



## *From The Bread Of Life Walk to Emmaus*

# CRUMBS

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*The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their home, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.*

**Peace**

### *... from your community lay director ...*

Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I have the privilege of sharing with you this exciting news: we're going to go camping! Well...sort of...we're going to hold our spring 2007 walks at beautiful Wheat State Camp in Augusta, just minutes from downtown Wichita. This pastoral setting has already successfully served Kairos Outside, and is just waiting for the Pilgrims *you* will sponsor! There are roomy cabins for the Pilgrims and team members to share (with bunk beds aplenty), and there are also cabins for you to use as well, if you come from out of town to serve behind the scenes. (And there are RV hookups available if you want to bring your room along with you!) This is a wonderful opportunity for our Community to "get away from it all" – who do *you* know that would love to be a Pilgrim this spring?

We are also excited to announce that we will be returning to Garden City for the fall walks, so there's a lot to look forward to next year! To top it off, we have a brand-new class of Board members to welcome as they begin their three-year terms in January. We've offered them the opportunity to introduce themselves to you in this issue of the Crumbs. You'll also notice that we've departed from our usual format so that the current Board members can share their year-end thoughts with you. May I go first?

"To everything there is a time and season under heaven" ... I think I started my first message to you in a similar way, didn't I? Here at the end of *my* season as your Community Lay Director, I am reminded once again how God's timing in everything under the sun is nothing less than perfect. We have tears, we have triumphs, all in God's own time. While none of us were pleased that the Fall Walks were cancelled, we've come together as a community with a new resolve to never let that happen again. That's a triumph in my book! (While we're on *that* subject, why not start sending in those pilgrim applications right after the new year begins? It's never too early!)

We'll probably never know the reasons behind things that happen, but what we will *always* know is that we never go it alone, and that "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." WE have been called according to His purpose for the Walk to Emmaus, and I for one am blessed beyond measure to be a part of this community of believers.

Thank you, brothers and sisters, for this past year of tears and triumphs, love and laughter, opportunities to be His hands and feet, and of new friendships that will remain in my heart forever.

Blessedly serving Him with you,  
Peg Sanson  
Central Texas Walk 167, Table of Ruth

... *dear bread of life community* ...

Here is the question: Does anyone really ever get tired of food? Okay, how many of you wore stretchy pants to the Thanksgiving table and gave thanks for the extra ten pounds you were about to put on? I often wonder how our Pilgrims feel after leaving an Emmaus weekend! This Spring Walk will take place just about the time everyone gives up on their New Year's resolution, so I think we should do our best to see that we help them do it right! It is such a blessing to be serving this Emmaus community, and I would like to ask that each and every one of you renew your love and commitment to this faith driven movement so we can help bring more people to know the love that Christ has to offer. Take a moment and pray about sponsoring someone in your church - keep his flame burning! Happy Holidays, and by the way I had nothing to do with your extra ten pounds over Thanksgiving!!! God Bless! Melanie Beckett (Walk 72, Table of Mary)



*I wish to give thanks to each of you and our Lord for giving me the opportunity to serve through the Emmaus ministry the past 3 years. Serving on the Bread of Life Board has been an exciting and challenging, as well as rewarding, experience for me in this outreach aspect of ministry. Thank you for your help and support and words of encouragement to me; it has been much appreciated. We rejoice that almost 450 individuals have completed Sponsorship Training. It is encouraging to see the interest and enthusiasm with which you serve the pilgrims in your role as sponsors. Your performance as a sponsor is the pilgrim's first glimpse into Emmaus and the ministry opportunities that follow their walk experience. As a different board member assumes this responsibility, I encourage you to continue to prayerfully consider who God would have you sponsor for the upcoming spring walks in March. You remember how special your Walk was to you. Now you can return this special experience by sharing your love with someone else. DeColores! Laura Davis, Sponsorship (Walk #50, Table of Sarah)*



