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Men's Walk # 70 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer October 2-5, 2014 James Cox

## Women's Walk # 71 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer October 9-12 Lanett Moser

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

## A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. – Luke 24: 15

Walks 70 and 71 are upon us. Team meetings have been underway for several weeks, and both Lay Directors have been working hard preparing for the upcoming Walks. Keep the team members, sponsors and any Pilgrims that may be considering going on a walk in your prayers. The walks are filling up but keep in mind whom you know and who you think may be interested in going on an Emmaus Walk. Sponsorship of a Pilgrim is a discipleship and it is very rewarding for the sponsor. It is also a way to strengthen your faith and other's faith. (1-Corinthians 13: 7) "Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping and never gives up." Think very seriously about sponsoring a Pilgrim this year or in the future.

# Who should go on a Walk to Emmaus?

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who: \*Are members of a local church \*Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives \*May have unanswered guestions about their faith \*Understands that being a Christian involves responsibility and

\*Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner.

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's Grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The goal of the Emmaus weekend is that each Pilgrim returns to their community and continually blesses God in their own church; by continually spreading the news of God's Grace and Love; and by eventually giving this gift to a friend. Decolores, Mac Young **Community Lay Director** 

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October – Fall Walks in Gilmer October 4 October 11 November 15<sup>th</sup> – Lane's Chapel December - TBA

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## GRACE BOARD NOMINEES FOR 2015-2018

GEORGE ASSAF – Mineola I attended GRACE Community Walk 7 in 1999 and have been a member of this community ever since. I live in Mineola with my wife Sonia. We have four children all of whom are still very expensive because they refuse to finish their college education. I have worked multiple Walks and probably held every position there is on both the inside and outside teams and have loved every walk I worked. I served GRACE community as a board member through 2011; where other board members frowned upon some unconventional views which I debated. I am honored to be asked again to serve on the board, although it would be my preference to see new members serving who can bring new blood and new thoughts and approaches to our struggling community.

Hello, my name is **David Bagley**. I attended Grace Emmaus walk 66 at Camp Gilmont in the fall of 2013. I sat at the table of Luke, and my family and I worship and serve at White Oak Community Church in White Oak, Texas. If I am fortunate enough to be elected, the GRACE board will have gained a Good and Faithful Servant.

James Cox - East Texas Walk 18, table of St. Matthew in October, 1995 and held at Garrison, Texas. My wife Vicki and I are members of Longview UMC. I am active in the WeHop for Jesus reunion group in Longview and have worked a lot of East Texas walks in outside and chapel team roles and even more GRACE walks, once the GRACE Community was formed. H served on the GRACE Board for a three-year term starting in 2001 in the Recording Secretary and External Agape Letter position. My personal preference would be for new fourth day to fill board positions and to rely on the three year term and rotating classes of board members to provide continuity, but do appreciate there may be advantages to also having longer-term perspectives.

Hello there. My name is Boni Demaree (walk 390, Latham Springs, table of Mary) and I am so blessed to be part of the GRACE Emmaus community. I attend Starrville Methodist church in Starrville, Texas. We have been members since 1993. Currently, I am secretary of the Board of Stewards and have served as a board member in the past. I also attend Bible study Fellowship classes on Mondays and Cornerstone sponsored classes on Wednesday mornings. I served as town servant this past April for Emmaus walk 398, Latham Springs Community as well as our daughter, Allie Fallwall. We are the parents of 3 daughters and 2 sons and have one grandson. All of our children are grown and on their own allowing us time to volunteer. I look forward to meeting you and serving the community. Peace of the Lord be with you. DeColores.

