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<http://www.churchworldservice.org/> has a list of items they keep in warehouses so that in event of a catastrophe they can respond quickly. The Haitian earthquake drained their supplies and you can help to replenish them. While at the web site, look at the 2008 and 2009 reports. Can you imagine if agape were in each kit? What about writing encouraging words on the side of the bucket, do you think it might brighten someone's day. Your prayers over the bucket may change someone's life.

Emmaus teaches us to go beyond what is required. It teaches us we can make a difference in the world, maybe one bucket at a time. Lord, give us strength to accomplish the task for which we are called.

Please pray for the teams preparing for walks in March.

De Colores  
David Mays  
Spiritual Director



### Assistant Spiritual Directors

We are pleased to announce the following clergy have accepted the position of Assistant Community Spiritual Director:

- Kim Hagedorn – SE Area
- Douglas Smith – NE Area
- Ben Bright – NW Area
- Jodie Windbigler – SW Area.

Their service to our community will help to invigorate servants and pilgrims alike.

Let us thank them and support them in their service to G.R.A.C.Emmaus.

David Mays  
Spiritual Director



To: Those Emmaus groups within the Southwest Area

I was asked by David Mays if I would serve as an assistant Spiritual Director for one of the four areas that the Board has created within our Emmaus Community. I was happy to say yes. The Southwest Area is bounded on the north by I-20 and on the east by US 259, although the cities on 259 will be part of the Southeast

Area. At this point I am not sure of the western or southern boundaries, but believe that Canton may be the northwestern boundary and Fairfield the southwestern boundary. The south boundary is probably US 84 although Elkhart will be included. However, all that is purely conjecture since I have not heard specifically from the Board about the Area boundaries.

As I understand the vision of the Board, the goal is to have monthly meetings in the Areas between the quarterly meetings of the Community. One suggestion is that we have the Community gathering one month, local gatherings the second month and Area gatherings the third month. And of course, the reason behind the vision is that when we meet we support and nurture each other, and the more we meet the stronger becomes the bond and the stronger the support and nurture. And it is hard to destroy what is bound tightly. I cleared twenty feet of vines yesterday. I was impressed by how the vines had twisted and grown through and around each other. That made cutting them out a difficult task, but I was even more impressed by how the vines (from different areas of the fence line and different types of vine), which I had just stacked haphazardly in a pile, stuck together when I tried to move them. In a short time, they had become a force to reckon with. I have the scratches to prove it. It will be like that with us. As we come together in fellowship and worship, we will create bonds that will be difficult, and over time impossible, to sever. And those bonds will strengthen our ability to serve our Lord God.

Since the Southwest Area is a large area, we will want to have as much input from the different Fourth Day Groups as possible. I would like to establish a Steering Committee which would encourage and help establish meetings within smaller local areas and within the SW Area. If you are interested in serving on such a committee or have any ideas about how to start us off, please contact me at 432-425-1485 or at [revjodie@aol.com](mailto:revjodie@aol.com).

I am looking forward to a blessed journey of fellowship with you all.

De Colores,  
Jodie Windbigler  
Decorative cross separator

### 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Just in case you are one of those very prepared, plan ahead sort of people, you can now begin to sign up at [www.3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org) for the 24 Hour Prayer Vigils for the Spring Men and Women's Walks or see the links on the front page of our website at [www.gracemmaus.org](http://www.gracemmaus.org). You are only 1-Click away from volunteering for a VERY important job. Select time slots available now! Hope to see you "there!" Judy Haw



Get into the prayer habit.



### Chrysalis Happenings

Hello everyone – this is news from the Chrysalis Steering Committee. We are looking for a few good "Caterpillars". We have plans to hold two flights during the year of 2010. This is so exciting. We have lots of information so I am going to try to summarize this for you as best I can.

**GRACE Chrysalis Flight – Girls**  
Labor Day Weekend - September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The flight will be held at Lindale UMC.

**GRACE Chrysalis Flight – Boys**  
Christmas Break – December 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The flight will be held at Lindale UMC.

Please mark your calendars NOW and hold these weekends open as you make plans for the future. We will need each of you to help in some way during these weekends; it may be sponsorship, being a member on the team, giving a talk, helping on the servant team, attending candlelight, signing up for the prayer vigil, provide a meal or money for a meal, etc.

