

# Grace For Today

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**REMEMBER**  
**CHRYSALIS**  
**CANDLELIGHT**  
**FRIDAY,**  
**JULY 25<sup>th</sup>**

FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH,  
ATHENS, TX 7pm  
NO SEPARATE EMMAUS  
GATHERING IN JULY  
**YALL COME!!**

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## DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

What a pleasure it is to be a part of this community. At the gathering in Jacksonville it was great to see so many smiling faces. The music was awesome and food was good. One of the things that I was so excited about is the Christian Action that our Community members are involved in. We have members of our community that work with teams for the Walks to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Epiphany and Kairos.

If you haven't heard – we are getting ready to have our very first Chrysalis Flight this summer. Mark your calendars for July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Athens, Texas at the FUMC on Lovers Lane. The caterpillars (aka pilgrims) are to be at the church for registration at 8 a.m. on Thursday Morning. Chrysalis is set up a lot like a walk but there are differences. We have banquet and we give the participants agape letters; Candlelight will be on Friday Night and Closing will be on Saturday afternoon.

There are 15 talks with 5 being by Clergy, 5 given by Adults and 5 given by Youth. Instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> day talk we call it Next Steps and it is a youth talk. Two of the Adult talks are based on the topics of Single Life and Married Life. The Marriage talk is given by a couple; the talk is written together and presented together to the youth. After each of these talks there is a question and answer time for the youth to discuss any questions or concerns they may have that was not covered in the talk.

We will have places for 36 youth from the ages of 15 (completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade) up to college age. There is a maximum of 6 caterpillars from one church. The youth will be placed in groups based on either high school or college age. Please get those applications for caterpillars to attend the weekend filled out and turned in ASAP.

In order to try and keep the cost down we are charging the base fee of \$50. We will have reunion groups cook breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you are interested in providing a meal for the weekend please contact Susan Stallings @ 903-534-2915 as she is the Kitchen Coordinator on this Chrysalis Flight. The girls will also need

an air mattress, cot, or some type of bedding because we will be on the gym floor to sleep at night.

Leah Huffstetter is our Chrysalis Steering Committee Chairman and will serve as the Lay Director for the weekend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact her @ 903-360-1017. We will need AGAPE for the girls' bed, tables and dinner room. We will need snacks and drinks – soda and water for break times and we can always use Green Agape – if you want to give something but don't have time to cook or bring goodies.

This is such an awesome time for our community as we start a new journey together to bring our youth closer to Christ.

DeColores and Fly with Christ,  
Teresa Elliott  
Community Lay Director

## From the Spiritual Directors Desk

Honesty is the best policy. Right? Well, ok, then if we are being honest, maybe our true prayer is more like:

General Confession

Benevolent and easy-going Father; we have occasionally been guilty of errors of judgment. We have lived under the deprivations of heredity and the disadvantages of environment. We have sometimes failed to act in accordance with common sense. We have done the best we could in the circumstances; And have been careful not to ignore the common standards of decency; And we are glad to think that we are fairly normal. Do thou, O Lord, deal light with our infrequent lapses. Be thy own sweet Self with those who admit they are not perfect; According to the unlimited tolerance which we have a right to expect from thee. And grant as an indulgent Parent that we may hereafter continue to live a harmless and happy life and keep our self-respect.

*Altered from the Book of Common Prayer*

By David Head

**Please pray for our Lord to rekindle our hearts to be in love with our First Love. Isn't that what Emmaus is all about?**

DeColores!

LOVE ALWAYS WINS.  
TOM HAYGOOD  
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don't wait until the week before to get the application in. We need time to get everything ready for the flight.

The flight will be Thursday through Saturday July 24-26. It will be at FUMC Athens. Candlelight will be FRIDAY night at 8 p.m. Closing will be Saturday at 4:00. This is different than what we are used to so PLEASE mark your calendars. Let's show our support to our young people.

If you have any questions or would like to help in ANY WAY, please let me know. You can contact me at [leah\\_belle@hotmail.com](mailto:leah_belle@hotmail.com), [gracechrysalis@yahoo.com](mailto:gracechrysalis@yahoo.com), or 903-360-1017.

Most important, please pray that God's way will be done and that all that is being done is for the GLORY of GOD!!

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I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Galatians 2:20**

These words from Paul to the Church at Galatia should remind us that the life we now live was purchased for us by the blood of our Savior. Often we get beset by problems in our Church and in our world, and we forget to keep our eye on the goal of serving our Lord and Savior. We owe all to the willing sacrifice that was made for each of us, and should live our lives to be in His service. Nothing, absolutely nothing, should deter us in our quest to do His will. We should be reminded that "We are the Church", not our facilities, not our pastor, not anything else, but us. That Jesus Christ is the leader of that Church, and that the lives we live now should be by faith in Jesus and the Father. We gladly leave our old lives behind and live

by faith in our Lord. May the Lord bless you.

Ray Carden  
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## 2008 Gatherings

*August 9* (Saturday) St. Marks United Methodist Church, Marshall 12pm Covered Dish & Gathering

*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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"Anyone who wants to be the first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." *Mark 9:35*

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