

Grace For Today

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Next Gathering

Thursday

September 14th

@ 7:00PM,

Swan/Wood

Springs UMC

Tyler

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Greetings GRACE Community,

I hope that everyone is having a great summer and that you are finding a cool place to stay out of the heat! I just want to remind you all about our upcoming Walks #38 and #39 on October 5-8 and 12-15 at Camp Gilmont. We still have some room on both Walks, so get your applications in early. I know you are all in prayer about who God would like for you to sponsor for an Emmaus Walk. Remember, your duty as a sponsor is a major responsibility and not to be taken lightly! One of the major blessings of an Emmaus Walk is the commitment on the part of the sponsor to see that the pilgrim fully understands all that Emmaus is and then works to involve them in future Emmaus events, as well as helping them find a reunion group and a place of service in their church. Thanks for your continued support and prayer in allowing God to use you to strengthen His church through the Emmaus experience.

Another item which may be of interest is that your Board has approved the setting up of an account, with the help of Brian McCabe, to allow anyone who wants to, to make monthly contributions via an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) just like many of you use to pay your bills directly out of your checking account. There will

be forms in this issue and also at upcoming Gatherings for you to sign up if you are interested in contributing to GRACE Emmaus to help us keep down the cost of future Walks. We have spent the past few months analyzing the per person cost of putting on a Walk and have discovered that we have not been charging enough to break even, so beginning in the Spring of 2007, Walks will be raised to \$150. This will be the first increase in quite a while, but we felt it was necessary as our funds have been stretched pretty thin in recent months. Thank you for your understanding. Don't forget, GRACE Emmaus is a non-profit organization, so your contributions are tax deductible!

Finally, our **September Gathering** will be held at **Swan/Wood Springs United Methodist Church** on 69 north across from Tyler Pipe on **September 14 at 7:00 p.m.** and the **October Gatherings** will be the Candlelights on **Saturday October 7 and 14 at Camp Gilmont**. I know you will want to mark these dates on your calendar and make every effort to be there.

Thanks for your continued prayerful support of GRACE Emmaus!

Yours in Christ,

Bob Meyers

GRACE Community Lay Director 2006

G.R.A.C.E. Men's Walk No. 38

Just as my children, I ask, "where has the summer gone?" It certainly has passed all too quickly and now the October walk is only a month away. As we prepare our hearts and talks, we rekindle that Emmaus experience which stays in our hearts forever. We remind ourselves that God talks to us not only through prayer but through each other and the miracles of creation.

Our wish for the pilgrims is that they see God and draw closer to him. And that they learn to recognize him in the beauty of a dawn, the laughter of a friend, the smile of a stranger and the wisdom of the Bible. As we reminisce about our Emmaus experience, we always remember those who God used to reach us and change us. It may have been a talk, a roommate, a tablemate or a servant. It may have been all of the above.

The Emmaus weekend allows you to put on "God's" glasses to see him more clearly. Our wish is that the pilgrims become "four eyed" forever! The Men's walk team is:

Brian McCabe
Ted Weaver
Radford Tarry
Harold Starkey
Tom Haygood
Ricky Tate
Jeff Hastings
Doug Walker
Jarratt Major
Paul Weskamp
Dan Mathews
Brent Hooser
James Cox
Mike Minor
Jimmy McGonagill
Chuck Reed

Allan Whitney
Leo Bradshaw
Joe Tew
Dwayne Miley
Greg Ensey
Pat Eubanks
Garry Mount
Andy Scott
Jerry Bach
Bill Durr

Brian McCabe
LD Walk 38

Greetings G.R.A.C.E.!

Women's Walk #39 is underway. The team is formed, and will certainly be the best team ever, to work the best walk ever. It has been so much fun putting this team together, assigning talks, and preparing meetings. I have to tell you that God and I have really had a great time. Everyone on this team has been so positive, and energetic, and enthusiastic, and willing... and they have all demonstrated servant's hearts. Our first team meeting was incredible... you could see God knitting the group together.

We are preparing in all ways possible. We're studying our roles, and we're praying for one another, the pilgrims to come, and our community and churches. God tells us to do our work with joy, and this group has that nailed down! I can't wait to see them all in action with the Pilgrims. Listed below are the Team Members of Walk #39.

Spiritual Director	Stephanie Scott
Board Representative	Susan Stallings
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Asst. Lay Director	Carol Younger
Asst. Lay Director	Cheryl Papp
Asst. Spiritual Director	Patrick Papp
Asst. Spiritual Director	Carol Heath
Asst. Spiritual Director	Richard Luna
Table Leader	Becky Hanks
Table Leader	Debbie Hays
Table Leader	Kathy Kapka
Table Leader	Gail Meadows
Table Leader	Lee Anne Meyers
Table Leader	Donna Swenson
Asst. Table Leader	Carol DeRieux
Asst. Table Leader	Judy Hawn
Asst. Table Leader	Cindy Hooser
Asst. Table Leader	Heather Hays
Asst. Table Leader	Shirley Starkey
Asst. Table Leader	Rena Williams
Music Director	P.A.M. Martin
Music Team	Pam Weaver
Music Team	Sue Cross
Servant Team Leader	Leah Huffstetter
Servant Team	Fran Ayers
Servant Team	Heath Huffstetter
Servant Team	Gwen Jackson
Servant Team	Elizabeth Minor
Servant Team	Lisa Mize

Please remember to keep the upcoming walks in your daily prayers.
De Colores!
Melissa Urban
Lay Director



GRACE EMMAUS

The G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community wishes to continue to spread the life changing experience that a Emmaus weekend can deliver. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both pilgrims and team members? Our goal is to one day provide enough scholarships so that we can help those that cannot afford to go to be able to attend an Emmaus weekend.

We are asking you to consider donating \$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 day of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

DeColores

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City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address _____

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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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