



DEAR G.R.A.C.E.,



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A note from your Community Lay Director:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Don't we all serve a mighty God!

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I'm pleased to report that **your board has identified 8 candidates to be on the ballot this fall for board duty 2010-2012.** We will identify all 8 candidates next month and hope to share a short bio and photo to assist you in your selection and vote for the 5 to serve on the board. For the next 2 months (Sept/Oct) our newsletter will be mailed to you along with a ballot to vote.

Our team meetings for walks 50/51 are starting on 8/8 and completing on 9/26. This Fall the men and women's teams will not always be together. **It is not too late to turn in an application if you feel led to serve on either team.** Both have had some cancellations and are looking for more candidates to serve. Go to our website www.gracemmaus.org and pull off an application form. You can either submit it electronically or mail it to our post office box. Please don't delay if you wish to serve.

Our next Gathering (our quarterly one) will be at Pollard UMC in Tyler on Saturday 8/15, 11 AM for sponsor training, noon for covered dish lunch, and 1 PM for worship. Please try to attend if possible. We had two most successful locally sponsored Gatherings at Alba/Golden and Payne Springs in June. I encourage you to consider hosting one in your area. Simply contact Burton Love at the address/phone contact number elsewhere in this newsletter.

We're still seeking candidates for our community registrar's job. We have a couple of applicants and want to give anyone who wishes to nominate himself or herself a chance to do so. Ted/Pam Weaver has agreed to serve thru the fall Walks. If you are interested please contact me. Info on last page of the newsletter.

Have you been praying about the pilgrim you plan to sponsor this fall? If you have that's great, and if you haven't why not? You are reading this in August and our Walks are in October. Remember to pray about your choice, contact them in person, and request that they consider attending. Tell them what Emmaus has meant to you and how it impacted your life. Use gentle persuasion and your witness, not a club. Then let the Lord go to work in their lives. Good Luck. Hope to see you at Pollard on the 15th.

NEXT QUARTERLY GATHERING !

**August 15th,
Pollard UMC**
Sponsor training 11 am;
Pot Luck Lunch-12 noon;
Worship to follow at 1:15 pm

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Board News:

We had an excellent session on Sat., July 18, attended by 7 of the community. Carleen Alderman, our Emmaus Area Representative, came from the Lewisville area to give training for the job of Walk Lay Director. We made a donation to the Upper Room for sharing her expertise. She asked that it be designated for "International Emmaus Startups" in lieu of taking a payment for the session. Two ladies at Lindale UMC treated us to homemade stew and wonderful pies.

Permission was granted by the board to Frank Copeland, who has done extensive research on price and function, to purchase shelves and other items to organize the Emmaus Walk Trailer. It is a job that is long overdue and we thank Frank for his hard work. We also ask for those who are willing to be a "Regular" after Walks to pack up the trailers on Sunday afternoon. There are probably many who would help to get the job done quickly if they only knew of the extreme need. Outside Walk teams are exhausted by then, and many of you are already there at Camp for the closing. See Frank to volunteer. His info is below in the Board Member section.

2009 Gatherings

We will hold 2 more QUARTERLY gatherings centralized in Tyler on a Saturday as a Pot Luck for the full community.

August 15th----- Pollard UMC, Sponsor's Training @ 11:00, Pot Luck @ 12 noon & Worship @ 1:15 p.m.
November 21st---- Grace Community Church, Babe Chick @ 11:00; Pot Luck @ 12 noon; Worship @ 1:15 p.m.;

GATHERING ALERT:

Two additional centralized Gatherings remain on the calendar for 2009.

August 15th Pollard UMC; Sponsor training 11 am; Pot Luck lunch- 12 noon; Worship 1:15 pm

Nov. 21st Grace Community Church; Babe Chick training 11 am; Pot Luck lunch- 12 noon; Worship 1:15 pm

If you need an update on the criteria and/or you would like to explore hosting a Gathering, please contact Burton Love Burtonlove@embarqmail.com 903 425 3864 or any of the other Emmaus Board members. We will be happy to help with the planning and preparation for these LOCAL Gatherings. July, Sept., or Dec. would be great times to schedule local Gatherings.

GATHERING NEWS

We still don't have any other local Gatherings scheduled. Sept. and Dec. are available for local Gatherings. Most of us have experienced the joy of meeting and worshiping with other Fourth Day folks. This includes worshiping God with people who treasure the love of God . The requirements for putting on local Gatherings are STILL not complicated or onerous.

The basics are as follows: Provide a place for the Gathering (most churches have adequate facilities); Identify a 4th day speaker to provide a 10-15 minute witness outlining the impact of Emmaus on their life; have qualified clergy available to administer communion; assure the presence of a GracEmmaus board member to provide Community information and collect a love offering for the Community; assure that there are musicians available to provide accompaniment for singing and the worship responses; allow sufficient time to announce the Gathering by e-mail and Community newsletter, provide childcare (not required but certainly advantageous) If you need an update on the criteria and/or you would like to explore hosting a Gathering, please contact Burton Love Burtonlove@embarqmail.com 903 425 3864 or any of the other Emmaus Board members. We will be happy to help with the planning and preparation for these local Gatherings. Did I say that Sept. and Dec. are available for scheduling local Gatherings?