Hi, my name is **Talia Epps**. I went on walk 53 at Disciples Crossing and I sat at the table of Ruth. My husband and I worship at Whitehouse First Baptist Church. I come from a great family and went to grade school in Whitehouse. Unfortunately, I was very lost most of my life. I was separated from my family at age 13 due to my misbehavior. That lead me to a rough road ahead drugs, alcohol, parties and boys became my life. I married at 18 to get away from an abusive home and I joined the Navy. My first marriage did not last more than a year. I spent 5 years in the service after 9-11 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Once I had received an honorable discharge from the Navy, I went right back to my old lifestyle. I was homeless and in a very dark place when I finally

accepted Jesus into my heart. That was in 2008. Shortly after that I was baptized which began my new life with Christ. Since then, God has put together the broken pieces of my family relationships. I went to nursing school and now work as an LVN at ETMC in Tyler. I met my husband and we have been happily married for little over a year. My walk to Emmaus gave me a more intimate relationship with God. I believe in what the walk does for people. Even the ones who don't think they need it (like me). It would be an honor to serve the community. I appreciate the opportunity.

My name is Jerri Lykins. My walk was GRACE #37 at Disciples Crossing in Athens, Texas. My husband, Loren and I worship at First United Methodist Church Jacksonville, Texas with our two daughters. I have been part of the music team on 7 walks, working with various team members. Within the past two years, I have also become involved in Kairos and have worked 3 walks - also being on the music team. Loren and I have a very musical family and I always say I am the least talented of the bunch! While that is true, I have learned that a strong musical talent is not necessarily the most important attribute for being on a music team. Enthusiasm, flexibility, a willingness to work with others, being "somewhat musical: and having a heart for God are, I believe, more important attributes. I try to exhibit those traits in every walk I work and in my life in general. I remember how special my walk was to me and I enjoy being a part of that experience for other pilgrims; be it working on a tem or holding a candle and singing Jesus, Jesus as we welcome them into the body

of Christ. I would be honored to serve on the GRACE Emmaus board.

Hello, I'm Dan Matthews. I went on my walk in 1998 at Mount Wesley Conference Center in Kerrville, t Texas and sat at the table of St. Stephen. I am a member and worship at Grace UMC in Palestine, Texas where I serve as the Lay Leader. I am retired from the USPS after 35 years of federal service. My wife, O.Y. and I have three children and 5 grandchildren. We spend most of our time doing volunteer and church work. I have served on the board at GRACE in the past, for 4 years, as I was the Community Lay Director in 2010. I firmly feel that new community members and members that have never been board members need to fill the roles as board members, to fulfill the model and intent of The Walk to Emmaus in Spiritual Leadership Training. I will. However, serve again if it is the desire of the Community.

My name is Lyle Potter. I attended Emmaus Walk #64 at Disciples Crossing and sat at the table of St. Matthew. It was an awesome experience that has definitely impacted my closeness to God. I am a member of Lakeview Baptist Church in Ore City, Texas. I volunteer as the music leader there and I am not a professional but love to sing, although I am off key if I am not careful.

My name is **Brett Walker**. I attended GRACE Walk 66 at Camp Gilmont, sat at the table of Sr. Luke, and I am a member of FUMC Longview. I have been asked to put my name in the hat for the upcoming election of board members for the GRACE community. Though I don't feel qualified, I will serve graciously if elected. I commit to the community that if elected, I will represent all members and churches in the GRACE area. Further, I will commit that I will do everything possible to ensure that our community follows the bylaws of the Upper Room Emmaus organization in all that we do. Be area that I am not a "yes man" and if that is what you want on the board it would be best not to vote for me.

Hi, my name is Jan Watters. I attended Houston North Emmaus Community Walk 29 in August of 2005 held at Kick-A-Poo ranch. Since becoming a fourth day member, I have a strong desire to serve the Emmaus community. I have had the pleasure of serving the Emmaus Community in several ways: in 2006 - ATL in the Houston North community, 2007 as a day servant- serving agape in the Houston North community, 2008 - as a TL in the Houston North Community, in 2014 I am serving on the outside team in the GRACE community. I enjoy working on craft projects which has led to providing various agape for several walks since 2005. Additionally, I have designed inspirational scenes for placemats which I hand color and provide several sets for walks. I also volunteer at First UMC, Longview, **Texas and Longview Regional** Hospital.

