

Grace For Today

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[Upcoming Gatherings](#)

Winterfield UMC Longview

12:00

Men's & Women's Walks

Candle light

Oct. 1st and 8th

7:00 PM

Karol's Korner

As summer ends and a new school year approaches, changes occur. Parents think about new schedules, teens are ready to get back with peers, young children are excited to go and meet their new teacher, and college students are moving into dorms/apartments. Some parents are experiencing the "empty nest" syndrome while others aren't. You may or may not be in one of these groups. Some are in the midst of this --- as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, etc.

New beginningsthink back to your walk. We do not look back, stay floating where we are, but we should be moving forward. Depending on when you took you walk, you may have "forgotten" or had a "backslide" from the high you had on your walk and first fourth days. Some "newbies" may still be floating. No matter where you are, one can always have a fresh start --- a new beginning.

The fall walks at Camp Gilmont will begin at the end of September and first of October. Please be in prayer for the team members as they have already been meeting and for the pilgrims known and still unknown at this point. God knows who will be on the walk and we will trust in Him. It will be a time of new beginnings for many pilgrims and let us lift them up daily now and in the future that we as a community can meet their needs.

Food for thought:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

" Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will

be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

DeColores,
Karol Johnston
Community Lay Director

There is a new opportunity to serve in our community as part of an outside team outreach. We are "manning" the gate as a form of security as suggested by evaluations from our spring walks. If you are interested in assisting by sitting at the entrance of the camp at the "Y" for a couple of hours any time during the men's or women's walks, please let me know. No one has signed to assist with the women's walk and I have a few people assisting with the men's walk. This will be an easy way to pray for the walk, pilgrims, and team as the weekend progresses. A great "quiet time" with God. If you live near Gilmer, it would be a short drive to be able to serve. We need YOU!

Contact: Karol Johnston at: johnston_karol@yahoo.com if interested in serving for a few hours.

Food for Thought

Wow, were did the summer go? This summer I had the blessing of going to Colorado twice. The first time was for my uncle's memorial service. The cemetery that he is in is set so that you are looking up to the Rocky Mountains that he loved.

The section that he is buried in is called the garden of knowledge. This is so appropriate because, he was a Physicist, a man of science.

The Psalm that was read was The 121st that says: I lift up my eyes to the mountains --

where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Even though he discovered my things about the physical world, He know that it was God who created It.

The second time we went, we went hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park. The mountains look so strong but you have to watch where you step because the rocks can shift. Aren't you glad that we stand on the Rock that is Jesus Christ, a rock that is solid and will not move.

While we were on the peak, I had one of those sacred moment that we learned about in the Means of Grace talk. Standing on that peak and looking at God's creation is breath taking and I feel somehow closer to Him.

I hope you had a great summer and are ready for the fall walks.

Lisa Palomaria
CAEW # 45
Table of Ruth

Music News:

My name is Mac Walling. I went on GRACE Walk 60, sat at the Table of Matthew, and play drums in the Praise Band at Crossroads Church in Canton. Since 2013, I've been on the GRACE Emmaus Board and serve as the director for Music. I've been on the Music Team on four Walks and played at most **Candlelight's**, Closings, and Gatherings since then. I'm also in charge of the music trailer with all the equipment the music team needs to support a Walk. I bring the music trailer to the

Walk early Thursday afternoon, unload and set up the equipment. This includes amplifiers, mixers, speakers, microphones, stands, and cords for the dining room and chapel. Last year, GRACE community purchased a nice Yamaha keyboard to use at Gatherings and Walks. Unfortunately, the music trailer has had some water leaks and other issues. These will be resolved by the Fall Walk. The Music Team has also had to borrow sound equipment mentioned above from Camp Gilmont and Disciples Crossing. Through the EMMAUS Board, I appealed to the Community for about \$1,000.00 to purchase a new mixer for the dining room, microphones, etc. so that we would be basically independent of the camps (we still use their sound equipment in the conference room). The Community has stepped forward and God has answered prayers. In addition to the offerings from the Gatherings, many people have made individual contributions or donated pieces of the equipment. On behalf of the Board and Music Team, Thank You. Please contact me for further information about the Music Team, playing at the Gatherings, etc. We're always looking for new talent to help make Disciples for Christ. Please call at [903 885 9803](tel:9038859803) if I can be of any help. DeColores!

