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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED LOCATION OF NEXT GATHERING

**THURSDAY
JUNE 12, 2008
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
JACKSONVILLE, TX
YA'LL COME!!**

DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON
THE www.GRACEMMAUS.ORG
WEBSITE LISTED ABOVE!!

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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

WOW – Summer Time is here and we are all so busy with kids, vacations, mission trips, VBS, and much more, but there is another opportunity to serve... we need adults and youth to serve on an Emmaus Chrysalis Flight this summer. We are in the process of developing this team, also. Please contact Leah Huffstetter if you are interested in working with the youth. 903-360-1017 or leah_belle@hotmail.com .

Look at your calendars and mark them for our next Walks. We have made a change in the order of events due to some scheduling conflicts and unavoidable issues. As members of the board we made the best decision that we could. This fall the women's walk will come first followed by the men's. It is my understanding that we have done this one other time in history. The **Women's Walk** will be led by **Nancy Lineberry** and is **October 9th – 12th**. The **Men's Walk** will be led by **Bill Younger** and is **October 16th – 19th**.

As we have moved into the computer age we have found that **we have a need for a minimum of one laptop, one printer, and one projector to connect to the PC.** Each walk that we have we are borrowing this equipment and it is time that we look into purchasing equipment for the community. Ideally we would have two laptops and two projectors so that the men and women could both have one to preview talks with. Many people want to use PowerPoint along with their talk and the Upper Room requires that all talks are to be previewed including the PowerPoint presentation. In order for us to be able to have the necessary equipment for both teams this would increase our cost to the community. I say all this to give God the opportunity to move in the heart of any of our community who would want to consider donating such equipment. As a non-profit organization, any cost that we incur is passed on to the community in team and pilgrim fees. Don't get me wrong we are not increasing fees....but this cost is above what we can afford to expend in a lump sum at this time. If you are feeling called to assist the community in this area please contact one of the board members to let them know or call me directly.

DeColores and Fly with Christ,
Teresa Elliott
Community Lay Director

From the Spiritual Directors Desk

I have missionary niece in Asia. When I asked her, upon her last return to the states, what did she think about American culture now? She said, "all you guys talk about is the weather and rising gas prices." **OUCH!**

Isn't it time to **"smell the coffee"** and respond to Jesus' call for relationship fun and growth? Isn't it time to **"get off ourselves"** and truly think of open doors and open hearts? **OK, when?**

Is now a good time to pray about who you will sponsor for a fall walk? Someone you are in relationship with? **Someone you want to see their heart more open to Jesus' love and grace?**

Will you accept this means of grace and contact that person today...not just to invite to Emmaus, but to open your heart to them and their spiritual journey?

And, please let us, your board, know how we can better serve you in this endeavor.

DeColores!

LOVE ALWAYS WJNS.

TOM HAYGOOD

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AGAPE NEWS

Please continue to be in thought and **ACTION** about making agape. Let your creative juices flow in showing Jesus's Love. There is a giant need for **LANYARDS** -- the supply has diminished (or lost, but they are NOT on the trailer!) If you are thinking, "A what?!", a lanyard is the multicolored Emmaus-y yarn necklace that your nametag is attached too. Most of them are made by using a simple little tool that usually is obtained at WalMart. Just so we'll have a handle on how many/who will make some, please contact me by email or phone. jlshowen@att.net or 903-566-0733. We're usually not around the phone (or don't hear it :) and I forget to take a cell phone with me, so if no answer, just leave a message and I'll contact you. Thanks. Laquita Showen
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PLEASE NOTE:Material has been purchased for the Women's walk book-covers but **there is a big need for someone to make them.** If you would consider doing this act of agape, (SERVICE, LOVE & ACTION) please contact Nancy Lineberry at nlineberry@juno.com (and be sure to place **BOOK COVERS** in the subject line) or Laquita Showen at 903-566-0733. This would be MUCH appreciated! Thank you!

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And Please...

Several years ago, the Community was asked, when labeling agape, to please only place your reunion group name, town &/or church. Some suggested that true servanthood agape should not have a label at all. However, many pilgrims enjoy looking at the many places that the agape comes from -- just please do not add your individual names. The Board deeply appreciates all agape received on/for each Walk.

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BOARD NOTES :

Hey, would you like to have more of a voice in the Emmaus community? Ever wonder how things are decided? We are looking for people who are interested in being on the ballot for the upcoming election in the fall. **Being on the board is a great place to serve the LORD and the community.**

Interested? Call Brent Hooser at 903-939-9528 or email at brenth12000@yahoo.com

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2008 Gatherings

*****June 12** (Thursday) First United Methodist Church, Jacksonville 7pm

JULY – NO GATHERING

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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Chrysalis Corner



We are finally on the road to our first flight in GRACE! **GRACE CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #1** will be held **Thursday-Saturday, July 24-26.** It will be at First United Methodist Church in Athens. This is a girl's flight. We are sad to say that this summer we will not have a guy's flight. We are working on one as soon as possible.

If there is ANY male that feels like they have enough expertise in Chrysalis to help lead a flight, PLEASE contact me. We are having trouble getting men and boys to help.

If there are any females that would like to help with this first flight, please go to the Chrysalis website off the Emmaus website and fill out an application.

If you have a girl that wants to attend, please fill out the butterfly application and mail it in. The cost is \$50 and scholarships are available if needed. (If anyone wants to donate a scholarship, please let me know.)

If you have ANY questions, please contact me.
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