

# Golden Spread Emmaus DeColores

Amarillo, Texas

E-News November 2016



## Ceta Canyon

**Men's #254**

**November 17-20**

**Lay Director:**

**Michael Bigler**

**Spiritual Director:**

**Stan Erwin**

**Community**

**December 1st**

**Polk Street UMC**

**1401 S. Polk**

**Amarillo, TX**

5:30 Sponsor Training  
6:00 4th Day Meeting  
6:30 Dinner —**Chrysalis**  
providing food, Bring  
Green Agape

7:30 Praise and  
Worship

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## 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 few 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.

## New Sponsor Forms:



We have new sponsor forms on the website. Please be sure to utilize these forms when you are sponsoring a pilgrim.

Go to  
**[www.gsemmaus.com](http://www.gsemmaus.com)**

Familiarize yourself with the website and sign-up for some prayer slots and agape.

## Walk #254

### Confirmed Pilgrims, Please keep these men in your prayers

Jared	Beukelman	Amarillo	Daniel	Harley	Amarillo	Richard	Najera	Amarillo
Brian	Brown	Amarillo	Todd	Hensler	Amarillo	Kylar	O'Daniel	Canyon
Bill	Bryant	Amarillo	Robert	Holt	Panhandle	Brad	Pohlmeier	Ft. Worth
Matt	Cordova	Amarillo	Chris	House	Amarillo	Chad	Robins	Amarillo
Joe	Crowley	Amarillo	Curtis	Hudson	Amarillo	Zachary	Sadler	Amarillo
Jarrold	Dodson	Amarillo	David	Jett	Amarillo	Todd	Street	Amarillo
Teto	Espinosa	Wellington	David	Johnston	Canyon	Jeff	Tankersley	Canyon
Skip	Forsyth	Amarillo	Victor	Kommavongsa	Amarillo	Randy	Whitcotton	Canyon
Brad	Goodin	Canyon	Aaron	Monahan	Amarillo	Michael	Whitten	Amarillo
Michael	Grady	Amarillo	Brandon	Moore	Amarillo	Dale	Young	Amarillo
Brady	Hansard	Amarillo	James	Mullins	Amarillo	Dustin	Young	Amarillo
			Eddie	Murphy	Amarillo			

### Conference Room Team

*Please keep these servants in your prayers this weekend.*

Kenneth Cross	James Cloyd	Bob Schroeder
Joshua Bullard	Eddie Boydstun	Curtis House
Ron Hayes	Paul Geist	Rick Chadick
Tyler Kraft	Roland Taylor	Andy Foreman
Joe Morrison	Dakota Sharp	Justin Roberts
Eric Hendricks	Ty Buchanan	Michael Bigler, LD
Ben Moore	Dalton Brakebill	Stan Erwin, SD
John Bilyeu	Brady Christian	Mark Wood, IBR
		Jaci Chaddick, BSTC

## Letter from Walk #253

When I first began the journey in preparing for Walk #253, I prayed that God would form the perfect team to serve the pilgrims he knew would be attending this Walk. I also prayed that the Holy Spirit would be present from the first team meeting to the end of the Walk. Although there were struggles along the way, He answered these prayers in such a mighty way. The team He formed was the sweetest team imaginable. They were all so precious and had such servant's hearts. We were also blessed with the most incredible clergy and powerful music team. We also had the most amazing Behind the Scenes team. It was such a blessing to meet each of the pilgrims on Thursday and watch them as they began bonding with each other. God absolutely placed each of these beautiful women on the table they were supposed to be on. The bonds that were formed at the tables were absolutely a God-thing!!! We had the most powerful dying moments and candlelight was amazing. The support of the Emmaus community by attending send-off, candlelight and closing along with the prayer and agape gifts of love meant the world to the 36 pilgrims and the team. The most important thing of all to know is that we now have 36 of the most amazing women whose hearts were filled by the Holy Spirit, are on fire for God and ready to serve Him!!!