The cost to attend the flight and/or serve on the team is \$50 a person. The age is for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders 15 – College 24. This is what is known as a Flourney... to combine the High School and College Students together. But please know that the tables would be set up

by age groups. You would not have a 15 yr old and a 24 yr old at the same table.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like to assist in this ministry.

Fly with Christ,  
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**REUNION GROUPS:**

Our Community and personal Faith walk are strengthened by weekly Reunion groups. In the long run, these small, personal groups can do more to deepen your walk with Christ than even the 3 day Emmaus Walk; they are that important. The power of the Emmaus Walk is in the Fourth Day. This is why reunion groups are so vital to deepening our Faith walk with Christ. Please update your information at

<http://www.gracemmaus.org/GroupUpdates.html>

with the time/place/date of your Reunion group, and the name of the group contact.

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**Men’s Walk #52**

Greetings to the G.R.A.C.E. Community. I am honored to be the lay director for walk 52. We are exited about the walk and the great team God has put together. Please pray for the team and pray that the pilgrims will come to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. We do need pilgrims to make this a successful walk, so sponsor someone or that person you’ve always thought about sponsoring. Team training meetings begin Saturday January 30. We are looking forward to an awesome walk!  
DeColores,  
Brent Hooser

**Walk #52 Team**

Brent Hooser Lay Director  
Jimmy McGonagil ALD  
Burton Love ALD  
Mike Minor ALD  
Jarrett Major Spiritual Director  
Mike Cline ASD  
Ricky Ricks ASD  
Bill Hawwk ASD  
Jim Pickens ASD

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Damon DeRieux TL  
Scott Howard TL  
Josh Jarvis TL  
Tom McDonald TL  
Phillip McKanna TL  
Jim Born ATL  
Jay Edwards ATL  
John Hart ATL  
Mike Johnston ATL  
Michael Neill ATL  
Rodney Eurom ATL  
Randy Skiles Music Team  
Loren Lykins Music Team  
Dan Mathews Outside team  
Chuck Reed OT  
Billy Bass OT  
Ken Braswell OT  
Rusty Honeycutt OT  
Cindy Hooser OT  
Bill Durr Chapel Team  
Billy Partin CT  
Chuck Reed CT  
Jerry Bach CT  
Tom Perdue Board Rep.

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**Women’s Walk #53**

It is an honor and privilege to be the Walk # 53 LD -- and to be perfectly honest I never intended that I would ever say those words. I attended G.R.A.C.E. Walk # 13 in October, 2000 at Camp Gilmont and sat at the Table of Mary. Two talks made such an impression on me, due to their personal witness, that I still remember who gave them: Shelly Gasser: Priorities & Shirley Druschke: Perseverance. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the Walk but had no thoughts of being a leader of any kind--much prefer the background servant team work. After all, I was **NEVER** going to give a talk--had absolutely no desire to do that! As I began serving on Walks, giving talks came about although I was still very slow to “catch on” to the process of WTE. When I accepted an ALD position, a friend said, “So you’re going to be a LD at some point.” I looked at her like she was crazy and exclaimed, “Absolutely NOT! Whatever gave you that idea?” Her reply was, “When you accept an ALD position, you’re saying that you’ll possibly be a LD.” Oh, duh! What I eventually realized is that little by little God helps us change our minds/attitudes then we seek to help in whatever way we can

so that others can share the WTE experience. It has been, and continues to be, an adventure of growing in faith. De Colores! Laquita Showen

The team is in place and the clergy team is getting there. Everyone has been so very gracious--even those that declined due to various reasons.

**The Walk # 53 Team is:**

LDLaquita Showen  
Fairwood UMC, Tyler  
ALD Cindy Hooser  
GABC, Tyler  
ALD Jo Anne Skeen  
Grace UMC, Palestine  
ALD DeLisa Heard  
GABC, Tyler  
TL Vickie Bright  
LHF, Gladewater  
TL Diana Frachiseur  
Troup UMC  
TL Renee Steele  
Gladewater FUMC  
TL Sharon Cline  
Troup UMC  
TL Berita Morse  
Gilmer UMC  
TL Jeannie Hanssen  
LHF. Gladewater  
ATL Janine Shelton  
Athens FUMC  
ATL Donna Williams  
Central Baptist, Jacksonville  
ATL Susan Jeanes  
Hawkins UMC  
ATL Audry Gould  
Mineola UMC  
ATL Debra Graham  
Chandler  
ATL Jeane DiBella  
Winterfield UMC  
MD Pam Martin  
Pollard UMC, Tyler  
AMD Jerri Lykins  
Jacksonville UMC  
AMD Stacy Boyer  
Jacksonville UMC  
OST Toyia Urbaniak  
Beckville UMC  
ChapelNan Haygood  
Swan-Woodsprings  
BRPatti Jones  
Athens FUMC  
SD Ben Bright  
LHF, Gladewater  
ASD Gary Andrews  
First Baptist Eustace  
ASD Tom Haygood  
Swan-Wood Springs UMC  
ASD Patti Maudslay  
Athens FUMC

