

Golden Spread Emmaus DeColores

Amarillo, Texas

E-News December 2014

Upcoming Events



Ceta Canyon

Women's #243

February 19-22, 2015

Lay Director:

Tammy Laughlin

Spiritual Director:

Stan Erwin

Community

February 26, 2015

Amarillo

God of Wonders Fellowship

1924 S. Polk

5:30 4th Day Meeting

6:00 Sponsor Training

6:30 Dinner **Bring \$\$-**

Kairos Outside will

provide meal!

7:30 Praise and Worship

DECEMBER



Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year

from Golden Spread Emmaus

Important Reminders

- When making agape for pilgrims, please DO NOT put personal names on the items. Only Reunion Group names can be listed, or just leave it blank. Remember Emmaus is about anonymous servant hood.
- If you sign up for agape, it is imperative to be faithful to what you signed up for. The last 2 walks, the Behind the Scenes Team had to scramble to get agape items that the persons who signed up for them did not bring.
- We are still in need of medical personnel for each walk. Please contact the BST Coordinator for the walk you are interested in serving on. You can volunteer for the entire walk, or just specific shifts.

From the Board

Special **Thank you** to the Emmaus Board Members whose tenure is up at the end of December. We are thankful to these wonderful servants for their faithfulness the past 3 years. **Sharon Alexander, Martha Duke and Walt Marlett.** We also wish to thank **Donnie Allred** for being our Spiritual Director and **Mitch Woodard** for being our Community Lay Director for 2014.

New Board Members for the next 3 year term include:

Scott Sims, Mike Brunson, Tom Parr, Janet Bilyeu and Deborah Erwin.

DeColores



BOARD

From Our 2014 Community Lay Director

Golden Spread Emmaus Community,

The year is almost over and it has been a great year thanks to the Golden Spread Emmaus Community. Again I want to take a moment and thank the community for allowing me to serve as your Community Lay Director this year. I am very humbled and honored to serve the Community. Thank you for your support for the Community and your service to the Community and the Pilgrims over the past year. Our next walk will be Walk # 243. It will be February 19 – 22, 2015 in Ceta Canyon. Please be in prayer for this walk and for the team that is in preparation for this walk and the pilgrims that God has planned for this walk. I want to encourage all of you to attend candle light and closing if possible to show the pilgrims our love and support. I also want to encourage all of you to attend the community meeting on the 26thth. Let us continue to support each other through attending the Community meetings and being involved in the walks and other events. I want to thank everyone who voted for the new Board of Directors. I would like to congratulate and welcome to the board: Scott Sims, Mike Brunson, Tom Parr, Janet Bilyeu, and Deborah Erwin. I know they are going to be a great asset to the Community and to the Board of Directors. I also want to thank Sharon Alexander, Martha Duke, Walt Marlet, and Donnie Allred for their service to the Community as Board Members. They will be leaving the Board this year and did a great job and worked hard for the Community.

Thank you for your love for Christ and your service to the Community and your selfless spirit. You may now go online to the Golden Spread Emmaus website to sign up and help on the walks. You may sign up to bring agape, sign up for the prayer vigil and help in several ways. Please, if you sign up to help for a walk, take a prayer slot, and sign up for agape or anything else for the weekend, make sure you honor your commitment to the team and the pilgrims of that walk. I also want to remind you not to put names on agape you bring to the walks. Reunion Groups may put the name of the Reunion Group on the agape, but please no names on personal agape. We want to be anonymous servants for Christ and the agape is, an expression of God's love, for them through the Community not us as individuals. I also want to challenge you to sponsor someone on the walk. If you know someone that has not gone let's get them sponsored. Don't wait for someone else to do it, and bless someone the way you were blessed when you attend the Walk to Emmaus. As this year comes to a close I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas. May God bless you and may you have a blessed and wonderful 2015. Thank you again for your support and allowing me to serve as your Lay Director for 2014.

In Christ,

Mitch Woodard

Important Info about Agape and Prayer Vigil for Walks

Agape sign-up

We have developed new electronic sign in sheets for Agape and Prayer Vigil for each Emmaus walk that are now available on our website at www.gsemmaus.com.

- Just look for the **Volunteer Spot** logo on our home page, click on it, and it will open the Volunteer Opportunity Sign Up Sheets.
- You will need to list your email address in order to sign in.
- Just click on either the Agape or Prayer Vigil link for each walk. The links will open all the agape needs that are required for each walk and the number of items for each listing. The Prayer Vigil will open up each of the 30 minute slots for prayer.

We have chosen this automated system as the Lay Director books that we generally pass around at Candlelight and Community have become more and more difficult to manage with filling slots, reading handwriting, emails and phone numbers. We also learned that some members are not able to make it to some of the community events to sign the book. By putting the sign up sheets on the web site, you may sign up for agape and prayer slots for each walk for the entire year of 2015. This makes it much more convenient if you enjoy providing a certain type of agape consistently, have favorite prayer slots, or you want to order specific agape for a certain walk.

