

Texoma Emmaus Community

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The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread.
Luke 24:35

A message from the Board Chair—Steve Haid

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UPCOMING WALKS

Women's Walk #81
Lay Director: Barbara Meyer
February 28–March 3, 2013

Men's Walk #82
Lay Director: Mel Camp
April 11–14, 2013

Women's Walk #83
Lay Director: Jenny Reynolds
Aug 1–4, 2013

Men's Walk #84
Lay Director: Dub Hall
September 12–15, 2013

A New Beginning

One of my favorite contemporary Christian songs is "Born Again" by Third Day. The chorus goes like this. "It feels like I'm born again. It feels like I'm living, for the very first time, for the very first time in my life". How true that is, and every time I sing that song it reminds me that I have a new life in Christ. I love sharing that message through music and in other ways. We truly have a new beginning through Christ, and that is something that is available through God's grace to anyone who wants it.

I love being part of the Texoma Emmaus Community because Christ is so evident at our Walks, Gatherings and other events (even board meetings). The Walk to Emmaus is designed to nurture Christian leaders, and I have personally witnessed that in so many people, myself included. We have many people in my church who have taken on new or expanded leadership roles in our church since they attended their Walk, and I have seen that very same thing in my friends

from other churches who have participated in a Walk. The Walk to Emmaus is not designed to replace the church but to support the church by nurturing and helping to develop Christian leaders. I know we all remember how special our Walk to Emmaus was and would like to share that experience with others. Take a few quiet minutes this week and think about those in your church who could benefit from the Walk to Emmaus, and consider sponsoring one of them for an upcoming Walk. You will be richly blessed by being a sponsor. You may also be surprised a year or two from now to see that person leading a small group or a ministry at your church or singing in the choir or teaching a Sunday school class.

2013 is an exciting new year for our community as we welcome in our new Board of Directors and move our Walks back to the newly improved Baptist Camp. Anytime we do something big like this there are lots of

changes ahead, but I know we are up to the task. I took my Walk (45) at the Baptist Camp, and it still feels special to me every time I'm there. I know it will be just as special to our Pilgrims this year as they hear all about God's grace for three days, enjoy Christian fellowship and experience all that the Walk has to offer. I'm especially excited that we have been able to reduce the registration fee to \$150, which will hopefully, make it easier for anyone who wants to attend.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of our Board of Directors, with questions, concerns and praises. We'd love to hear from you.

"Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say unto you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

Blessings and DeColores,
Steve Haid, Chair
Texoma Emmaus
Community

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A Message from our Vice-Chair—Charlie Philips **Christ is Counting on Who?**

...and I am counting on Christ. We've all said it and we all know it although we tend to forget daily that we are simply not in charge, of anything. During the week we tend to be so engrossed in our routine course of conduct, whether it be work, retirement, church, grandchildren, or whatever dictates our daily lives that we forget, all too quickly, that God is in control and that we can attribute to the betterment of the world, one person at a time, with those people that we come into contact with on a daily basis. You may know them, you may not, but kindness and Christian principles in how we address each of life's encounters never go out of style. Imagine coming to an Emmaus gathering and rather than seeing friendly faces in the parking lot you receive the middle fingers and the angry glares, followed by silent cursing seen behind the tinted widows of our fellow motorists fighting for the last parking place. Yes it would be a different atmosphere but fortunately, when we're at Emmaus or at our home church, we're on our best Christian behavior and we come closer to heaven than in most of our daily encounters. It's simply how we treat other people that makes a difference. Jesus in his brilliant simplicity, spoke volumes in Matthew 7:12, do unto others...

