



# Texoma Emmaus Community

*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*

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011

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## Upcoming Walks for 2011

### Men's Walk #74

Lay Director: David Jordan  
March 17-20, 2011

### Women's Walk #75

Lay Director: Jan Lehmann  
Aug. 11-14, 2011

### Men's Walk #76

Lay Director: Marvin Smith  
Sept. 29 – Oct 2, 2011

### Date scheduled for Next Gathering:

April 16, 2011  
Whaley UMC-Gainesville

## *A Message from the Chairperson Barry Ebersberger*

Greetings and blessings! I want you to know these are exciting times in our Emmaus community. Walk 73 just completed with 33 pilgrims-now our newest members. Listening to their comments at closing, it was easy to see that God had been busy amongst us yet again. Alma Stapp led a very well prepared team and they did their part to offer what we all know is a very special weekend to our newest members.

We recently had our February Board meeting. We celebrated how well attended the January gathering was. We celebrated the generosity of giving at that gathering and again at candlelight for Walk 73. We commiserated over the number of pilgrims signed up for Walk 74. We discussed how to be good stewards of the community's finances. We struggled with how to be good communicators while keeping a watchful eye on our finances. We dreamed of full walks. But what I saw most was joy. The meeting ran long, but the discussion was filled with excitement for the coming year's efforts and plans.

I know why too. This community has been blessed with incredible people! They say yes. They turn out in good weather and bad. They pray. They support. They feed. They supply agape. They worship. They make beautiful music. You can see God is alive and well and walking with us!

So in closing, I want to encourage each of you whether new members or seasoned...please participate in our Emmaus events. Bring your smiling faces and wonderful food to the Gatherings and Follow-Ups. Write agape letters. Come to set up, take-down, closings, 4<sup>th</sup> Day prayer events and candlelight. Worship God. Share His love and I know you will be blessed for having done so! I look forward to seeing each of you!

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## *From the Secretary/Historian Barbara Meyer*

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13) A lot of Bible verses remind me of Emmaus and this is definitely one of them. When I think of Emmaus, I think of love. When I am at any Emmaus activities, I see love and feel God's love. Pray with me that the Emmaus movement continues to grow and grow around the whole world.

I am your secretary and Historian for the board. Be sure and look for the table at the back of the room at all follow-ups and gatherings. This is where you will find the albums from all the different Walks we have had which totals almost 74 to date through the Texoma Emmaus Community.

I also want to say what a blessing it has been to serve on the board. This fall, some of you may be asked to run for a position on the board. I promise you, if you say yes and are elected, you will be truly blessed.

Please keep praying for who God wants you to ask to be a Pilgrim on one of our upcoming walks. They will be blessed as we have been blessed.

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## *From the Supply Chair Harold Franks*

Sisters and Brothers of Emmaus:  
My name is Harold Franks and I am the Supply chairperson for the Texoma Emmaus Community. I am responsible for purchasing all the supplies for each of the walks that the Texoma Emmaus Community has.

I would like to ask if an individual or a Reunion Group would like to purchase some of the items that will be needed for Walk #74. Your help with the purchase of some or all of the needed items will really help the community financially.

The list of items needed for this walk are as follows: spiral notebooks, Kleenex, P-touch white tape, small white bags, purple books, reunion service sheets/cards, trial size shaving cream, small white cloths for Communion, Band-Aids and small bottles of Tylenol/Motrin.

If you are able to purchase some of these items, please let me know at e-mail address [mahrfranks@netzero.net](mailto:mahrfranks@netzero.net) or my phone # is: 903-465-5870.

Thanks for your help and DeColores!

### Board Members

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## *From the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Chair Carolyn Cherry*

**Men's Walk #74  
March 17-20, 2011**

**2 Corinthians 5: 20**

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf. Be reconciled to God.*

**Team Members**

**Lay Director**

*David Jordan*

**Asst Lay Directors**

*Ben Foytik      Mel Camp  
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*John Gondol*

**Asst Spiritual Directors**

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**Music**

*Dean Dickschat      Dustin Turner*

**Board Rep**

*Ronnie Cole*

With our first TEC Walk of 2011 behind us, it is now time to get things going for the Men's Walk #74 happening March 17 – 20, 2011. Set up will be at 2:30pm on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>. The CHA leader for this team will be Jesse Farrar and his team is ready and anxious to serve our awesome God through supporting our Inside Team and the Pilgrims on this Walk. For those of you who helped with set-up, send off, sponsor's hour, candlelight and closing on Women's Walk #73 a huge **THANK YOU** to your willingness to serve with me- without you the 4<sup>th</sup> day volunteers and the weekend mechanics simply wouldn't have happened so effortlessly. You made my job easier in so many ways. The Inside Team works and prepares for months to make sure the Pilgrims have a blessed weekend. As the 4<sup>th</sup> Day team, we do our part by supporting them in their efforts every way we can in a 7 day period, through prayer, physical labor, agape and so much more. Serving Him in this area is a true example of being the hands and feet of Christ to the Body.

Please be watching for your email blast as the next Walk approaches and this will give you many chances to serve. Please log into the database to volunteer to serve on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day team. While you are in the database be sure to check your information and make sure it is correct. I would hate to miss you because your data is incorrect. Being new to leading the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Team, I depend highly on the database for experience, and areas of volunteering you prefer and your contact information. Some of you have already contacted me about helping and thank you all for that. I even have a new pilgrim who emailed me on Monday after Walk #73 and stated that her husband is going on Walk #74 and to "sign her up". That's the spirit of what 4<sup>th</sup> Day is all about.

