 possible.

In attempting to prevent future losses we have done several things. We have increased security in the storage location and enhanced security equipment for our new trailer. We believe that all the enhanced security can only really benefit us from theft by an opportunistic person bent on adding to their personal assets without regard to their personal moral values.

With this in mind, we have sought and found insurance that will allow us to cover not only our liability risks but fire and theft risks as well. We as a Board believe we must do this. The hard part is the premium of \$2,400 per year. If you would like to make a gift toward the purchase of this coverage, please send it to:

Denton Area Emmaus Community
P. O. Box 2609
Denton, TX 76202
Mark your checks "insurance"

Thank you for considering this gift to the Walk to Emmaus and the Denton Area Emmaus Community.

Steve Hines, Community Lay Director

What is an "Emmaus" song?

Like many of you, my first experience with the "Emmaus Songbook" (aka, the "Tunes and Creations" songbook) was on my walk (in 1992). Every song we sang came out of the little, red, spiral-bound collection of familiar, not-so-familiar, and brand-new (to me) songs. Many of these gems have become almost synonymous with Emmaus. What would a walk be without "Spirit Song", "Here I Am, Lord", or even "Pharaoh, Pharaoh"? Can you remember your first impression of "De Colores"?

The point is, just like the many colors of God's grace and the unique combination of personalities that come together for a walk, Emmaus music can be hard to describe because it is different for every walk. There is no "official" list of songs that must be sung during the weekend. Song selection is left to the discretion of the music team, with input from the rest of the team. So, if you felt that a particular song spoke directly to you, chances are very good that God had a hand in that song's selection for the weekend.

As time goes by, music leaders have more and more new songs to choose from. Contemporary praise and worship music is an especially bountiful source of new "Emmaus" songs. If you have a favorite "Emmaus" song, or know of a song that would be appropriate for a particular talk, please drop me an email at jvgerber@comcast.net.

De Colores
Jim Gerber, Music and Weekend Events

CORRECTION—IT APPEARS THAT SOME ERRORS WERE MADE ON THE ANSWER KEY TO “TEST YOUR EMMAUS KNOWLEDGE”. BELOW ARE THE CORRECT ANSWERS. I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED.



1 Tradition	2 Model	3 Model	4 Tradition	5 Tradition
6 Model	7 Model	8 Model	9 Model	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			

WHAT'S NEW AND OTHER STUFF

- ⇒ I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN A NEW COLUMN TITLED “WHERE ARE THEY NOW...” THIS COLUMN WOULD BE WRITTEN BY A PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WOULD LIKE TO SHARE HOW THE WALK TO EMMAUS HAS TOUCH/CHANGED THEIR LIVES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PUBLISHED, JUST SEND YOUR ARTICLE TO CCCCSHOE@COVAD.NET.
- ⇒ HEARD A GOOD JOKE LATELY? SEND YOUR **CLEAN, CHRISTIAN** JOKES TO CCCCSHOE@COVAD.NET.
- ⇒ HAVE AN ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS TO THE BOARD—GO TO THE WEBSITE AND “CLICK” ON THE EMAIL ICON. FILL IN THE BLANKS. AND SUBMIT. THE APPROPRIATE PERSON WILL RECEIVE THE EMAIL.
- ⇒ HAVE A QUESTION, COMMENT OR CONCERN—GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND “CLICK” ON THE EMAIL ICON. FILL IN THE BLANKS AND SUBMIT.. THE APPROPRIATE PERSON WILL RECEIVE THE EMAIL.
- ⇒ YOU CAN NOW SIGN UP FOR PRAYER VIGILS ON-LINE.

Cindy Shoemaker
Communications and Data Base



Luke 24:13-35—Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus.....

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<p>Gathering November 15, 2003 Cooper Creek UMC Denton, TX See our website for directions.</p>
<p>Men's Walk #9 February 26-29, 2004 Lake Sharon</p>
<p>Women's Walk #10 March 24-28, 2004 Lake Sharon</p>
<p>Men's Walk #11 June 24-27, 2004 Lake Sharon</p>
<p>Women's Walk #12 July 22-25, 2004 Lake Sharon</p>
<p>Men's Walk #13 September 23-26, 2004 Lake Sharon</p>
<p>Women's Walk #14 October 14-17, 2004 Lake Sharon</p>

D e Colores

"IT'S WHAT YOU LEARN
AFTER YOU KNOW IT ALL THAT
COUNTS."

ANONYMOUS

IS MUSIC YOUR PASSION?
THEN HAVE I GOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU. THE DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS TO HELP DURING GATHERINGS, CANDLELIGHT, AND WALKS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT JIM GERBER AT 972-874-9278 OR jvgerber@comcast.net.