I hope your Thanksgiving was a time to be together with family and friends, but more that it was a time of thanks to our God for all that we have. I also would like to let you know that I am praying for our Community and that you are getting together as reunion groups, gatherings and serving our Lord in your churches and communities. As Literature person, I would encourage you to read your Bible, daily devotions and Christian books. Attend a Bible study or start one yourself and, of course, pray. Spread God's Love! Judy Grant (Walk 50, Table of Sarah)

*At this time of the year, especially, we should be thinking of those that we can bring closer to Christ. My hope is that you are seriously and prayerfully thinking about someone that would make a good pilgrim - hopefully I will be swamped with applications after the first of the year! God Bless, Barbara Gray (Walk 64, Table of Martha)*



Three years on this board has gone by so fast! I have really been blessed by the love and servanthood that this Emmaus Community has provided me to accomplish the assigned duties. This community has always been there when they were needed. The fellowship and love will always be there in my heart for the entire community. Don Janssen (Red River Walk 22, Table of Mark)



*Merry Christmas to all of you, dear sisters and brothers of our Emmaus family. In 2006 I have been blessed to get to know many of you in the Emmaus Community, and each of you has blessed me sweetly. I have felt Christ's presence with some of you in the prayer room, in the conference room, and behind the scenes working beside you. We have laughed with joy together, shed a few tears (spiritual leakage), and witnessed the Holy Spirit transform lives right before our eyes. My wish for you this Christmas is that the best Christmas presents you receive are moments in Christ's presence this holiday season. As you prepare your heart for the coming of this beautiful Christmas season, may the vision of that precious baby boy lying in a humble manger be a constant reminder of how our Heavenly Father gave the best gift of all...so that we may live. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." --John 1:14 ~ May You Have a Blessed, Merry Christmas ~ Barbara Jarboe (Walk #70, Table of Mary)*

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One of my favorite things to do during the Christmas season is to drive around and look at all the decorations, especially the lights. Some houses have so many that it is like daylight. In Matthew we can read Jesus' words about how we are the light of the world. I wonder if every day He is like me at Christmas, looking in delight at all the "lights" in the world. Some of us have had our lights brightened by our experience on our Walk to Emmaus and all that has been revealed to us since. Is it possible He thinks your spirit has such a sparkle that it is like daylight? You, my brothers and sisters, have increased the glow of Christ's light in me in so many ways. You have become dear to me as we have worked side by side doing whatever is needed to make the walk special for the pilgrims just like others did for us. Whether we have become friends over the sink as we wash dishes or cleaning vegetables for the snack trays, we have shared our stories about how Christ has touched us. You are so loved, my dears. Our Father chose you long before you were even a thought in your parents' minds and your name is written on His Hand. He knows all about you and still He loves you as no other ever will. I am so blessed by each of you and so blessed to have the opportunity to share this time with you. It is such an honor and a pleasure to serve the community on the board and I look forward to getting to know more of you better in the next two years. My prayer for you during this Christmas season is that you will expect and look for the gifts Christ has for you and that you will share your light of His love with all those around you. "Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine!!!!!" Marsha Jarboe (Walk 72, Table of Esther)



*I'd like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve half a term on the board. It's been a very rewarding experience. God's Blessing to all in this Holiday Season. Your Brother In Christ, Tony Lachman (Walk 73, Table of Matthew)*



The year 2006 has been one of great joys and blessings! As I reflect back and look at all the things I am thankful for, I have to begin with Our Lord and Savior and the Christian family He has blessed me with at my church and through Emmaus. Every person has touched me in a special way. I am also thankful that my term as serving as the agape coordinator is coming to a close, not because I do not LOVE what I have been doing, but because my life is ever changing. I have been serving for three years and God has been faithful to allowing me the opportunity to serve almost every weekend in its entirety. He knew what He was doing. As my term comes to an end, I am finishing school and will have Elementary Education degree by mid-December, and in January will take a new title of wife or Mrs. Wieberg. Emmaus has blessed me over and over

