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Next Gathering

Saturday

March 12th

@ 8:00PM,

Disciples

Crossing Camp

Athens

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Greetings GRACE Community,

I pray that your 2006 is off to a blessed start and God is in His rightful place (priority) in your life! I have enjoyed my first two months as your Community Lay Director and look forward with great anticipation to the wonderful works that God will work in the lives of the Pilgrims on Walks 36 and 37 and the rest of this Emmaus Community throughout 2006 and beyond. I know that many of you are praying daily for these teams and

pilgrims and encourage you to "provoke your 4th Day brothers and sisters to do the same (love and good deeds) (Please see Hebrews 10:26).

There have been a few changes made since the beginning of the year. Allow me to use this space to reinforce those updates. Hopefully by now, you have received a postcard telling you about the online prayer clock that **Teresa Elliott** set up for us. You can find it at www.3dayol.org. The actual links are for the Men's Walk No. 36

<http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvaid=1018&commid=768>

and for Women's Walk No. 37

<http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvaid=1019&commid=768>

If you do not have internet access or would rather talk to a person, please call Teresa at (903) 570-5233, and she will see that you get a time slot. The really awesome thing to me about this new prayer clock is that 4th Day communities from around the world will know about and be praying for our Walk here in East Texas **AND** we can also sign up and pray for weekends taking place around the world as well. I hope all of you with internet access will take the opportunity to go to this website and not only sign up for our Walks 36 and 37, but also find opportunities to share some of God's incredible agape love with fellow Christians around the world! **WOW!!!!**

The next thing you need to know about is our April Gathering. It was originally scheduled for Gladewater UMC, but their schedule got filled up and so they have agreed to host the June 8th Gathering instead. The April 8th Gathering which will be held at First United Methodist Church in Mineola, will be a combination of Babe chick Meeting and Covered Dish/Gathering with the Babe chick meeting starting at 4:00p.m. and the **Covered Dish/Gathering** beginning at 5:30. Team members from Walks 36 and 37 are encouraged to join the Babe chicks at 4:00 to encourage and support their 4th days. Sponsors are, of course, encouraged and welcome to come and participate as well!

Finally, (I know you are always waiting for that word, especially during the sermon), the October Walks which we thought we had scheduled for October 12-15 and 19-22 have been moved back (or up, I can never remember which it is) a week to October

5-8 and 12-15. The **Men's Walk #38** will be **October 5-8** and the **Women's Walk #39** will be **October 12-15**. Please adjust your calendars and prospective Pilgrims accordingly.

Don't forget about the **Candlelight's** in **March 11th** and **18th** at **8:00 p.m.** and the **Closings** on **March 12th** and **19th** at **4:00 p.m.** at **Disciple's Crossing** just **EAST** of Athens on Highway 31. I know you will want to be their to share the agape love of Christ and to see and hear how God has worked in the hearts and lives of our newest members.

May God continue to bless your work for His kingdom here in East Texas.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Meyers

GRACE Community Lay Director 2006

REUNION GROUPS: RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

Most of us will remember the stool with the three legs on our Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis. Do you remember what each leg represented? (1) Growth/Piety, (2) Study, and (3) Action. In the next several newsletters we will reconsider how each of these legs function in our life. This month we will think about Piety. Our lives after the Walk to Emmaus are filled with many ups and downs, yet we do not have to go through them alone, we have each other and our faith in Jesus Christ. One way that we can grow as Christians is to get involved in a reunion/share group. This is a small group of two to six persons who wish to help each other grow in Piety, Study, and Action. An ideal reunion group should meet weekly for one hour, sharing our journey with Christ that week (both struggles and triumphs). This group reinforces the commitment we made on our walk, counting on Christ in every aspect of our lives. We will never fully experience the Walk to Emmaus until we are active in a reunion group.

Are you in a reunion group? We have thrown out the old list and are starting over. If you are a part of an active reunion group, or searching for one, please let me know. All active reunion groups need to register. You can contact me, **Donna Swenson**, by email at Swensonhome@aol.com or 903-312-1501.

Boy's Epiphany #7 Corsicana February 10-12

We had an amazing 47 team servants and 9 super star servants for our Lord Jesus Christ this weekend. God put this team together from the

beginning. As one member had to drop, He had another within three days already to step up and fill the slot. He also blessed us with a wonderful group of musicians. I feel the music can break or make an Epiphany. This team rocked the Holy Spirit lead them throughout the weekend.

We had originally been told we would have 40 to 45 stars-(boys) as usual. The week prior to the Epiphany we learned instead of three cottages we would only be given two which brought the number down to around 30 stars. At first we were disappointed. That is until we realized by having less stars we would have an almost one on one at the table. Our 27 stars ranged from 10 to 15 years old.

We also learned that if we took the three cottages originally assigned that would mean the Epiphany, July 28-30 would be cancelled, and the boys from cottage 15 would never have the opportunity to learn of Jesus' love for them. It was all in God's hands and by his design.