Agape Dinner/Christ Banquet

Please consider being a female escort/server for the Men's Agape dinner on **Saturday, October 1, 2016** or male escort/server for the Women's Walk on **Saturday, October 8, 2016**. If planning to do so, please let me know in advance (if possible), arrive at Camp Gilmont at 4 pm for

set up, change into white shirt & black pants (or come dressed in black & white), & accept a brief training on what to do at the **5:30 Agape Dinner/Christ Banquet**. You are blessing the Pilgrims with your gifts of love & service, however, we all know that we receive so much more.

DeColores,

P.a.m. Martin

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SPONSORSHIP

Peace and greetings to all. We are now within 30 days of the fall GRACE Walks. For those of you who have been led to be a sponsor this is an exciting time. In the excitement, don't forget to continue praying for not only your pilgrim, but for the team and the Walk itself.

If you are a new sponsor, or haven't done it for a while, please remember to follow the guidelines given in the pamphlet, "SPONSORSHIP", or those found in the handout given to you at your Babe Chick meeting/training. If you don't have, or can't find the previously mentioned references, don't be bashful about asking questions, particularly of your sponsor or others you may know who have been a sponsor. Should you still have questions about sponsorship you can contact me through the email address found at the end of the newsletter.

A couple of quick reminders

About pilgrim considerations. Potential pilgrims need to be active in their home church and searching for a deeper

relationship with Jesus Christ. Remember, the purpose of a walk is to strengthen leadership in the local church. Someone who is a new believer, habitually hops from church to church, is going through a personal crisis, or may be a believer who is not in regular church attendance is not a candidate to take an Emmaus walk. While there are many changes that result from a walk, the walk is not intended as a conversion or healing experience. Don't forget to have the required 3 signatures on the mail-in application (sponsor, pilgrim, and pastor), and to include at least \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. If you submit the online application be sure to follow it up immediately with the same \$50.00 deposit, sent by snail mail (an email to the registrar about the deposit being sent is most helpful),

Prayers to all for a good sponsorship experience.

De Colores,

Jim Buchanan

Community Sponsorship Chair.

Agape Gifts

Agape Gifts are meant to draw us closer to Jesus and make our hearts smile with His love. Agape gifts are provided by 4th Day members of the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community --- members just like YOU!

If you think you can't do anything creative, think again! Check out the ideas that can be found on the North Indiana Emmaus Community's website at <https://www.niemmaus.com/>

[agape/](#) some great ideas can be found here.

Now is the time for the making of Agape Gifts for our upcoming GRACE EMMAUS Walks #78 & #79 on Sept. 29 -October 2, 201& October 6-9, 2016.

Please remember these two numbers: 48 & 72! If you are providing Agape for Pilgrims, Table Leaders & Assistant Table Leaders Only, the number is 48.

If you are providing for the Pilgrims & the whole team, the number is 72!!

If you need someone to take these Agape Gifts to either of the walks, just let me know.

Pam Martin

Agape Gifts Board Rep.

[903/520-3975](tel:9035203975)

BOARD NOMINEES

Listed below are the Community members running for election to the Board for 2017-2019. Please use the voting ballot found on page ____ of this newsletter and select 5 nominees. There will also be a ballot box (and additional ballots) at the Candlelight Gatherings on October 1st and 8th. If you cannot attend the Gatherings, please mail to:

**Tyler Emmaus GRACE
Community**

P.O. Box 132212

Tyler, TX 75713-2212

LISA BREWER

My name is Lisa Brewer. I did my walk in November of 2014 in

Lueders, TX @ Cross Country Emmaus; I sat@ the table of Martha.

