

Grace for Today

*G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Monthly
Newsletter*

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CHRISTMAS **EDITION**

[Coming Events](#)

January Gathering
January 20, 2018
Palestine Grace UMC
2130 Country Club Rd.
Palestine 75803

Pot Luck @ noon
Worship @ 1:00

Contact Pat Thompson for more
information.

[Spring 2018 Walks-Disciples Crossing](#)

Men's, March 1-4

Women's, March 8-11

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Community Lay Director's Corner

The Gift of Christmas

"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord'" Luke 2:10-12

As I'm writing this, Christmas is only a few short weeks away. We are already being bombarded with special events at our churches and in our local communities. I challenge all of us to stop, yes stop, for a few minutes each day to meditate on the special, true meaning of this season. Let us spend time every day as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

During the hustle and bustle of the next couple of weeks, please take a few minutes each day to "pause", hit the reset button, and meditate on our many blessings that we do not deserve but are so abundantly given to us by God's wonderful gift of Grace through Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate with our families, friends, and even strangers this year, let's remember and contemplate the greatest gift of all.....Jesus.

I would like to share an excerpt from a song that some of you may remember from around 1980:

'And so this is Christmas
And what have we done
Another year over
A new one just begun'

Friends, another year is nearly over and what have we done? Have we let others know about "Christ"mas all year long? If not, remember that a new year is just about to begin.....

Merry Christmas!!
Brett Walker

A Change Of Seasons

As my year as your Community Lay Director comes to an end, I can't help but think about the temporary nature of life. It seems like just yesterday that we had our first board meeting of 2017, and now the year is just about gone. There are many folks that I would like to thank, and I hope I don't leave anyone out.

First, I want to thank all those Board Members who have served faithfully this year, especially those whose three-year terms will conclude at the end of this month. They are Talia Epps, Dan Matthews, Fran Ayers, and Jerri Lykins. These friends have done so much for our Community the last three years and deserve our thanks.

I also want to welcome the new board members who were elected recently to begin service on January 1. They are Wayne Brunt, Betty Buchanan, Debbie Hays, Nan Haygood, and Mike Johnston. I know all of these servants very well, and I'm looking forward to the energy and devotion that they will be bringing to our Board.

Those Board members who will be staying on for at least another year are doing a great job, and I thank each of them.

I want to especially thank Karol Johnston, last year's Community Lay Director, who has helped and supported me this year.

As most of you know, our Community Lay Director/Board Chairman for 2018 will be Mike Hodgson. Our Assistant Community Lay Director will be Wynn Harle. I ask you to support them just as you have me. I know that they will do a great job.

It has been an honor to serve our Community this year, and I am thankful for the opportunity you have given me.

Brett Walker

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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 donate \$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.
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