- The sign up sheets are available on line for all the walks in 2015. Each BST (Behind the Scenes) Coordinator's name, email and cell phone are listed with each walk so if you have any questions about agape or prayer slots, please contact the specific BST Coordinator for each walk.
- The best thing about this new system is that it will send you a confirmation email as soon as you sign up for something and you have the capability to add it to your electronic calendar if you choose. You will also get a reminder of what you signed up to bring or your prayer slots 10 days prior to each walk.
- We would also appreciate your feedback on the new internet system of Volunteer Spot. Please email your comments (positive or negative) to Carolyn Hurt at the email address of: cshurt@gmail.com

Prayer Vigil sign-up

GOLDEN SPREAD EMMAUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2015 WALKS at Ceta Canyon

Women #243	February 19-22	Tammy Laughlin & Stan Erwin
Men #244	March 12-15	Tom Parr & Rick Chadick
Women #245	April 9-12	Janet Bilyeu & Ken Haney
Men #246	August 20-23	Scott Brittain & Earl Burkholder
Women #247	October 15-18	Pamela Sirmon & Natalie Lowe
Men #248	November 19-22	Richard Smith & Randy Srader

Community Events:

February 26 Amarillo God of Wonders Fellowship (Bring \$\$ to donate)

Text Message Sign-up

Want to get important reminders and info about Emmaus? Sign-up for texts.

Create a new message to:

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And type: GSEMMAUS



From our Incoming 2015 Lay Director



Golden Spread Community,

I felt led to address you as your new incoming Community Lay Director and give you a little background on me. My Name is Brian Thomas I live in Amarillo and grew up here. I work at the Potter County Sheriff's Office as the Sheriff, many of you may have seen me on TV, and yes I am taller in person. I am married to the love of my life Charlotte for 24 and 1/2 years. We have two beautiful girls Madison and McKenna both whom will graduate in May one from college one from high school.

I attended my walk in 2003 walk #168 and as with most of you it changed my life and I have been actively involved in the Golden Spread Emmaus since then. All of my family has been on a walk or Chrysalis Flight, in fact Madison just finished a 4 year term on the Chrysalis board.

I look forward to serving you this year and continuing the Walk to Emmaus tradition and experience for all. I want to also let you know who all is on the board so if you every have an issue please look one of us up and express your concerns so we as a board can address them. Our meetings are open and anyone is welcomed to attend.

I would be doing a disservice if I closed and did not thank Mitch Woodard as our past Community Lay Director and Donnie Allred as our past Community Spiritual Director. They both did a wonderful job leading the community and Golden Spread Emmaus to the next level. I pray that we can continue this path as we walk the Walk to Emmaus together.

God Bless all of you,

Brian Thomas

Emmaus Board of Directors:

Brian Thomas – Community Lay Director

Ken Haney – Community Spiritual Director

Mitch Woodard – Past Lay Director

David Dzik – Treasurer

Carolyn Hurt – Secretary/ Women's Registrar

Roger Radney – Men's Registrar

Janet Bilyeu

Michael Brunson

Jaci Chadick

Lisa Crossman

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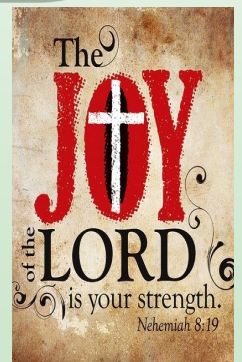
Carol Roller

Scott Sims

Pam Stork

Brenda Wilhite

Mark Wood



Other News

Community NEWS

IMPORTANT TIMES

Community should be prepared for the pilgrims to arrive at the following times: 9:30pm for Candlelight and 4:00pm for Closing.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TEAMS

The Behind-the-Scenes Support Team provides each walk with a team of anonymous servants who serve in the agape room organizing & distributing agape, overseeing the prayer room, providing support to the conference room team, coordinating the Agape Snack, and helping keep the weekend flowing smoothly. Each team is led by coordinators who stay for the weekend to oversee the support activities. Additional team members serve the

entire weekend and pay the walk fee, or can potentially work shorter time periods, come and go from home, and pay only for meals eaten. If you have a heart for anonymous servanthood and are interested in being a part of a Behind-the-Scenes Support Team or a coordinator for future walks, please contact Pam Stork at astork@yahoo.com

AGAPE

A Walk consists of 36 pilgrims (sometimes 37) and Emmaus conference room teams consist of 26 members. Please plan agape for the pilgrims & team (65 to be safe). Please be aware that "copyrighted" material cannot be duplicated and used as Agape Gifts. ♦ This includes but is not limited to: ♦ Music, Tapes, CD's, Poems, etc. ♦



SPONSOR TRAINING

Remember that to sponsor pilgrims on walks, you must attend sponsorship training. Sponsorship is a great privilege and serious responsibility that requires commitment to not only prepare your pilgrim for this life-changing experience, but also to love and support your pilgrim's family while their loved one is

away for their weekend with our Lord. Also, if you've signed up to bring agape to the walk, make sure you understand exactly what you've signed up to bring. If you have questions, ask experienced community members or those in your reunion group who have helped with many walks.

Upcoming Sponsor's Training
6:00pm
at Community
each Month

Want to Work a Walk?

Send a new YES sheet to:

*Men send to Roger Radney
Women send to Carolyn Hurt*

NAME TAGS

Please enclose \$8 for tag and postage
Make checks payable to

Golden Spread Emmaus Community

Please include your Name, Address, Phone #,
Walk # and Church Name

Mail To: Kenna Borum, 3616 Lamar, Amarillo, TX 79109

TUITION FOR WALKS:

Adults EMMAUS \$225

CHRYSALIS (HS/YA) \$175

Servants, including clergy, who work a walk pay the same fee as pilgrims.

www.gsemmaus.com

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