Just an ordinary girl with a giant heart! I love people and I want to continue to grow in my faith and my walk with the Lord!! Helping wherever and whenever I can. At church I help in the kitchen, cleaning team, and with the kiddos!!! Love making and doing crafts, I also love the outdoors, designing, building, and growing whatever I think I want to try!!! This will be my 3rd walk to work on the inside team, my walk was a blessing but being able to work these walks has been an even bigger blessing!!!!

KEN DUESTERHOFT

I attended G.R.A.C.E Community Walk #72 at Disciple's Crossing in Athens, Texas in March of 2015. I sat at the table of St. Matthew. My wife and I attend the United Methodist Church of Frankston. Currently I serve as the Lay Leader, a member of Vibrant Church Initiative (VCI), and as the audio/visual technician. For the past three years I have attended the Texas Annual Conference as a voting district delegate. In the past I have served as chairperson of the Administrative Church Council, SPPRC, and Stewardship Committee. I have also been a member of the Committee on Lay Leadership and the local Board of Trustees. I was also a Sunday School teacher and Scout Master. I worked G.R.A.C.E Community Walk #76 at Disciple's Crossing in Athens, Texas in March of 2016 as an Assistant Table Leader. I have been asked to be a Table Leader at the Walk this October. I ended my career in education just over a year ago when I retired as a school counselor of a maximum security state prison.

JESSICA FAIN

My name is Jessica Fain. I went on GRACE Emmaus Walk #57 at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX. I sat at the table of Naomi. I worship at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, TX. I am a K-5 general music teacher and am about to begin my 8th year at Troup Elementary School. I have worked 2 walks at Camp Gilmont on the outside team and 1 as an ATL. The incredible experience I had as a pilgrim has in many ways been exceeded by the joy and privilege of being of being a part of the Emmaus teams. It was very humbling to be asked if I would be willing to serve on the board and, if elected, I will do so with a full and willing heart.

WYNN HARLE

My name is Wynn Harle. I attended Dallas Community Walk #250 at Mt. Lebanon in November, 2013. I sat at the table of Mary. I worship and serve at First United Methodist Church in Mineola. Emmaus and the GRACE community especially, have enriched my faith journey beyond measure. I have been blessed to work on outside teams, as an assistant table leader and as a table leader. The opportunity to serve on the board of GRACE community would allow me to give back to that which has given me so much.

STEVE MORTON

My name is Steve Morton, I attended GRACE Walk # 68; spring of 2014; @ disciples Crossing, sat at the table of St. Luke. My wife and I attend Summit UMC in Marshall. I have served on the following Teams: Fall of 2014, Asst. Table Leader--Spring 2015, Table Leader- Talk on Discipleship--Fall 2015, Table Leader- Talk on Christian Action--Spring 2016, Table Leader-Christian Action--Fall 2016, ALD-Christian Action. My wife attended

Walk #69 @ Disciples crossing. Together we started our reunion Group(s) at the leadership of our sponsor: Tom Haygood. I have served at Summit in the church choir, as a member and head of the pastor-parish relations board, trustees, lay leader, and finance committee.

GARRY MOUNT

Hi my name is Garry Mount. I went on GRACE Walk # 1, May of 1998 at the Timberline Baptist Church Camp around Lindale and sat at the table of St Matthew. My wife Cathy and I worship at St Luke United Methodist Church in Kilgore, Texas. My first walk to work was Grace # 12 on the outside team. I have been an assistant table leader, Table leader, ALD and blessed to be Lay director of GRACE Walk # 30. I have been on the GRACE Board one term many years ago. Since being Lay director, I have lost count of how many outside teams I have served on. It is such a blessing to be able to serve our Lord, the pilgrims, team and our community. It would be an honor to serve Christ and the community on the GRACE Emmaus board again.

HANK RESLER

My name is Hank Resler. I attended Grace Emma's Walk #74 at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer, Texas. I sat at the table of St. Mark. My wife Laura and I attend and serve at the Bullard FUMC. My participation in the Grace Emmaus Community includes being on the Chapel Team for Walk #76, sponsoring a pilgrim for Walk #77 and I will be an Assistant Table Leader for Walk #78. My Table Leader Steve Morton's talk on Christian Action inspired me to talk with my pastor about meeting need in our community and addressing it. He made me Chairman of a brand new Mission Outreach Committee started to help people and provide a means for service for church members. I want the Grace

Community to know that my enthusiasm for all that we do makes up for my lack of experience. My 34 years of teaching are a real asset to the work we do. The Walks are probably the most powerful Christian experience in most pilgrims' lives. I will do all I can to make sure the Walks will be available in the future.

