

Texoma Emmaus Community

August-September 2007

And 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

Walks for 2007

Women's Walk # 60 September 13-16 Lay Director: Janet Cooley
Men's Walk #61 October 25-28 Lay Director: Randy Bush

Walks for 2008

No dates have been finalized for the 2008 Walks, but the Lay Directors are as follows:
Michael Hansen and Margie Jackson- Spring Walks
Claudia Lovell and Bob Manley- Fall Walks

For information about registration, call Brenda Jones, Registrar, at 903-436-2410

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NEWSLETTER NEWS:

Due to the rising costs of the newsletter, the newsletter will be printed once a quarter. Beginning in 2008, the newsletter will be a free subscription. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter by regular mail, please take the time to fill out the subscription form and mail to Newsletter c/o Texoma Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 665, Sherman, TX 75091-0665 or return the form to an Emmaus board member. We want everyone who reads the newsletter to continue to receive it, but want to eliminate excess by utilizing our webpage and emails to save cost.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

Greetings from your Texoma Emmaus Board Chair

We have now started the long hot summer. About the only events we have now is the Gathering. So lets have a record Gathering in July. We currently are unable to have summer walks because the Baptist Youth Camp is full of kids all summer. George has a great ministry during the summer and I'd like to think that we have helped in that ministry by supporting the camp much needed funds from the proceeds of our walks.

The Board has decided to add a 10 minute training "Training Moment" to our Gatherings. Every year we plan a training session for a Saturday in June but we have very low attendance. It has been very frustrating to the members that plan their portion of the training and for the most are talking to veteran Emmaus members. Last year we had about 10 new folks at the meeting. So, in our attempt to reach more of the community we decided to add a "Training Moment to the Gathering". We will do this on a trial basis and the board will discuss it next year. Please give it a chance and let us know how you feel about it. Our plan is not to remove anything from the Gathering but to add 10 minutes to the format.

Our Fall walk teams have started to meet. Please prayerfully consider someone that you think would benefit from an Emmaus weekend and sponsor them. Read the chapter in the Fourth Day book about sponsorship so you can be the best sponsor you can.

Keep your spirit up! Hope to see you at the August Gatherings.

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Debbie Murley

Texoma Emmaus Board Chair

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4th Day Team News

Thank you, each and every Treasured Worker who did 4th Day service for Billy Coburn's Men's Walk #59! All events supported by the 4th Day Team went smoothly and we had plenty of help. Even Take Down went easily thanks to an outstanding effort by the Chas packing and storing the agape and kitchen items and also thanks to the large group that showed up to help put up. May God bless each of you and also bless everyone you love.

At the Gathering on June 23 at the McKinney FUMC Treasured Workers for the first and second quarters were announced. Honored for the first quarter were Brian Gaskill and Lois Bailey and for the second quarter were Wayne Eitel and Sherry Gaskill. Each received one on my hand made crosses and continues to receive my undying gratitude. Those who show up regularly for 4th Day activities make it possible for our Community to conduct the walks. Experienced volunteers know the job they do and make it easier for everyone else. Our work sessions are also a time of fellowship and sharing with our Emmaus friends. Please join us.

The Joint Team Meeting for Janet Cooley's Walk #60 has been scheduled for 9:00am, August 25 at FUMC, Van Alstyne. The Joint Team Meeting for Randy Bush's Walk #61 has been scheduled for 9:00am, October 13 at Grace UMC in Sherman. Mark your calendars now. If you have ever wanted to do a particular job in support of the walks, this is the place to volunteer for that job. First choice goes to those who attend the meetings. We plan our support for Set Up, Send Off / Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing / Take Down. Among the jobs selected are leading the Sponsor's Hour service and serving communion at Candlelight. After we divide up the work we spend a few minutes with our prayer partners on the Conference Room Team and then share in a communion service.

Wouldn't you know it, my imaginary friend Jerry has been at it again, here's the latest. A man from the Department of Agriculture stopped at Jerry's farm one day and said, "I'm going to inspect your farm." Jerry replied, "You better not go in that field." The Ag representative said in a patient tone, "I have the authority of the U. S. Government with me. See this card? I am allowed to go wherever I wish on agricultural land." So, Jerry went about his farm chores. Later, the Jerry heard loud screams, saw the government's rep running for the fence, and close behind was his prize bull. The bull was madder than a full nest of hornets and the bull was gaining at every step. Jerry decided to help the government man and called out, "Show him your card!"

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Fred Lehmann
4th Day Chair

2007 Dates to Remember

JANUARY

- 6 Board Retreat
Bells UMC 8a.m
- 20 Gathering
Lakeway UMC 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 10 4th Day team Mtg.
Howe FUMC 9 a.m.
- 11 Board Mtg.
Van Alystne FUMC 2 p.m.
- 18 Set-up #58
Lake Texoma 3 p.m.
- 22-25 Walk # 58

MARCH

- 6 Follow-up #58
Howe FUMC 6:30 p.m.
- 17 4th Day team Mtg.
Bells FUMC 9 a.m.
- 18 Board Mtg.
Van Alystne FUMC 2 p.m.
- 21 Newsletter Deadline
- 25 Set-up #59
Lake Texoma 3 p.m.
- 29-1 Walk # 59

APRIL

- 10 Follow-up #58
Bells FUMC 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Board Mtg.
Bells FUMC 4 p.m.
- 21 Gathering
Bells FUMC 6:30 p.m.