DeColores!!! Kim Hill



## From Our Community Lay Director

Well the Hustle Bustle time of the year has begun!!! Here we are just about to come together with all our families as we give Thanks for our blessings that God has given all of us. Not only our own families but our Emmaus families. Those of us that have had the privilege of working walks this year have been so blessed with getting to enlarge our Emmaus Families with all these new pilgrims that God chose to share in this great experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to say just how blessed I have been this year having the privilege to serve the great Golden Spread Community as your Community Lay Director.

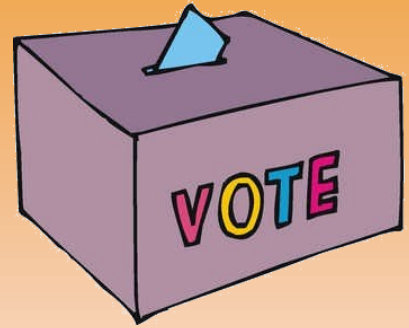
A big undertaking that last January I wasn't sure I was equipped for. But I must tell you all what a blessing it has been to me, and I want to thank the greatest Board I could have ever asked for. They have walked this wonderful experience with me, and have shared their servant hearts to the glory of our God and for all of you also. I want to thank all the Lay Directors that said yes to God this year in your serving and welcoming of all these new pilgrims that have joined us this year.

My prayers are with each family as we head into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Let's all remember the reason for these seasons as we put God at the front of all our gatherings. I ask that God will continue to bless each of you!!!!

My Blessings to ya'll!!!!

Lisa Crossman

Community Lay Director



Emmaus Community,

It is that time of year for voting for new Emmaus Board of Directors for 2017. Ballots are available on our website at: [www.gsemmaus.com](http://www.gsemmaus.com). Voting deadline is November 18th. This is an important aspect of our Golden Spread Community. Please take the time to vote!!!! DeColores

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## Important Info about Agape and Prayer Vigil for Walks

We have electronic sign up sheets for Agape and Prayer Vigil for each Emmaus walk that are available on our website at [www.gsemmaus.com](http://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.

Prayer Vigil sign-up

Agape sign-up



## **2016 WALKS at Ceta Canyon**

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## **Community Events:**

December 1st

Polk Street UMC, Ama

## **Food:**

Chrysalis providing food, bring GREEN AGAPE \$\$

## **2017 WALKS at Ceta Canyon**

Women #255

February 16-19, 2017

Men #256

April 20-23, 2017

Women #257

October 19-22, 2017

Men #258

November 16-19, 2017

Martha Duke & TBD

Rusty Williams & Melvin Jobe

Charlotte Thomas & Natalie Lowe

Eddie Hill & Jim Wilhite

## **Photos and Videos-Important Info!**

It has been brought to the boards attention that there have been pictures and or videos being taken at closing or during flights/walks. This is prohibited by our agreement to Upper Room and by our Board By-laws. So this is just a reminder that no photos/video can be taken at any walk/flight for any reason.



## **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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## **Just Thinking by Natalie Lowe**

### **A Thanksgiving Prayer**

Oh, God, when I have food  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work, help me  
to remember the jobless;  
When I have a warm home,  
help me to remember the homeless;  
When I am without pain,  
help me to remember those who suffer;  
And remembering, help me

to destroy my complacency  
and bestir my compassion.  
Make me concerned enough  
to help, by word and deed,  
those who cry out  
for what we take for granted.~ Samuel. F.  
Pugh

*"For I was hungry and you gave Me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink. I was a stranger  
and you welcomed Me..." - Matthew 25:35*

## Business Cards on the WEB Page



The Board of Directors for Golden Spread Emmaus has finalized the opportunity to share contact information within our community of businesses that are involved in Emmaus. How many times have you needed a plumber, electrician, handy-man, etc. or needed furniture, flooring, rental venues, healthcare, etc. Wouldn't it be nice to do business with people who support Emmaus?