So I guess we all forget, in our daily affairs, that Christ is still counting on us, and we're still counting on Him, maybe just not acting like it, all of the time. And perhaps, when we are buried the deepest in our daily affairs, set to accomplish our goals for the day, the week, the month and year, we forget the fundamentals like treating others the way we want to be treated, how would Jesus want us to handle this, am I being an example like the one God sent for me, even in the mundane of the day to day. Every athlete, in every sport, will recite, almost always, that you have to practice the fundamentals like keep your eye on the ball, preparation and execution. Do we practice the fundamentals daily? Do we recognize that God has a plan, that He is in control that His will shall be done? God's will placed me in the position of Vice Chairperson for your community. Yes I was concerned about the responsibilities both now and into the future and whether I had the time, the talent, the will and the drive to accomplish what God has placed before me? Did I really need the additional stress to go with an already overstressed and overcommitted life? Then I remembered the fundamentals. God is in control, Christ is counting on me, and I am counting on Christ. We never know when God will call but with the fundamentals, we'll be

ready, each of us, individually, and all of us collectively.

When I look at the challenges this community has before it in the coming weeks months and years, complicated tremendously by the questionable competence of the Vice Chairperson who now serves, I still rest well, and I'm still assured, that God is in control. Yes Christ is counting on me and Christ is counting on you. There are people we have yet to meet, that together, we will bring closer to Christ through the plan He has laid out for us. So as this Community looks to its new leadership and its new challenges, I know, that just as the flame is passed from candle to candle and the response is spoken, the truth lies in the fundamentals that Christ is counting on you, I am counting on Christ and together we can meet any challenge placed before us with perseverance, being the hands and feet of Christ here in our home Community, together, counting on each other, counting on Christ.

-- Charlie Philips



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

We are coming up on some “firsts” over the next few weeks! We will have our first 2013 Gathering at a church location (February 16 at Chambersville UMC), our first Annual Rooster Run fundraising event (February 23 in McKinney), and our first 2013 Women’s Walk and Candlelight (February 28- March 3 at the Texoma Baptist Camp). We have much to look forward to and many acts of service to attend to in order for all of these “firsts” to be effective expressions of God’s love and grace within our Texoma Emmaus Community.

So in these first days of February, how is it with your soul? Do you feel rested, confident, and peaceful about this next month in 2013? Or do you feel like you’re on the “outs” with this year already – tired-out, worn-out, and stressed-out? Dear one, please stop and take a breath if you are in the latter category!! Because if you are in February feeling like this, then I predict that within the next quarter, you will get to the worst of the “outs” – burned-out... I can relate! I’ve been there, done that, gotten several T-shirts! The sneaky thing about burn-out is that you probably won’t even see it coming. No – you’ll be taking care of life so fast and so hard that you won’t be able to put your finger on the exact moment the shift occurred from busy to broken.

Recently I preached a sermon on Luke 4:21 – “Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Jesus is declaring the prophet Isaiah’s verses on being anointed by the Holy Spirit – “to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners, to proclaim recovery of sight to the blind and to set the oppressed free. To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19 All of these gifts are intended to be fulfilled in our lives – TODAY!

We become candidates for burn-out when we fail to hear the good news of Jesus Christ today. We are poor not just because our income may be insufficient, but because we lack spiritual resources in our journey. Without regular spiritual refreshing, we begin drying out on our path, becoming less flexible, less able to deal with the regular twists and turns we know how to negotiate, and we may even end up falling – falling prey to temptation, falling into darkness, even falling into prisons of our own making, or finding ourselves trapped by others who intend us harm.

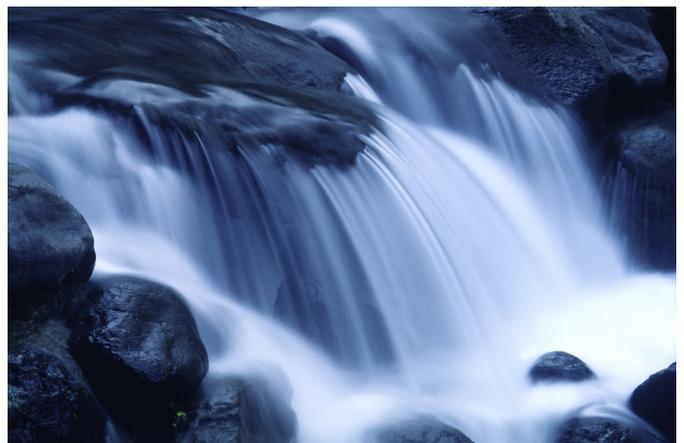
Dear ones, don’t become poor when you are a member of the King’s household! You have access to the throne of grace – “God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).