GATHERING TOPICS

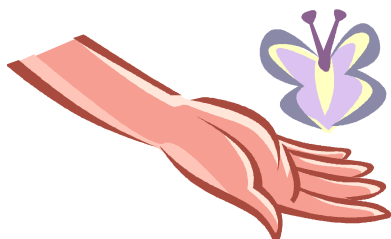
As we have said over and over, sponsorship is one of the most important functions anyone can perform in the Grace Community. Whether you have sponsored anyone in the past or not, we know that Dan Mathews will be able to give us new ideas about how to do a better job of sponsoring pilgrims. Dan's presentation will start at 11AM with potluck lunch to follow at 12 noon and the Gathering at 1:15PM



A Devotion from your Community Lay Director:

It's easier to serve or work for God without a vision and without a call, because then you will not be bothered by what He requires. Common sense, covered by a layer of Christian emotion, becomes your guide. You may be more prosperous and successful from the world's perspective, and will have more leisure time, if you never acknowledge the call of God. But once you receive a commission from Jesus Christ, the memory of what God asks of you will always be there to prod you on to do His will. You will no longer be able to work for him on the basis of your common sense. What do you count in your life as " dear to yourself"? If you have not been seized by Jesus Christ and have not surrendered yourself to Him, you will consider the time you decide to give God and your own ideas of service as dear. You will also consider your own life as "dear to yourself". But the Apostle Paul said he considered his life dear so that he might fulfill the ministry he had received, and he refused to use his energy on anything else. This verse (Acts 20:24) shows an almost noble annoyance by Paul at being asked to consider himself. He was absolutely

indifferent to any consideration other than that of fulfilling the ministry he had received. Our ordinary and reasonable service to God may actually compete against our total surrender to Him. Our reasonable work is based on the following argument which we say to ourselves "Remember how useful we are here, and think about how much value we would be in that type work". That attitude chooses our own judgment, instead of Jesus Christ, to be our own guide as to where we should go and where we could be used the most. Never consider whether or not you are of use- but always consider that "you are not your own". From My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers.



Chrysalis Corner

Hello members and friends of the GRACE Community,

*I am very sad to say that we DID NOT hold the Chrysalis Flight this summer. *

We were one week out and we were only asking for a minimum of 9 girls to hold the flight and we had 2 applications. This makes my heart very sad. I am not sure if the community understands what Chrysalis is, therefore is not supportive of this program, or if we really don't have more than 2 girls between 15 & 24 yrs old who were interested in attending.

Personally, I want to take a moment to thank each of the team members who have written and previewed talks, spent their Saturdays as acts of Agape to get ready for this Chrysalis Flight. We have bonded as a team, listened to some wonderful talks and had some laughs, too. As sad and disappointing as this news is we must trust that GOD has a plan and a reason that we are not able to hold the flight this summer. More important is for the team to know that this training was not "for nothing". We grew spiritually just by being together. Not only did we learn about each other, we go to know ourselves better. WOW what a wonderful experience for ALL of us to have this opportunity to serve Christ in by working as a team and being faithful to God no matter the outcome.

Because Chrysalis is still so new we have all team members present for meetings to assist and learn their jobs. Our team members are as follows:

Teresa Elliott, LD – Tyler
Cynthia Sample - ALD – Lindale
Robin Gillian - ALD – Bullard
Lauren Dunn-Backer - TL – Mineola
Sarah Shelton - TL – Tyler
Toni Wiley - TL – Golden
Brittany Rodriguez - YTL – Tyler
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Sue Cross - Music – Tyler
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Anna Seams - Youth Lay Director - Texarkana
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Jamie Robinson - YMusic - Tyler
Halie Cleveland - Logistics - Tyler

Gayle Robinson - Kitchen – Tyler
Vicki Seams - Kitchen – Texarkana
Joy Parker - Prayer Chapel – Golden
Floaters: Toyia Urbaniak, Heath Huffstetter, & James Gillard

Alara Vega - Kitchen - Tyler
SunOak Partin - Prayer Chapel - Jacksonville
Valeri Flores - Agape - Tyler

Next, I want to thank each of the community who signed up for the prayer vigil, as no walk or flight would ever exist if we did not bathe the weekends in prayers. THANK YOU so much for signing up. For you Prayer Warriors out there - the Men's AND Women's October Walks should be on-line to start signing up for...[if not, they will be very soon].

Those of you that have made agape for this flight you can either send it to the Women's Walk in October or hold on to it for the next Girls' Flight. Thank you for the time you spent making this agape!!

DeColores and Fly with Christ,
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If you have a desire to see the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community to be able to further the ministry of God through the Walk to Emmaus program and would wish to make a automatic monthly **tax deductible** donation through your bank account, prayerfully consider filling out the form below and mail it back to

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Treasurer

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The G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community wishes to continue to spread the life-changing experience that an Emmaus weekend can deliver. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both pilgrims and team members or the general fund of our community?

We are asking you to consider donating \$5, \$10, \$25 monthly or whatever amount you would like to set the donation to. This monthly donation will be debited automatically from your bank account on or about the 15th of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

DeColores

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City, State, Zip: _____

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Date _____ **Signature** _____

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