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**WALK AGAPE NEEDED**

Don't forget to make your agape for the upcoming Walks. Do you realize how much agape we would have if each reunion group would make and send one item. And then we have those groups who send more than one, which is wonderful! Please help these Pilgrims feel the love with your agape gifts.

Jana Russell Whitehurst

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**SPONSORSHIP**

The most important job in Emmaus is sponsorship. You can share with others the joy you experienced on your Walk! Please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone on the up-coming Walks.

**What:** Good sponsorship builds up the body of Christ. Sponsors should recruit strong church members to strengthen the local church.

**Who:** Please sponsor anyone who is already on a pilgrimage, who is willing to grow and move forward in their journey of faith, who knows God can make and, is making, a difference in their life. Please sponsor one who is considerate of others, who listens more than they speak. Please sponsor one who is well respected among church members, dependable, faithful in attendance, genuine, with a servant-heart. Please sponsor one who is searching for a place to serve.

**Why:** Sponsorship is one of the most important functions in Emmaus. Good sponsors help prepare Pilgrims for a great Walk experience. Sponsoring someone on a Walk to Emmaus is a great blessing.

**How:** Take a list of names to God in prayer. Leave them with God. Let God reveal a name. Then ask. Together you and the Pilgrim complete a Pilgrim Application. Please see link below. For more information on sponsorship, please go to: <http://www.GRACEMMAUS.org>. Please do not let cost keep someone from attending a Walk to Emmaus.

G.R.A.C.E. can assist with the registration fee for anyone needing financial assistance.

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**GATHERINGS for GRACE(2010)**

**LOCAL: Feb. 20, 2010 FUMC, Mineola; Fellowship 5:00PM; Worship 5:30PM Pot Luck Dinner 6:30PM**

**CENTRAL: April 24, 2010 Lanes Chapel UMC; Babe Chick training 4:30PM; Pot Luck Dinner 5:45PM; Worship 6:45PM**

**CENTRAL: Aug. 28, 2010 Grace Community, OJ Campus; Sponsor training 4:30PM; Pot Luck Dinner 5:45PM; Worship 6:45PM**

**CENTRAL: Nov. 20 2010 Grand Ultreya; Green Acres Baptist Church; Babe Chick training 4:30PM; Pot Luck Dinner 5:45PM; Worship 6:45PM**

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**GATHERING NEWS**

Those of you who had the opportunity to attend the Gathering at Fairwood on Saturday Jan. 23, 2010 were truly blessed. Tom Perdue did a wonderful job of sharing information concerning Sponsorship. Dan Mathews, our new Community Lay Director helped the evening move along smoothly while Rev. David Mays guided us enthusiastically through worship. Jim Showen provided an excellent witness with his Fourth Day talk. Our sincere thanks go to Loren Lykins and Andy Christopher for providing wonderful musical accompaniment. Over 50 community members were in attendance. Our host church coordinator, Laquita Showen did a wonderful job assuring that the evening was a success.

**Come one; Come all**

The Emmaus Community is planning a Gathering on Saturday, **February 20, 2010 at FUMC, Mineola.** The plan is to gather at 5:00 pm at the Methodist Church Ministries

Center on 612 N. Newsome St. Everybody bring a covered dish of your choice. We will have worship and communion at 5:30 pm, then break bread together at 6:30 pm.

We look forward to having many brothers and sisters whom we have not seen in a while. If you have any questions about the Gathering call or e-mail George Assaf at (903 569 6553) [geeassaf@suddenlink.net](mailto:geeassaf@suddenlink.net) or Burton Love at ( 903 425 3864) [Burtonlove@embarqmail.com](mailto:Burtonlove@embarqmail.com).