Be renewed, refreshed by the Spirit who is Living Water – today! Remember to attend to the means of grace that are readily available to you – meet with your reunion groups regularly – serve your church and family responsibly – for you will be unable to serve when you have fallen into the poverty of burn-out.

Take heart – Christ has overcome the world and equipped you to do likewise through the Holy Spirit abiding in you. Drink deeply at the spring of Living Water, and go forward in the strength of Christ.

De Colores!

Pastor Sam



From our Agape Chair— Marianne Brummett

We NEED your Agape!!!! Both the Women's and Men's Walk need agape. Please get your reunion group, family, co-workers, whomever together and make agape for the Walk's. That is a great time for you to fellowship and even reminisce about YOUR walk. Thank you in advance!!

From our Secretary/Historian—Ellen Walker

DeColores Everyone,

It is so hard to believe that 2012 has gone so quickly. It is an honor and privilege to serve the Texoma Community again as the Board Secretary. Last year was so exciting because the TEC is making a move to the Baptist Camp for Walks, we cut and trimmed areas so that our budget coffer has money, and a 5K Run is being added a fund raiser.

I want to thank the Board members whose term just expired. Everything that they accomplished was with a Christian attitude. I am looking forward to the 2013 year and expect great things from our new Board members.

Blessings,
Ellen

From our Supply Chair—Lynda Lewis

Supplies!!

Speakers, singers, artists, servers and servants all come together as one to be used by God to serve His Pilgrims on each Emmaus Walk. Cups and plates, water and napkins, Communion supplies and posterboard are just a few of the supplies required to facilitate every Walk to Emmaus. Supplies are purchased for each Walk and hundreds of these items are consumed during the weekend. We want to insure each participant has whatever is needed to experience the Walk and your contributions at gatherings and candlelight help to insure this expense is covered. Thank you for your support and may God continue to bless this community!
Lynda Lewis

From our Treasurer—Erica Sweetin

I would like to begin by thanking each and every one of you that made it out to the Texoma Emmaus Community housewarming party and gathering. The donations provided to make the camp transition as smooth as possible are greatly appreciated. If you weren't able to make it to the housewarming, I have great news! There are still a few items we need to purchase and your donations would still make a difference! You can mail in your donation or drop it in the offering plate at the next Emmaus function; just be sure to put "housewarming" in the memo section of your check.

As always, thank you all for the continued support of your community!

DeColores,
Erica

From our Fundraising Chair—Darold Meyer

We have a five k run going the 23rd of February and looking forward to it. I hope a lot of you are planning on being in attendance. You can walk it if you cannot run. It is scheduled to take off at seven am. This is our first annual five k as a fund raiser to help our community to raise funds to help with scholarships and other community expenses. I would like to thank Sandra Carter for all she has done to help us get this going. It is going to be held at McKinney so we may be able to pull people out of the Dallas area and get a broader area of participation.

I have put in an order for some new shirts to fill in on the sizes I was short on. Since the place that used to make our shirts went out of business, I found a new place to do them and they are just a little less expensive. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the new year at a new location for our walks.

Fundraising, Darold

From our Communications Chair—John Orozco

As your new Communications Chair, I want to say that I am pleased to be able to serve you, our Texoma Emmaus Community. We are currently working on updating the website and I want to thank Marianne Brummett and Cathy Pugh for providing me with great assistance. The community recently purchased a laptop and Cathy Pugh has volunteered to load the website on it for easier access.

