WOMEN'S WALK # 24 TEAM

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Stancy Simpson

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Women's Walks 2003

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February 27 - March 2 Helen Diller, LD

May 15 - 18 Melissa Urban, LD

October 9 - 12 Pam Martin, LD

Men's Walks 2003

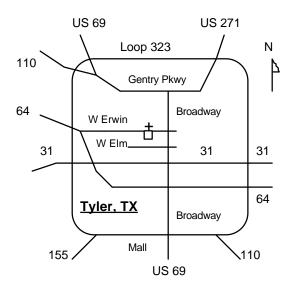
March 20 - 23 Tom Perdue, LD

October 2 - 5

Al Tribe, LD

JANUARY GATHERING

Thursday, January 9, 7pm Marvin UMC, Tyler, Child care provided



Map to Marvin UMC 300 W. Erwin, Tyler

Directions to January Gathering:

Coming from the North, find your way to Broadway (US 69). Go South on Broadway past the Court House and turn West on W. Elm. Go two blocks and look for the church on your right. Park on South side or West side of the church and use the entrance on the South side of the church. From the West on 64, follow W. Erwin to the church. From the South or from 31, find Broadway. Turn North on Broadway and West on W. Elm. Meeting is in the Heard Auditorium, next to the gymnasium.

FUTURE GATHERINGS:

Thursday, February 13 Lane's Chapel UMC, Tyler

For Agape, Contact:

Stancy Simpson in Longview at 394 E. Bar K Ranch Rd., 663-2354

Your board members:

Serving thru 2003

James Cox Kim Hitt Sandee Perdue Chuck Robinson (LD)

Stancy Simpson

Patti Fryman (SD) Larry Hesser (Music) Serving thru 2004

Sue Wallace Nan Haygood Ted Weaver Roger Lineberry Jack McCambridge Bob Johnson (ASD)

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Kathy McCabe Garry Mount Bill Burgdorf Willa Beltz Bill Younger

From your Spiritual Director:

As your outgoing Spiritual Director, let me express my thanks to all of you for your prayers and support throughout this past year. I know you will continue to pray for and support our new Spiritual Director, Rev. Patti Fryman and her assistant, Rev. Robert Johnson. We had five very successful walks in 2002 and are developing a community with depth and strength. We need to continue praying for and cultivating others who will be the future G.R.A.C.E. Community leaders. As my parting thought, I would keep before us the purpose of Emmaus to raise up and sustain great church leaders. Every walk aims to send us back to our local church to kindle and renew the Spirit. To do this, we must be sustained ourselves through Reunion Groups, consistent worship, regular prayer and Bible study and Christian service.

These words from 1 Timothy 4:14-16 may serve to guide us into the future: "Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received... Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right, and God will save you and those who hear you."

Yours in Christian love and service, Rev. David Diller From the Walk 24 Lay Director:



Butterflies. I love butterflies. It is a phenomena of nature that a worm crawling on the ground can experience such a re-birth and transformation that it could become a creature of flight, fluttering from flower to flower. I believe God's grace has this same life-changing ability. On GRACE Walk 24 we will experience butterflies and rainbows to help us see and experience God's grace.

It is such a blessing to serve as Lay Director. My relationship with Jesus deepens daily. Plans and team are beginning to form and take shape, but are still very much in the developmental stage. The team members are still in transition, and I would like to have a couple more on the team. If anyone is experiencing a call to serve on this team, please let me know at 473 3755 or helendiller24@yahoo.com. God is putting together a great team. I am excited about working with the team members. Please be in prayer for the Walk. Prayer is the support of any Walk. Thank you for prayers for the team, the pilgrims and especially for me. There will be a 72 hour Butterfly Prayer Clock at the Gatherings in Jan and Feb. There will also be an agape sign-up chart. It takes a lot of agape for a Walk. Thank you to those who show the pilgrims (and team) your love and support through your gifts of agape.

The Walk to Emmaus is about the pilgrims. I believe the Walk is not full, so if someone is considering sponsoring a pilgrim, there is still time. I want to encourage good sponsorship for pilgrims. There are some guidelines in the Fourth Day booklet and sponsorship information given at the Babe Chick meetings. Let me highlight a few. "When you talk to a married person, we suggest talking to both husband and wife."

"Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, enthuse every disenchanted church member, cure disturbed persons, or make saints of sinners. It is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Pilgrims should at least know where the path is if they are not already walking it."

"Don't assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. For some, the Emmaus experience will be a mountaintop, a new beginning. For others, it will be a strengthening for the journey they are already on. We must not pre-judge our candidates or set them up with unhelpful expectations." Pray about sponsoring a pilgrim, and pray for that person before you talk to them. One of the most significant thingsI have done in my life was to attend a Walk to Emmaus. You know, I really like fluttering on the breeze from flower to flower.

De Colores, Helen Diller