Thank you for your prayers that made the weekend possible. The stars were ready to receive His word. It was evident that their eyes and hearts had been prepared through prayer before this team arrived. By noon on Friday, I REPEAT BY NOON ON FRIDAY, the boys had already begun to open up and I could see families coming together. The Holy Spirit was moving.

On Saturday night, we gave the boys an opportunity to talk to clergy. I believe there may have been between 10 and 15 boys that accepted Christ. A couple of the young men had been working with clergy at the facility for as long as two years. They rounded the corner where clergy sat and said I am ready to get Jesus in my heart. How do I do it?

On Sunday when we offered their crosses to them, all 27 young men accepted their crosses. In response to "Jesus Loves You", they all replied "and I Love Jesus".

Please continue to pray for these young men, the super stars that helped serve them, as well as all the young men and women at facilities across the state. Several of our stars found themselves in trouble this past week and said they realized it was because the devil wasn't happy that they accepted Jesus. One of them said it was because he forgot to put on his armor that morning.

To the team, thank you for answering the call to serve. This was the best team ever, in that we were one

body working together to not only spread the word of Jesus Christ, but to bring Him the glory and honor due Him. Praise Be To God!

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Salena Short

GRACE Walk No. 24 & LD Boy's No. 7

TEAM FOR GRACE MEN'S WALK #36

Name	Position
Chuck Robinson	LD
George Assaf	ALD
Radford Tarry	ALD
Brian McCabe	ALD
Jerry Bach	SD
Jim Reeves	ASD
Carey Ponder	ASD
Gary Andrews	ASD
Rick Son	ASD
Jerry Keosoff	TL
Micheal May	TL
Bill Younger	TL
Fred Jackson	TL
Paul Weskamp	TL
Jimmy McGonagill	TL
Jim Showen	ATL
Allan Whitney	ATL
Tom Dana	ATL
Wayne Height	ATL
Wayne Cosby	ATL
Bob Meyers	Music
Vince Piotet	Music
David Barnes	BR
Ted Weaver	Servant

Pilgrims Men's Walk No. 36

Mike Wood	FUMC, Marshall
Tracy Hyre	First Baptist - Eustace
Jeffrey Kelly	First Baptist - Allen
Garland Willis	FUMC, Mineola
Mike Blake	FUMC, Grand Saline
Jay Mitchell	FUMC, Longview
Ed Moore	FUMC, Longview
Stephen Williams	Fumc, Gilmer
Nick Collins	FUMC, Gladewater
Kevin White	FUMC, Gladewater
Chuck Reed	Fumc, Gilmer
Carl Billingsly	FUMC, Henderson
Ricky Ricks	FUMC, Henderson
Richard Long II	St Mark's UMC
Steve Callaway	Pollard UMC
Richard Howell	Lifepoint Fellowship
Cune Pena	Bethel Bible Church
Tim Carroll	Lanes Chapel UMC
Shellie Jones	FUMC, Athens
A.D. Breitling	First Baptist - Bullard
David Walls	first christian - Mineola
Dale Mobley	Grace Community - Lindale
Gerald Stuck	First Christian Mineola
Larry Dickson	West Athens Baptist Church
Terry Smith	Golden UMC
Marc Robinson	FUMC, Palestine

Pilgrims Women's Walk No. 37

JOANN ASHBY
KIM BLAKE
STACY BOYER
CARLA BRANSON
CAROL BRIGHTWELL
TRACEY CAIN
CINDY CAMP
HALI CLEVELAND
MARIE DAVIS
JOYCE DEBEER
MARILYN DICKSON
BARBARA FISK
BARBARA FORSYTH
PENNY HENSLEY
VIRGINIA A HOUSTON
KRISTY HOWELL
SUE HYRE
KAREN LEWIS
JERRI LYKINS
OLINE MCNEECE
JOY PARKER
(DENISE) RAE PARRISH
(KRISTA) KRIS PEMBERTON
JENNIFER REEVES
SANDRA KAY REEVES
PATRICE SHAW
JANINE SHELTON
SANDY SMITH
MELINDA THOMAS
KATHY THURSTON
VICKIE TOWNSEND
BETTY WALLACE
TAMMY WEIDMAN
DEBI WEST
KWANA WOOD
FERN WOODALL

TEAM FOR GRACE WOMEN'S WALK #37

NAME	POSITION
Lynda Slay	LD
John Newsome	SD
Dariel Newman	ASD.
Robert Besser	ASD
Johnathan Bynum	ASD
Kim Hagedorn	ASD
Jan Craig	BR
Patti Jones	ALD
Nancy Lineberry	ALD
Laquita Showen	ALD
Kathy Kapka	TL
Delisa Heard	TL
Leoma Hagan	TL
Toyia Urbaniak	TL
Gayle Robinson	TL
Elizabeth Minor	TL
Joan Andrews	ATL
Claudia Jackson	ATL
Sharron Wells	ATL
Jennifer Currey	ATL
Katinka Aldridge	ATL
Carol Younger	ATL
Kathy Melton	AD
Sandy Collins	AMD