and I thank you for making it special and being obedient to where God calls. I have to share that Emmaus to me is more than scripture, more than a weekend, more than a job; it is life changing, in more ways than one. After I went on my walk I was visiting with my Grandma Wanda about serving on a team and when we got to talking she told me she had gone through the walk in Nebraska in the early 80's. She shared with me many things, and for a woman who I did not know well, had nothing in common with, this moment I will remember forever. Since that time almost 6 years ago, she and I talked Emmaus regularly and she always asked what amazing things happened on each walk. This was something only my grandmother and I shared in our family and it was such a blessing. When she passed in May we were packing her things and an old jewelry box that was going to my aunt in Iraq slid open and I saw something I recognized. To any other person it would have been one of about 100 cross necklaces my grandmother owned, but this one was special - silver with a flame on one side and with the inscription "Christ is Counting on You". It was like I could hear my grandmother whispering these very words in my ear. We made some calls and my aunt finally got back to us and told me I could have her cross from Emmaus!! AHH God is Great. Her cross hangs in my bedroom, next to mine. I know how many hands have touched that and prayed for my grandmother on her Walk. Emmaus has touched me in many ways; even away from the weekend God can find a way to connect you to people who need it. Now more than ever Emmaus has a special place in my heart as it helped a young woman and her grandmother talk, I mean really talk, for the last 5 years of Grandma's life. I am thankful for everything God has given me, and for everything He has not, for I know He knows my every need, and will provide them. May you and your family be blessed this holiday season, and may God shine on you every day. "Christ is counting on You!" DeColores, Jennifer Long, Agape (Walk 58, Table of Sarah)



*Busy year! This board member has served in supplies and literature, moved to assist in facilities, and moved again to assist in snacks!! The bible assures each of us that God has gifted us personally to fit into our communities, just like puzzle pieces, so our talents will fill the needs of those we serve for Jesus. SO, on behalf of a fellow wanderer, if you haven't found where you fit, don't give up - keep looking! Because God has that place for ME, and for YOU, keep searching so you can be His hands and feet in ministry. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board, in whatever capacity - it has been a privilege, and I look forward to continue serving. Have a blessed holiday season, and please be thinking of who you can bless by sponsoring them on the Spring Emmaus Walks. Pam McCutcheon (Walk 68, Table of Ruth)*

Christmas Greetings to All! I pray that each of you have a joy filled season and are truly blessed by our Lord during this special time. I'll take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the Bread of Life Board. Seeing all of you at sendoff, candlelight and closing especially warms my heart and soul. I have been truly blessed by your presence. You truly have a Board dedicated to serving the Lord, and the Emmaus Community. A special thanks to those who have assisted me by sharing your talents, prayers and leadership this past year with walk activities. With the spring walks scheduled at a new location in the Wichita area, it will again take all of us, serving hand in hand with the Lord, to have it successful and a blessing for the Lord. If you are interested in helping with music this spring or future walks, let me know. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges of a new year of service and pray God's blessings on you and your family. Steve Mead, Walk Activities (Walk 1, Table of Paul)



*Merry Christmas to my Bread of Life Emmaus family! It's hard to believe that my term on the Board of Directors is now coming to an end, but as I look back on these past 3 years, I'm so thankful for the friendships, the love and life lessons that the Lord has blessed me with. I can truly see Christ's reflection of love in each of you and because of your example, I will continue to strive to live each day with the attitude "Christ first, others second, myself last". Always remember, we are the Church and Christ is counting on us! Grace and Peace, Lisa Schneider (Walk 40, Table of Rachel)*



The "Facilities Freelancer" ... or ... "Grand Master F and his Entourage of Servants" would first of all like to welcome the new board members. Secondly, he would like to remind everyone that with a new location for the spring walks comes a lot of new challenges, or maybe a better way to put would be, a lot of new experiences to have to work through. Usually, the more help you have, the better the experiences. We're all looking forward to a great year of walks and hope to see you all there. Brad Wingert (Walk 73, Table of James)



