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NEXT GATHERING

ST. MARK'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH,
MARSHALL, TX
POTLUCK AT 12PM

YA'LL COME!!

DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON
THE GRACEMMAUS.ORG WEBSITE
LISTED ABOVE!!

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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

Is it hot enough out side for you? I normally love the summer months but it just seems that this summer has come and gone before I turned around good. All the activities have made time pass so fast. Chrysalis was overwhelmingly wonderful. So many people helped to make this a success.

On Saturday we had our first set of team meetings getting ready for the October Walks. The talks were wonderful. If you have not started to pray about these two walks – now is the time. Please keep Nancy Lineberry (LD), Bill Younger (LD), the rest of the team and the pilgrims in your daily prayers from now until the walks. Speaking of prayer – don't forget to go out to the web site to sign up on the 72 hr prayer vigil. We do have pilgrim openings for both (the women's and the men's) walks... so get those applications turned in ASAP.

We have a busy schedule for the month of August:

- August 9th Gathering @ St Marks in Marshall, noon w/ potluck
- August 16th Board Training @ Lanes Chapel UMC in Tyler
- August 21st Board Meeting @ Marvin UMC in Tyler
- August 23rd Emmaus Team Meeting in Lindale

It is also time to identify who is called to run for a board member slot for GRACE. This is a big responsibility with many blessings. The board meets once a month to discuss and plan for future walks. We attending gatherings each month and each hold "jobs" for special duties to keep the board functions such as, agape, prayer clock, community agape letters, keeping the trailer stocked, the music lined up for events, secretary, treasury, newsletter, web page, registration, book table, gatherings, ... these are not a complete list. Just random listing of some of the duties we each do on the board to make sure that the walks happen efficiently. We are looking for a few men and women (5 to be exact) who are willing to be Christ's hands and feet in the ministry of Emmaus by serving on the board. Please let a board member know of your interest.

Another big project that we have been working on is to discuss different ways to hold gatherings to make them more fair (as far as distance goes) so that everyone has an equal chance to attend. These are

some things we have talked about all year but with the recent climb of gasoline (well, all things) it is getting harder and harder for people to drive long distances. We are a large community reaching from Marshall, Longview, Mineola, Palestine, Athens, Jacksonville, Kilgore, Henderson, etc. Be watching for updates on this topic. We have 3 plans and we will be presenting them in the next newsletter, at the gatherings, and at candlelight. We will be asking the community to vote on one of the choices at the same time we vote for the board members. Come to the Gathering in Marshall for the first preview of these plans. See you there....DeColores and Fly with Christ. Teresa Elliott
Community Lay Director

From the Lay Director of GRACE Walk #46:

The team is in place for GRACE Walk #46, and Wow! What an awesome team! At our June Gathering our SD, Tom Haygood mentioned that we are getting a reputation of being "cliquesh." My goal was to change that view and have many churches represented. This team represents 17 different churches and 4 different denominations. Five of the six ATLS and one ASD are rookies. We also have 3 ASDs working a GRACE walk for the first time. GRACE Community, my challenge to you is to support these fall walks - first of all with prayer, prayer for the 2 teams and for the pilgrims. Second, sponsorship. Without pilgrims we will not have walks. I believe there are 36 women and 36 men just waiting for you to invite them on a walk. Camp Gilmont is beautiful in the fall. Sponsorship is work and takes time. Please be willing to "give back" in response to God's love and grace that you felt on your walk. And third, Agape. Snacks, bottled water, sodas, bed, conference room and table Agape. Thank you to the 4 churches, Green Acres, Fairwood, Lane's Chapel and 1st UMC Lindale for hosting our team meetings. October 9 is fast approaching and with God's help the team will be ready for GRACE Walk 46 to be the best walk ever! Thank you GRACE Community for having the confidence in me to lead the fall walk. DeColores, Nancy

Chrysalis Corner



Thank you - Thank you – Thank you!!!!
Although small in numbers GRACE
Chrysalis Flight #1 was mighty in power
and was “THE BEST FLIGHT EVER!”

Words can not express how much the girls
were blessed on their weekend. I would
like to go on record and say how “perfect”
our flight was. Those working may have
another story but with God in control, HIS
will was done and the girls that went
know no different. How amazing our God
is.

I would like to personally thank First
United Methodist of Athens for hosting
us. Your facility was great. A BIG
THANK YOU to those in the conference
room and the servant team. Many people
played multiple roles and many roles were
switched. It goes to prove that this team
was so willing to do anything and
everything for Christ. Thanks from the
bottom of my heart for your service to
Him.

The Chrysalis board is meeting soon to
set the dates for the next flights. YES, a
boy’s flight is in the works. If anyone is
interested in working the next girl’s or
boys’ flight, please go to the website and
pull off an application and send it in. WE
NEED WORKERS AND
BUTTERFLIES.

Leah Huffstetter

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KEY NOTES ON SPONSORSHIP

- The objective of sponsorship is not to fill up the three-day event, to fix the pilgrim’s problems, or to reproduce one’s own religious experience in others.
- We should sponsor a pilgrim who will bring new vision, commitment, and understanding back to their congregations, those who need their awareness of grace rekindled and their commitments renewed.
- As a sponsor we should **pray** for our pilgrim, **sign up on the Prayer Vigil**, obtain **Agape letters** from family and friends, personally **bring our pilgrim Thursday evening** to registration, remain for Send-Off and Sponsor’s Hour, attend both **Candlelight** on Saturday evening and **Closing** on Sunday afternoon.

- As a sponsor, we are responsible for our pilgrim’s needs and the needs of the pilgrim’s family during this entire 72-hour period, until the pilgrim returns home.

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THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

There are not enough words of thanks to tell everyone how much you are appreciated for everything you did to help Chrysalis Flight #1 be the best Flight ever. From your prayers, your agape, your willingness to sign up on the 72 hour prayer vigil, etc. There are a few people / reunion groups that I would like to send a special thank you out too: Dogwood Circle of Men; Glowing in Grace; Rise ‘N Shine, Men of Grace; Donna Swenson; Sue & David Starrett; Susan Stallings; Leeann & Bob Meyers; Trudy & Freddie Riddle; Waymon McMillon; Jan & Cam McLarty; and anyone that helped with the background. There are too many hands and feet that made this possible to list everyone – so Thank You ALL for your AGAPE LOVE that was shown during the Weekend to make this Flight Possible.

DeColores and Fly with Christ –
Chrysalis Steering Committee
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2008 Gatherings

September 11 (Thursday)
Crossroads Community Church,
Longview 7pm

October 11 & 18 (Saturday)
CANDLELIGHT at Camp Gilmont
Gilmer 8pm

November 8 (Saturday) GRAND
ULTREYA at Lanes Chapel United
Methodist Church 5pm Babe Chick
Meeting, 6pm Potluck Dinner, 7pm
Gathering

DECEMBER – NO GATHERING

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