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Don't forget that we welcome any news articles from the community. Please submit them by the first of each month for publication in the upcoming newsletter. johnston karol@yahoo.com





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The prayer vigils are posted for the upcoming Walks. You can access them here:

Men's Walk #70 02-05 October 2014: http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVi gil.phtml?pvid=9587&commid=76 <u>8</u>

Women's Walk #71 09-12 October 2014: http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVi gil.phtml?pvid=9588&commid=76 8

## AGAPE NEEDED

Pilgrims only – 36 Conference Room tables – 48 Entire Team - 72

It is also very helpful if you indicate the number of agape gifts you have made so that the servant team doesn't have to count them to know where they can best be placed.

Grace and peace to you all! De Colores! Carol DeRieux

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Cox, James – LD Buchanan, Jim – ALD Bewley, Mark – ALD Young, Mac – ALD Bagley, David – TL Walker, Brett – TL

Walling, Mac - TL Johnston, Mike – TL Bosley, Lane – TL Carroll, Bruce - TL Wray Boyd - ATL Terry Edwards - ATL Steve Morton - ATL Ed Cozart - ATL Chuck Reed – ATL John Crow - ATL Snow Bush - Music Gil Maroney - Outside Team Shawn Heatherly -Chapel Team Herb Marlow -Spiritual Director John Whitehurst - ASD Mike Cline – ASD Jarrett Majors - ASD Tommy Burton - ASD Jay Edwards - Board Rep Pat Moser - AV

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LD – Lanett Moser ALD - Babby Carroll ALD – Allison Campbell ALD – Janis Johns TL – Sandy Collins TL – Diane Smith TL – Diane Frachiseur TL – Julia Alexander TL – Rhydonia Clem TL – Lisa Palomaria ATL – Tiffany Clendening ATL – Jeanne Hanssen ATL - Dawn Woods ATL – Barbara Richards ATL – Hughlene DeBerry ATL – Debbie Bewley Music – Stacey Boyer Outside Team Leader – Talia Groce Chapel Leader – Sherry Morgan Spiritual Director – Virginia Wall ASD – Debby Brown ASD – Beverly Tunes ASD – Amy Hodges ASD – Sara Barbaree Board Rep – Cindy Hooser AV – Robin Gillian

It's never too eaffLto begin to put aside your used Christian books for donation on the Walks! We have had such a great response to offering both new and gently used books. Thanks to each of you who have committed to providing those books you no longer need! If you would like to donate books for the upcoming walks, they can be given to any board member for transport to the walks in October. Thank you so much for continuing to support the pilgrims that God will be sending to us this fall.

ln Christ, Robin Gillian

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Do you want to work on a Walk? Go to the website and apply NOW. There are places for service on the outside team as well as conference room teams.

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CALLING ALL SPONSORS!! Please get those applications in for your pilgrims. Make sure all signatures are on the form and a deposit is sent with the application to hold a spot. An e-mail is needed as well.

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Disciple Crossing Walks for Spring of 2015 will be held:

Men: March 12-15 Burton Love

Women: March 19-22 Babby Carroll

The fall GRACE community Walks, number 70 (men, Oct 2-5) and 71 (women, Oct 9-12) are almost upon us. Pilgrims are being sponsored from all across the GRACE community, with applications arriving regularly. As of the time of writing this article there are 24 men and 33 women registered.

A couple of reminders for sponsors: please ensure that on applications mailed in that all of the necessary signatures (PILGRIM, PASTOR, and SPONSOR) are on the application, along with the name and city of the regularly attended church.

Also, while it is at the prayerful discretion of the sponsor to suggest a Walk experience to someone, remember, this experience is geared toward the individual who is active in church life and ready for the next challenging step of their journey with Christ. The Emmaus sponsorship manual is very clear that a Walk is not for the unchurched or "church-hopper", and is not meant to be approached by the sponsor as an attempt at conversion for a particular individual. By definition, the Walk is provided as a renewal weekend, with all of the talks and activities geared in that direction.