*What a year this has been. The Emmaus community keeps growing, and God just keeps blessing us! We here in southwest Kansas were blessed by the walks in Garden City. It was a time of intense planning and great anticipation. Everyone who attended or helped in any way was so appreciated. Thank you all. Even though we canceled the fall walks, I believe God has great things in store for us. Feel free to anticipate some as we approach the spring walks at Wheat State Camp and the fall walks in Garden City. Come and participate, it will be so much fun!!!! This year I have learned to be flexible.*

*Trying to balance a job and night school and Emmaus and church and community activities has left me rather stressed and ready to quit sometimes. I always receive encouragement from my reunion group ladies and my family and my church family. I have learned to be more humble because I have found out that I am not the perfectionist I thought I was and I cannot do anything without the power of God. Everything works out by His hand. My prayer for you is that you will have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season and that you will come before God open and willing. By His Grace, Sidney Worf (Walk 28, Table of Naomi)*



*... community gatherings ...*

Location	Date/Time	Comments
Alden – Alden UMC	4th Thurs	Meet at 6:00pm
Ark City – Walnut Valley Community – Winfield Grace UMC	3rd Sat	Gather at 6:00pm to do agape, then have a potluck, and finish with worship and communion. For more info contact: Judy Grant at <a href="mailto:judy@thegrantclan.org">judy@thegrantclan.org</a>
Cunningham		Contact Bill Stapleton, 620-324-5328, <a href="mailto:wasj@gbta.net">wasj@gbta.net</a>
Edwards County – Kinsley UMC or Lewis UMC	3rd Thur	Alternates between Kinsley and Lewis; meet at 7:00pm. Call 620-659-2233 or 620-659-2273 for more info.
Garden City – First UMC	1st Sat	Meet at 7:00pm; Sidney Worf , 620-275-0543
Great Bend – Trinity UMC, 5700 Broadway	1st Tues	Meet 6:00pm worship followed by fellowship meal at 7:00pm
Haviland – Haviland Friends Church	4th Sun	Meet 6:00pm for fellowship meal followed by worship and praise; Everett Jantz, 620-862-5258
Hutchinson – South Hutchinson Mennonite Church, 808 S. Poplar	3rd Mon	7:00pm for finger foods and fellowship (activity center); 7:30pm for gathering and communion in Sanctuary; contact Connie Warrington, 620-960-8001 or <a href="mailto:connie49@sbcglobal.net">connie49@sbcglobal.net</a>
Lakin – Lakin UMC	3rd Wed	Meet at 8:00pm; bring snacks
Larned – FUMC, 201 N. Main	3rd Mon	Meet 6:00pm for Worship followed by 7:00pm carry-in supper
Marion County – Valley UMC		Contact either Bob & Anita Bob Brookens at 620-382-3556 or Gary & JoElla Hett at 620-382-3887.
Salina/Lindsborg – Trinity UMC, 901 E. Neal	2nd Sun	Meet from 4:00pm to 6:00pm; contact Pastor Bill
Topeka/Sonflower Emmaus Community	2nd Sat	Location varies; for info <a href="mailto:sonfloweremmaus@cox.net">sonfloweremmaus@cox.net</a>

### ... welcome class of 2009 ...

I am excited and humbled to be asked to serve on the Board of the Bread of Life, Walk to Emmaus. I pray for support and input from members of the Community. Ron Duphorne (Walk 25, Table of Paul)