JAN WATTERS

I attended Houston Emmaus #29. I had the opportunity to work Saturday Night on Men's Walk #66 and the great pleasure to work on the outside team Women's Walk #71, I was asked to be a Table Leader for Walk #73. I now have the great opportunity to work on the Chapel Team for Walk #79. It will be my pleasure to serve on the Grace Emmaus Board of Directors.

(Ballot on Page 5)

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE CLOSING CEREMONY MICHAEL UNIT KAIROS WEEKEND #49 SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2016 1:15 PM

**Dear G.R.A.C.E. Friends and
Fellow Volunteers-in-
Christ:**

We are excited to announce that our next Kairos Weekend at the Michael Unit **Kairos No. 49** will be conducted **October 13 through October 16, 2016**. All of the Kairos No. 49 team members are excited to see what God has decided to do in the lives of the 42 participants attending the weekend. **The Closing Ceremony** will be held on **Sunday October 16** with a gate time of **1:15PM**. We have a 4th day speaker that

God has chosen for this event who is prayerfully assembling his message for us and I can assure you that you will be blessed. Participants will be invited to share their experience with a 2-minute testimony that I know will confirm to you just how great is our God!!

This invitation to attend is open to all who are at least 18 years of age and do not have a family member incarcerated in the Michael Unit. Women are allowed and encouraged to attend, be assured you will find many women attending the closing. When you think that over the span of **49** Kairos', ALMOST 25 YEARS, more than **2,000** men have encountered their God in a most meaningful way, it humbles and strengthens the entire Christian community. I know by attending this closing you will truly see the Spirit of God being born anew in the hearts of 42 men.

The Kairos No. 49 Team, under the Godly leadership of Wayne Edson of Dallas, a dear Tres Dias Brother, has been assembled, the plans are in place, the Team Meetings and agape preparation have commenced and our hearts are engaged. Please consider attending the closing and experience a true life changing event for everyone involved including yourself!!

To register for the event, all you have to do is click on the following link, fill in your name, last four digits of your

driver's license and your email address. That's all there is to it!! You will automatically be enrolled and we will send to you a confirmation and detailed information about attending the closing around one week prior to the event. Should someone that you would like to invite as well does not have internet access, you can register them with your email address or simply provide the information to me and I will enter it for them.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkhhcC0QaecftkEpHgJFOuZBVGiqmD_1SXzWXuehwhprtRg/viewform?usp=send_form

Or for a much simpler link visit our website at www.michaelunit.org/closing.html

And click on the **closing link that says Click Here.**

FINAL DATE FOR APPLICATION TO ATTEND THE CLOSING IS OCTOBER 2nd, 2016.

The Michael Unit residents are anxiously awaiting your visit. If you have friends or relatives that are unsure whether they will be able to attend, please advise them to sign up now. **If they don't know that they can go until after October 2nd and have not signed up, it is too late.**

If they do sign up now and can't attend, there will not be a posse sent to find them. There is no charge to register

and we do not pass a collection plate!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I look forward to seeing you at the Michael Unit, Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2016.

Your Brother in Christ,

**Tom Perdue,
G.R.A.C.E. Walk No.1, Table
family of St. John
Kairos No. 49 Closing
Coordinator
Mobile: 903-571-3199**

Greater Rose Area Community of Emmaus
BOARD NOMINEES for the term 2017-2019

Please **CIRCLE** your **5** choices **clearly**

Nominees are listed Alphabetically

LISA BREWER

KEN DUESTERHOFT

JESSICA FAIN

WYNN HARLE

STEVE MORTON

GARRY MOUNT

HANK RESLER

JAN WATTERS

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Elizabeth Minor

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 15th 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 # _____

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