With that being said, I'm looking forward to meeting sponsors and pilgrims at the registration table for each Walk. De Colores! Jim Buchanan, Sponsorship Betty Buchanan, Registrar

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Did you know there are opportunities to pray for other Emmaus walks in the USA? Check and pray for them as well.

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Team Applications are currently being accepted for the Spring, 2015 Walks. The GRACE Board will recommend members for service around the 1st part of November, 2014. If you are interested in working ANY position on a Walk, please complete a Team Application online at www.graceemmaus.com .....If you have difficulty completing the form, (ie. won't send, locks up, etc.), please feel free to email your information.

Women's Walk TEAM Applicants may send to my email address bcarroll259@yahoo.com

Men's Walk TEAM Applicants may be sent to Burton Love at burtonylove@gmail.com ...

Please be certain to send us the following information:

#### \*Name

\*Walk YOU attended \*Your Church Home, Pastor \*Walk(s) YOU have worked including position(s) \*Position YOU are interested in working on Spring Walk \*Best phone number to contact you \*Best email address to contact you (if different from sending address)

Both Spring Walks will be held at Disciples Crossing Camp, Athens, TX.

Men's Walk #72 – March 12-15, 2015 Women's Walk #73 – March 19-22, 2015

As you know, each Team Member must commit to attend the 4 Team Meetings which will be as follows:

Saturday, January 10, 2015 – Pleasant Retreat UMC, Tyler Saturday, January 24, 2015 – Lindale UMC, Lindale Saturday, February 7, 2015 – Van UMC, Van Saturday, February 21, 2015 – Fairwood UMC, Tyler Please prayerfully consider how God would have you serve. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Ever His, Babby Carroll (903) 424-1641

The Walk to Emmaus - Journey to Eternity

Our lives are so busy It's hard to sit still. How will we get it all done And have enough to pay that last bill. This world is trying hard to drag us all down To keep us worried about every lil' thing Rather than kneeling on holy ground.

Out of the blue, a friend asks us to go on a 3 day retreat where the pace will be slow. The scenery will be lovely The worship so grand Where you will learn to walk with Jesus You will learn to hold His hand.

Upon arrival you meet new faces You're nervous, expectant, as you take your places. And then of all things you're asked to be quiet, Good grief, a stray thought enters, what's next, a diet????

As you retire for the evening, alone with your thoughts The Holy Spirit shows up with His love just as He ought. He does the Fathers bidding as does the Son with Jesus in your heart you receive all 3 in One!

After breakfast and chapel, a new day will begin A journey, a walk, to peace from within. As you listen and learn, play and break out You hear His voice calling, no reason to doubt.

As the days fly by you begin to wonder How can I keep hold of the joy filling my heart? The answer is easy but you must do your part, Talk to Him, Praise Him, Seek Him, Be still in Him And the Walk to Emmaus will be an eternal journey among friends Where heaven and hearts beat as one And the Light of His love shines without end.

> Babby Carroll NET Walk #59, 2002

#### 2014 BOARD MEMBERS

## Lay Director:

Mac Young

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## Assistant Lay Director: Mark Bewley

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## Assistant Spiritual Director: Richard Luna

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### Secretary:

Karol Johnston Cell: 903-521-0236

#### Treasurer:

David McPherson Home: 903-316-4272

## Music Coordinator: Mac Walling Work: 903-885-9803

#### **COMMITTEES**

(Board Member is chair of designated committee)

Agape (gift – banquet afterglow): <u>Carol Derieux</u> 903-445-0295

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Babe Chick Training: Bubba DeBerry Cell: 903-256-7080

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Non- Board (no restriction) Positions

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Ex-Officio: Cindy Hooser

## **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

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:	

#### **BANK INFORMATION**

I (We) hereby authorize GRACE Emmaus to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below. The amount will be charged monthly. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until GRACE Emmaus receives written notification of its termination.

Monthly gift amount \$

Date	Signature				
Fill out information below or attach voided check					
Depository Name	City	State	Zip		
Account #	Transit/ABA #				