**ALERT!**-- Now we have heard about interest in hosting local Gatherings in Athens, Canton, Marshall, Kilgore, Palestine, and Payne Springs. Canton has expressed an interest in July while Payne Springs is looking toward May. There's also one being planned for Athens FUMC on September 18th. The critical issue for putting on a Gathering is the venue or place. The rest is easy. Churches are clearly the best locations. If you would like to plan a Gathering contact Burton Love at 903 425 3864(h) 903 880 5462(cell) or [burtonlove@embarqmail.com](mailto:burtonlove@embarqmail.com). You can also get guidance from any of the other board members. Keep in mind, it is not difficult and there is a lot of help available to make it a success. It is a true blessing when it all comes together.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the GRACEmmaus Gatherings in 2010. DeColores



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**WANTED: EIGHT MEN AND WOMEN TO HELP LOAD TRAILER!**

Those of you who love to hear the testimonies at the WALK CLOSINGS... this job is for YOU! We need help moving the lidded, plastic boxes, speakers, banners, etc., to the Trailer. **The Outside Team will have everything**

**packed and by the door nearest the trailer.** It has been a real chore for the faithful two or three who have helped in the past. With several committing to faithful service we can get the job done quickly! Frank has organized the trailer so all boxes are uniform sizes for easy stacking, and are distributed for lighter weight. You'll be there for the 4 pm closing, anyway, and all can immediately begin loading the trailer when closing is over. Your help would be much appreciated!

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**GRACE Board for 2010**

We have an annual election for the board. There are 15 members. Each member serves for 3 years and each year 5 new members are elected. We meet one night each month to conduct necessary business for the community. The current boards' contact information is listed below. If you have any comments or questions regarding community activities, please feel free to contact one of your board members.



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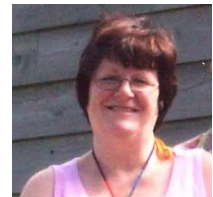
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**MEET YOUR BOARD**



My name is Joy Parker. I was elected to serve on your board for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. I served as secretary for 2008 and 2009. I will be the

newsletter editor for 2010.

I went on GRACE Walk #37, at Disciples Crossing and sat at the table of Rachel. My Walk was definitely a life-changing experience.

My husband, Roy, and I worship at Pilgrim Rest #2 Baptist Church in the Alba-Golden area. We have two children and four grand children. We also have a foster daughter in Guatemala and she has two children. I am the Court Coordinator for the 402nd Judicial District Court in Wood County.

I have enjoyed being on your board and am looking forward to this year. If you have any articles, church announcements, etc., that you would like to see in the newsletter, please email them to me and I'll try to incorporate them.



My name is Jo Anne Skeen. I will be serving on your board for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012. I will be serving as the treasurer this year. I took my Walk, #39, at Camp Gilmont and sat at the table of Rachel.

I am married to Gene Skeen (from Palestine!) and we both worship at Grace UMC in Palestine. Grace UMC is also my employer as I am the administrative assistant there. I am also a Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant. Gene and I have 2 daughters and 9 grandchildren.



## Bloopers in the church

*The following are actual church bulletin board bloopers found in churches across the United States.*

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church. Evening massage - 6 p.m.

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.

Twenty-two members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.

Potluck supper: Prayer and medication to follow.



## KAIROS #36 AT THE MICHAEL UNIT

We would ask that you pray for the team that the Lord has assembled to carry the message of our Lord and Savior into the prison unit on April 22-25. The team has been forming and our second meeting will be at First Christian Church in Mineola this Saturday, it begins at about 8:30am. There is room for more. If you feel called to serve God in one of the most rewarding ministries we do in this community please contact **Pat Owens, Team Leader**, give him a call at **903-407-1089**, he would be more than happy to help you find the opportunity serve God in this ministry. You can access all information about our mission thru our website at <http://www.michaelunit.org>. We need your prayers, your cookies (recipes available on web), and your financial support. It costs us around \$12,000 to conduct a weekend and we depend on the support of our community and volunteers for that money. If your Church is interested we do a prayer chain (similar to the Emmaus prayer chain) that we use to make a chain with and display in our meeting place during the weekend. Contact Tom Perdue at [tomdue@gmail.com](mailto:tomdue@gmail.com) to obtain a copy. We are all prospecting for men's souls, some free world and some imprisoned.

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# GRACE EMMAUS

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.  
DeColores

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