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Upcoming Gatherings

February 20, 2016
FUMC Jacksonville
12noon potluck lunch
Worship 1pm

March 5, 2016
Men's Walk – 8:00

March 12, 2016
Women's Walk – 8:00

April 9, 2016
Kilgore – St. Luke's UMC

Community Lay Director

It is my privilege to welcome everyone to a new year in our community – new resolutions and new beginnings. I am Karol Johnston, Community Lay Director for this year. I took my walk in March of 2009 at Disciples Crossing in Athens, Texas. It was Walk 49 and I sat at the table of Ruth. I worship and serve with my husband at Van UMC.

I am looking forward to leading the community with your help and prayers. The board has met and is committed to serve you (the community). Please call on any of us for help or assistance.

The January gathering in Palestine had a great turn out. I am hoping to see those people along with some new faces at the February gathering in Jacksonville.

Please be in prayer for the upcoming walks – 76 & 77 – as the team members give of their time in preparation for the weekends.

As an Emmaus community member, we are developing leaders for our churches. As a member, are you serving with a grateful heart and servant attitude? Are you being HIS servant? We all need to remember that we serve our Lord in ALL that we do. Things may not always go “our way” but we must hold onto the truth that HE is in control of our paths whether we know the end result. God knows best. He is first and we are second (or further down the list).

Let us serve with love. Many scriptures remind us of this: “Love one another as he has loved us.” “God is love.” “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Most memorable is the love letter in 1 Corinthians 13 – “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices

with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And these three things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Go forth and serve with love.

DeColores,
Karol Johnston



Scripture Reading: [1 John 4:7-21](#)

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. . . . God is love. . . . We love because he first loved us.
1 John 4:7, 16, 19

Many people are deeply impressed by the Bible's teaching that “God is love.” However, we must keep in mind that God is not just a force, or even just a concept. He is the infinite, personal God, whose very character is best described as selfless love. The ancient world had its goddesses of love who inspired romance. But the Bible's teaching about the love of God is far different. It is seen most clearly in the love of Christ, which led him to die on the cross for our salvation. The self-sacrificing love of Mother Teresa among the poorest of the poor in Calcutta came from God's love too. The beauty and glory of the universe itself is also an expression of God's love. By its very nature, love calls for a response. This is true in romantic love and in the love of parents for their children. A person will either love in return, or reject the love shown. Such is the case with the love of God. Jesus said, “How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing” (Matthew 23:37). One cannot expect to reject the love of God and still receive the blessings of salvation. What will your response be?

God, your love is unimaginably great! O Lord, let our hearts and our lives proclaim your love in every-thing we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Men's Walk 76
Team Members

Walker, Brett
Walling, Mac
Eubanks, Pat



AGAPE

Agape Gifts

On your walk, you experienced love and blessings poured out on your pillow & at your place at the dining table in the form of Agape Gifts. Each Agape Gift is meant to draw us closer to Jesus and make our hearts smile with His love and provision. Those gifts were provided by members of the G.R.A.C.E. Community – members just like YOU!

If you think you can't do anything creative, think again! Check out the ideas that can be found on the North Indiana Emmaus Community's website at <https://www.niemmaus.com/agape/> some great ideas can be found here.

Please consider beginning the making of Agape Gifts for our upcoming GRACE EMMAUS Walks #76 & #77 on March 3-6 & March 10-13, 2016.

If you need someone to take these Agape Gifts to either of the walks, just let me know.

Pam Martin

Agape Gifts Board Rep.

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Haygood, Tom
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Hodgson, Mike
Jarrard, Mark
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Luna, Richard
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McDonald, Tom
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Pamella McAdams

Team Leader Chapel

Maxine Pagitt Chapel

Pam Pruitt Chapel

Patti Curtis Chapel

Phyllis Hall Chapel

Sponsorship

There are still spaces left for both the Men's and Women's Walks.

When you sponsor someone, you are responsible for getting your pilgrim to the camp. Also you need to be there for candlelight and closing.

Prayer Vigil

Remember to sign up for the prayer vigils for the upcoming walks.

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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.

DeColores

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Monthly gift amount \$ _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

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