MAY

- 21 Board Mtg.
Grace UMC Sherman 4 p.m.
- 21 Gathering
Grace UMC Sherman 6:30 p.m.

JUNE

- 16 Lay Director Training
Allen H.S. 8a.m.-Noon
- 16 Board Mtg.
- 20 Newsletter Deadline
- 23 Gathering
Crosspoint Bapt. McKinney 6:30 p.m.

JULY

- 21 Board Mtg.
Whitesboro FUMC 4 p.m.
- 21 Gathering
Whitesboro FUMC 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST

- 18 Board Mtg.
Trenton FUMC 4 p.m.
- 18 Gathering
Trenton FUMC 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Set-up #60
Lake Texoma 3 p.m.
- 13-16 Walk # 60
- 19 Newsletter Deadline
- 23 Board Mtg.
Blue Ridge FUMC 4 p.m.
- 25 Follow-up #60
Van Alystne FUMC 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 14 Board Mtg.
Howe FUMC 2 p.m.
- 21 Set-up #61
Lake Texoma 3 p.m.
- 25-28 Walk # 61
- NOVEMBER
- 6 Follow-up #61
Sherman Bible 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Board Mtg.
Stonebridge UMC McKinney 4 p.m.
- 17 Gathering
Stonebridge UMC McKinney 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Ballot Deadline for Board Election

DECEMBER

- 8 Board Mtg.
Van Alystne FUMC 4 p.m.
- 8 Gathering
Van Alystne FUMC 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Newsletter Deadline

JANUARY 2008

- 5 Board Retreat
Lakeway UMC 8a.m
- 19 Board Mtg.
Anna FUMC 4 p.m.
- 19 Gathering
Anna FUMC 6:30 p.m.

Team Members for Fall Walks

Women's # 60

Janet Cooley-LD
Jack Wallace-SD
John Gondol-ASD
Peggy Teague-ASD
Char Cowan-ASD
Terri Swan--ASD
Priscilla Josselyn-ALD
Nannette Edwards-ALD
Andrea Brandhorst-ALD
Robin Fleck-TL
Karen McLaughlin-TL
Wilma Bush-TL
Kelli Ivey-TL
Jenny Reynolds-TL
Kathy Paxton-TL
Devit Rock-ATL
Kristi Smith-ATL
Lisa Springer-ATL
Kathy Camp-ATL
Bonnie Hill-ATL
Sharoon Montgomery-ATL
Karen Howarton-Music
Tammy Hamrick-Music
Betty Benjamin-Music
Linda Allison- Board

Men's #61

Randy Bush-LD
Ed Lantz-SD
John Wilks-ASD
Phil Barton-ASD
Mark Long-ASD
Bob Walker-ASD
Marvin Smith-ALD
Cole Jennings-ALD
Ronnie Cole-ALD
Steve Haid-TL
David Reynolds-TL
Jessie Farrer-TL
Paul Welborn-TL
David Buechler-TL
Ben Foytik-TL
Scott Gallagher-ATL
Daniel Linsteadt-ATL
Larry Eschberger-ATL
Phil Reyes-ATL
Don Wilson-ATL
Doug Mitchell-ATL
Donny Haywood-Music
Rodney Williams-Music
Doak Howarton-Music
Mel Camp-Board

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Dear Texoma Emmaus Community,

Greetings from Trenton, Texas, the home of our next Gathering, and of your new Spiritual Director. It is a great honor to be able to write and address our community at this time, as we begin our efforts to prepare for our upcoming walks in the Fall. I have been reflecting on some things in the past weeks since Rev. Gondol retired, and have decided to ask that we all keep one thing in our prayers over the coming months.

As you pray for the Texoma Emmaus Community, and the members whom you lift up to Christ for his work to be done in their lives, please also pray that God would grant us the boldness necessary to be an invitational people, more than ever before. I believe that an invitation to attend an Emmaus weekend can be one of the most important invitations that someone can accept in their lives. A Walk to Emmaus weekend is not only a time for spiritual renewal or rededication to Christian discipleship, but it is a place where we can truly meet the real presence of Christ in a way we may have never experienced before. This makes an invitation to attend a weekend the second best invitation we can offer anyone (the first being an invitation to know Christ personally).

I know that this request may stretch some of us beyond our comfort zone...it may even feel just too difficult for some of us. But don't let that feeling stop you. Give the gift of an invitation to as many as you can, so that we can continue to grow our community and build up the life of the local churches who send their members to a weekend to be revived.

While I'm extending an invitation to invite, let me also invite you to join together at our next gathering, to be held at First United Methodist Church in Trenton in August. There's always good food, friends, wonderful songs and a message to inspire and revive us. Please come and enjoy the sweet fellowship of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Grace and Peace+
Bro. Mark Long

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Church address: _____ Church phone: _____
Weekend you attended: _____ Date: _____

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