We have worked with our web designer to have a section of our website devoted to displaying business cards of involved Emmaus community members. We have also decided this would be a wonderful opportunity to not only share this contact information, but to raise funds to help support scholarships for pilgrims who may not be able to afford a walk. The cost of advertising your business on our web site is \$25.00 per year. We have the ability to post business cards **BUT** Golden Spread Emmaus organization does not explicitly or implicitly endorse the businesses listed. This is simply a communication tool.

If you are interested in posting a business card, please contact Carolyn Hurt at 806-679-5141 or

## Pilgrim Fees

### Pilgrim Fees are due with Application.

The Emmaus Board of Directors approved a Financial Policy at the August Board Meeting. We have had issues the past few years with insufficient checks and who should pay the fees. The Emmaus Board stresses to please be financially responsible and respect the commitment that is made to Emmaus when you are sponsoring a pilgrim or when the pilgrim is paying the fee.

The men and women's registrars are responsible for collecting pilgrim fees. Applications and fees should be turned in together. Payments can be made by check, cash or paid through the Emmaus website via Pay Pal or Credit Card. If an application is received without payment (either cash, check or notification of payment via website), the registrar will contact the sponsor and advise them that the fee must be paid prior to acceptance of the application. There is a long history of sponsors and pilgrims paying the fee when they go to Sendoff. This was a practice in the past, but as of January 2015, the policy changed to the fee being paid when the application is received.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt payment to enable us to be good stewards of our financial responsibilities.



## How is a Pilgrim assigned a Walk?



### Process for Women's Walks:

We receive applications on an ongoing basis. As each application is received, it is entered into our Emmaus data base. Approximately one month before the walk, an email is sent out to each

pilgrim and sponsor that we have applications for. The email is an INVITATION ONLY. The email tells the pilgrim/sponsor that they must call to accept the invitation on a certain day/time. The first 36 pilgrim/sponsors that call are confirmed to go on the walk. Any calls after that, once the walk is full, are put on a waiting list.

There is a misconception that if you send in an application, you are automatically on the walk. This is not true. Please understand that some walks we have over 60 applications and others we may only have 20. This is a process that we have had in place for years and the process was developed to be fair to everyone. Some pilgrims must try and make work arrangements and child care arrangements before they accept the invitation. We generally give at least 5 days notice once the emails are sent out for the call day/time.

### Process for Men's Walk:

We receive applications on an ongoing basis. As each application is received, it is

entered into our Emmaus data base. Approximately one month before the walk, I call each pilgrim to invite them to the upcoming Walk. This is done **ONLY** because we have had and continue to have a **LACK OF MALE PILGRIM'S**. We have not filled a Men's walk in several years. When we do begin to have more than 36 applicants, the invitation process will revert back to the same procedure used for the women's walk.

### Important:

Please keep in mind all fees must accompany the application to be considered for an invitation, even if all fees accompany the application this does not guarantee a slot for your pilgrim for the men or women's walks.

# 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 Janet Bilyeu at [jbilyeu@rocketmail.com](mailto:jbilyeu@rocketmail.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**  
**5:30pm**  
**at Community**  
**each Month**

### 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

### ***Want to Work a Walk?***

***Send a new YES sheet to:***

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

### **TUITION FOR WALKS:**

**Must be paid with application. Checks cashed after Walk.**

**Adults EMMAUS \$225**

**CHRYSALIS (HS/YA) \$175**

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

**[www.gsemmaus.com](http://www.gsemmaus.com)**

### **CONTACTS:**

<u>Lay Director</u>	Lisa Crossman	1309 Hamilton	Pampa, TX 79065	806-663-0249
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<u>Newsletter</u>	Natalie Lowe	8609 Wilshire Dr.	Amarillo, TX 79110	806-282-2534
<u>Board Secretary</u>	Carolyn Hurt	6503 Cheshire	Amarillo, TX 79109	806-679-5141

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### **MAIL APPLICATION OF Pilgrim and Sponsor to:**

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