If you are wanting to sponsor a pilgrim for any of the upcoming walks this year, the application has now been updated and on the website for you to download. Also, if you are not currently active in a reunion group, feel free to contact me and I will be glad to assist you in finding one. There is a list of reunion groups and a contact on the website that you can look through and contact to join a group. I will continue to update the groups and contact information. Reunion groups are a vital part of our fourth days journey.

DeColores,

John

Thank You

The board wishes to extend it's thanks to those that participated in the Housewarming Event and assisted in the move from the Prothro Center to the Baptist Camp. Your generous time and gifts have been a blessing. The decision to move was made after much thought, consideration, and prayer. Without the help of the Texoma Emmaus Community, it could not have been accomplished.

From our 4th day Chair-Carolyn Cherry

Dear community,

WOW what a fast start we are off to this year. With our first walk of the year less than 5 weeks away the need for 4th day workers is a priority. God always provides and with no doubt in mind, I am confident that Walk 81 will come together.

I pray you make plans to be there for set up Sunday February 24th, 4:00 PM at Lake Texoma Baptist Youth Camp. The camp is on the left side of the road just before the Prothro Camp Center. As you roll up your sleeves or don your jacket (Texas weather you never know) you are guaranteed to be blessed working with your brothers and sisters of the community. We will have many jobs at hand with this being our first set up after relocating to this facility. Please prayerfully consider being there. We have been blessed with many housewarming items from the January gathering, so thanks to all of you who donated towards those needs. Items on the "wish" list and I expect our the next few walks will reveal a need for other items as well. Please be in prayer. If you feel called, your gift or service in this area will be much welcomed.

Cha team leaders for the upcoming walks are: Lori Givens Walk 81; Jerry Gill Walk 82. Are interested in serving on a cha team or a kitchen team for a walk? Cha-ing although exhausting, is one of the most humbling and rewarding tasks you will ever experience at Emmaus. You will be blessed in your service my friends.

DeColores! Carolyn Cherry 4th Day Chair

From our Newsletter Chair-J'Net Chambers

Hello my Emmaus brothers and sisters. I feel honored to have been asked and elected to serve on the Texoma Emmaus Board. My belief that God equips the called, rather than calls the equipped, will serve me well. You will notice some changes in the format of the newsletter. You may notice some changes in the next one. Like me, the newsletter is a work in progress. And like me, it won't be perfect. I received wonderful instructions from my predecessor and hope that I continue to efficiently bring you the good news.

This newsletter is for you, the Emmaus Community. Here you will find information regarding upcoming walks, Team information, and calendared events. You will peruse the words from your various board members. Perhaps like me, you will find solace and comfort in the words of another Emmaus member. I had a couple of difficult days this week. I was questioning some decisions I had made and struggling with a life situation. Words in an article in this very edition spoke to me, comforted me, bringing the peace of mind I needed. I had prayed about my situation, literally asking God for guidance. He delivered quickly and in a place that was unexpected. Ain't He grand!

Contact information for your board members is located in this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you have a question, need to pass on information or suggestions, or you feel the need to tell someone "job well done".

God's Peace be with you, J'Net

ROOSTER 5 K RUN



Saturday, February 23, 2013
Stonebridge United Methodist Church 1800
S. Stonebridge Dr. McKinney, Tx

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5K Run/Walk Up to 5 people can register together with one transaction.

- \$25.00 early registration (through 2/16 at 11:59 AM US/Central) »
\$30.00 registration (2/16 at 11:59 AM US/Central through 2/22 at
11:59 AM US/Central)

Date and Time:

Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 8:00 AM

Location:

East parking lot of Stonebridge United Methodist Church - 1800 S.
Stonebridge Dr. McKinney, TX 75070

Packet Pick Up information:

We will be @ Stonebridge UMC for packet pick up at 7:00 am the day
of the race.

Race Proceeds Benefit:

The Texoma Emmaus Community serving Collin, Grayson, and sur-
rounding counties.

Awards:

\$50 for over-all male and female. Awards for first finisher in each age
division.

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