I grew up in the small town of Ashland, KS, which had a population of around 1,000 people. I graduated from Sterling College in May of 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an emphasis in Finance. Shortly after graduation I married my college sweetheart, best friend, and love of my life, Angie. Two years later our family increased with the addition of Connor, now 13, and then four years after that with the coming of Zachary, now 9. My parents still reside in Ashland, and I am lucky to have my Grandmother and Grandfather on my Father's side, and Grandmother on my Mother's side still with us today. My career since college has consisted of 4 years with a local Finance Company; one and a half years with a Credit Bureau Company, and one and a half years with a Finance Company both in Garden City, KS. I currently work for Fidelity Bank in Wichita, KS and am a Vice President and Loan Production Manager in the Residential Lending Department. My interests include sports of all kinds and helping in the community wherever possible. I have been an Assistant Den Leader for the Cub Scouts, a T-ball Coach and Assistant Youth 12 Soccer Coach over the years. I am currently the Chairperson for the Heart of Wichita Lender's Pool program with Community Housing, and a member of the board for Community Housing, which helps low income families with home finance and works to improve under-developed areas in the City of Wichita. I look forward to serving on the Board for the Bread of Life Walk to Emmaus and hope to work with each of you to continue the great works of this organization. Barry Park (Walk 77, Table of Paul)



DeColores and Merry Christmas to all! I am so blessed and so excited about serving on the Emmaus Board! I have loved serving the pilgrims as a team member and now look forward to serving the Emmaus Community in this new role! My introduction to Emmaus began when I attended my Chrysalis Walk in Nebraska when I was just 15! I am married now to Stuart and mother to five cats! (Every time Stuart and I talk about having children...God gives us another cat! What is up with that?) I keep busy as a "professional volunteer". (This is a job title given to me by my husband!) I volunteer for the Humane Society, ABC Pregnancy Center, Youth For Christ, Minister's Council and various pro-life political campaigns. My passion is Christian Radio – I host the "Allielujah" Show for NewSong 91.5FM. Again, I see my role on this Emmaus Board as

one of a servant (...and to help keep Leigh Anne in line!) Blessings...Isaiah 43:1-2. Allison Reed (Nebraska Chrysalis 6, Cameka Christians Table)



Greetings Bread of Life Emmaus Community! My name is Leigh Anne Stelter and I am excited and humbled that God has given me the opportunity to serve on the Emmaus Board. Had I not attended the Walk to Emmaus seven years ago, I'm not sure where I would be as a Christian. It was a turning point in my life and I give God all the glory! I look forward to serving Him along side all of you in this new capacity. Just a little bit about me and my family: I have been married to Cory for 11 years and we have 3 fantastic children: Tyler (10), Megan (7) and Jack (3). We live in Larned, and are active in Grace Community Church in Great Bend. I am the Director of the Pawnee County Learning Center in Larned, which is a place where people who have dropped out of high school can come back and get their high school diploma. God has changed my life through Emmaus and I know He has plans to do the same thing for so many others! Bring your pilgrims and meet us at Wheat State Camp in March and let's watch God be HUGE!! Leigh Anne Stelter (Walk 52, Table of Naomi)

(note: our remaining board bio will appear in a future issue)



### ...on the calendar...

#### **Spring 2007 Walks**

*Men's Walk 85 – March 8-11 – Wheat State Camp  
Lay Director – Dan Moratto*

*Women's Walk 86 – March 15-18 – Wheat State Camp  
Lay Director – Donna Schrag*

#### **Fall 2007 Walks**

*Men's Walk 87 – October 18-21 – Garden City*

*Women's Walk 88 – October 25-28 – Garden City*

*Best Wishes  
for a  
Merry Christmas*

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*...from our community spiritual director...*



*Blessings and greetings to everyone in the Emmaus Bread of Life Community. At times we feel we may be in want of blessings during this time of year, or maybe it is the hectic schedules we find ourselves woven into, but everything in this life must be put into perspective and from the perspective of most of the World, WE are truly blessed.*

*As we attend to the things of this Holy season, be mindful of the abundant opportunities that are available to us in this blessed country. May the Lord richly bless and keep you, may He let His countenance shine upon you and give you the peace of the season. **Holy Holidays** to you and yours!*

*In Christ's Service, Bill Stapleton*