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### **Welcome to our newest Texoma Emmaus Members from Women's Walk #73**

<i>Tammy Richerson</i>	<i>Denine Chron</i>	<i>Michelle Alamudun</i>	<i>Kelly Scott</i>
<i>Judy Buckne</i>	<i>Jennie Isbell</i>	<i>Megan Singer</i>	<i>Amber Goodman</i>
<i>Christy Wolff</i>	<i>Madeline Bullock</i>	<i>Shirley Kucifer</i>	<i>Keri Johnson</i>
<i>Barbara Hotze</i>	<i>Myckeldrea Brooks</i>	<i>Lou Crouch</i>	<i>Denisha Thomas</i>
<i>Kay Haley</i>	<i>Darla Theis</i>	<i>Brenda Beckloff</i>	<i>Jennifer Adkins</i>
<i>Mimi Paxson</i>	<i>Bobbie Kay McCartne</i>	<i>Rose Houser</i>	<i>Karen Stein</i>
<i>Rhonda Williams</i>	<i>Sherry Moore</i>	<i>Robbie Blacketer</i>	<i>Tana Davidson</i>
<i>Zena Wood</i>	<i>Meredith Neal</i>	<i>Judi Brandt</i>	<i>Amanda Anderson</i>
<i>Gloria Perry</i>			

## *From the Team Selection/Vice Chair Dayle Raper*

DeColores, Texoma Emmaus Community!! 2011 is off to a great start beginning with Walk #73 and the beautiful Godly women which are now new members to our community. The Men's Walk #74 that is upcoming and our Father in heaven is still building as I type this article. We are blessed!

As your 2011 Vice Chair of the Texoma Emmaus Board of Directors, I have the responsibility to assist our upcoming Lay Directors with Team Selection, lining up our 2012 Lay Directors, and nominations for next year's Board. I am happy to say I have a great group of people ready to serve on this committee with me and to help with this most important task.

What I need from **YOU** is to be sure you are in our database and your information is correct. If you have not accessed the database, please do so! This resource is the main tool my committee and I will be using in the Team Selection process. We need to be able to see your Walk experience and how to contact you!

To access the database, you need to go to [www.texomaemmaus.org](http://www.texomaemmaus.org) and click on the database link in the upper right hand corner of the home page. There you will enter the email address you gave on your application for your Walk, and enter **tectec** for the password. Once you're in, you can change your password to whatever you want. If you have trouble with any of this, please contact Phil Reyes, our database chair. His email address is listed on our website under "Board of Directors".

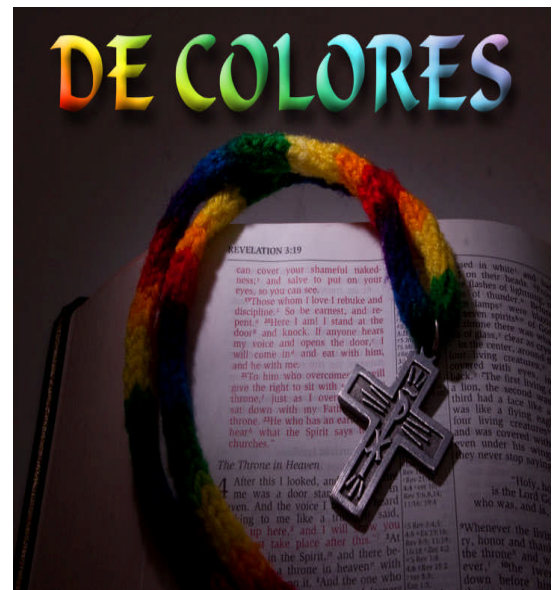
There are **MANY** opportunities to serve on a Walk to Emmaus. For every person, personality, and ability, we have something **everyone** can do. After all we are **all** the Body of Christ and all parts are needed and necessary.

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## *From the Fundraising Chair Jerry Pedersen*

I will be chairing the fundraising committee for the Texoma Emmaus Community. I will be having a great discount sale **soon** on many items that have been on the table for too long...watch for great savings!! When you purchase things such as books, t-shirts, hoodies, caps, or whatever, you are not only getting a great product but you are also helping the Texoma Emmaus Community to sponsor more Pilgrims and that's what it's all about...Have a great day and I hope to see you at many Emmaus functions...Let me know if you have any good ideas for other sales items...Thanks and God Bless.

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*From the Treasurer Chair Ronnie Cole*

I just wanted to say thank you to the community for your generous contributions to date and for answering our call for financial support.

To give you an example of what we look at in our board meetings, last month we tried to break down the actual cost per pilgrim that we incur every walk with the Prothro Center. Including room, meals, supplies and Upper Room fees, our cost is approximately \$185 per pilgrim and we charge a \$200 fee. Our bill for Walk #73 was nearly \$10,000! Clergy are asked to pay but are not required to do so since many of them may work

more than one walk per year. If we have scholarship needs for pilgrims, we have a restricted fund set aside to assist those scholarship requests.

That's where you as a Texoma Emmaus member can help your community financially by donating an amount to be restricted for scholarships. Nearly every walk has at least one scholarship need and many have two to three requests.

As you can see, without the restricted scholarship fund, the cost per pilgrim would be close to or above the \$200 application fee and scholarships would have to be paid from the general fund.

In summary, your donations to offerings at candlelight and gatherings, your mail in donations, Pay-Pal donations and t-shirt and book purchases, are all very important to the financial well-being of our community. Keep those cards and letters coming and in the words of Steve Martin in the movie Leap of Faith, "Just send me 5 - 10 or 15. . . THOUSAND dollars!!

Thanks for all you do for our community.

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