

Grace for Today

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community Newsletter April 2026

Coming Events

Saturday, April 18th, Gathering at Life Source, Lindale TX, Potluck at noon, Service immediately after.

Saturday, May 16th, Work day at Camp Gilmont 8:00 am, Gathering and Lunch at 12:00 PM. Please bring a sack lunch.

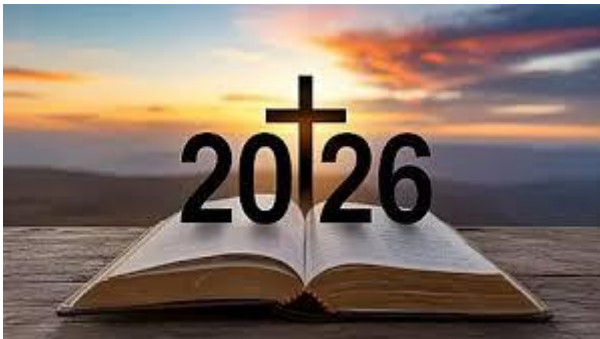
Saturday, June 20th, Gathering at Smith Chapel Mineola Tx, Potluck lunch at noon, Service immediately after.

Saturday, August 15th , Gathering at First Methodist Athens. Potluck at noon, service immediately after.



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Find More on the G.R.A.C.E. Website:

www.GRACEEmmaus.com

Welcome to Our New 4th Dayers

Men's Walk 112

Bradley Arledge
Randy Brock
Chris Bynum
Juan Carrasco
Daniel Cockerham
Justin Edwards
Heath Hays
Vernon Hernandez
Gordon Huyser
Christian Johnson
Jack King
Shannon Littlepage
Nash Miller
Kelvin Moore
Hunter Phillips
Collin Pickens
David Rogers
Frank Rowland
Joseph Sepulvado
Paul Shepard
Stephen Sullivan
Jai Taylor

Women's Walk 113

Andi Allen
Sarah Brooks
CC Courville
Rosie Davis
Cheryl Gaines
Connie Gentle
Deborah Howard
Fe Jennings
Peggy Juarez
Ann Loar
Nan Lomax
Libby Lowry
Louann Lucas
Wanda Maestas
Ali Manfrin
Charla McGaugh
Betty Odom
Inyamuwa Okwa
Josette Peterson
Tammy Powell
Juliann Rowland
Julie Spitzer
Chloe Tanley
Cynthia Treaster



Welcome to the "Fourth Day"

We would like to welcome our latest pilgrims from GRACE Emmaus Walks 112 and 113 to the Fourth Day. These men and women attended their first "gathering" March 28th at Marvin Methodist Church following their sessions for Babe-Chick/Sponsorship training and were treated to a fantastic luncheon that far exceeded anyone's appetite. We then gathered in the chapel for our service which included the traditional response from the 22 recent pilgrims to the two questions "What did the walk mean to you and what do you intend to do about it?" The eloquent and heart-felt responses served the community with a worship service exceeding any prepared message from our wonderful clergy.

The service concluded with communion. The GRACE Emmaus community wishes to thank Marvin Methodist Church for opening the beautiful facility for this gathering and remind everyone that the next monthly gathering will be held at Life Source Church in Lindale on April 18th with a pot-luck lunch beginning at noon. We pray for everyone's safe travel and look forward to our next gathering together.

DeColores
Rich Smith
Babe-Chick Coordinator



Are You Working on a Walk to Emmaus Weekend? Do You Want To?

The blessings that we all received on our Walk to Emmaus can be experienced again by being a member of one of the teams working the Walk. Anyone can serve on one of these teams: Conference Room, Chapel, and Outside. It would be helpful to complete a Team Application found on the G.R.A.C.E. website or by clicking the link below:

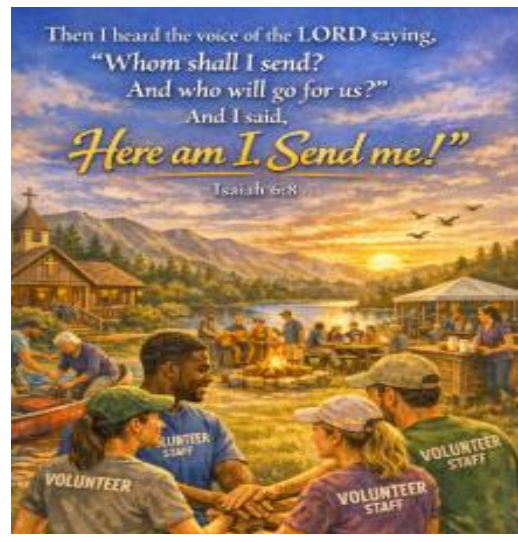
[Grace Emmaus - Team Application](#)

The cost of serving the three-day weekend is \$210, which covers nine meals and three nights lodging.

If someone serves only part of the weekend at the camp, you are asked to cover the costs of any meals and/or overnight stays while working. These costs can be provided by the Outside Team Leader at the Walk.

You only have one Walk as a pilgrim, but you can spend a lifetime as a servant of Christ, opening the eyes and hearts of others by showing His love. You won't regret it!

Betty Buchanan
Community Agape Dinner



Team Selection for Walks 114 and 115 is Soon!

The Fall Walks at Camp Gilmont are approaching quickly, and preparation has already begun! Team Selection will be mid-May, so it's time to get your application submitted. Please pray about being part of the Team for one or both Walks and then fill out a Team Application on our website.

- Men's Walk #114 is September 24 thru 27 and John Webb is the Lay Director.
- Women's Walk #115 is October 1 thru 4 and Donna Sustaire is the Lay Director.

These Walks will need Pilgrims! God knows each one of them, but we must be His hands and feet to facilitate the process. It is time to start praying about someone you could sponsor.

Community Lay Director's Corner

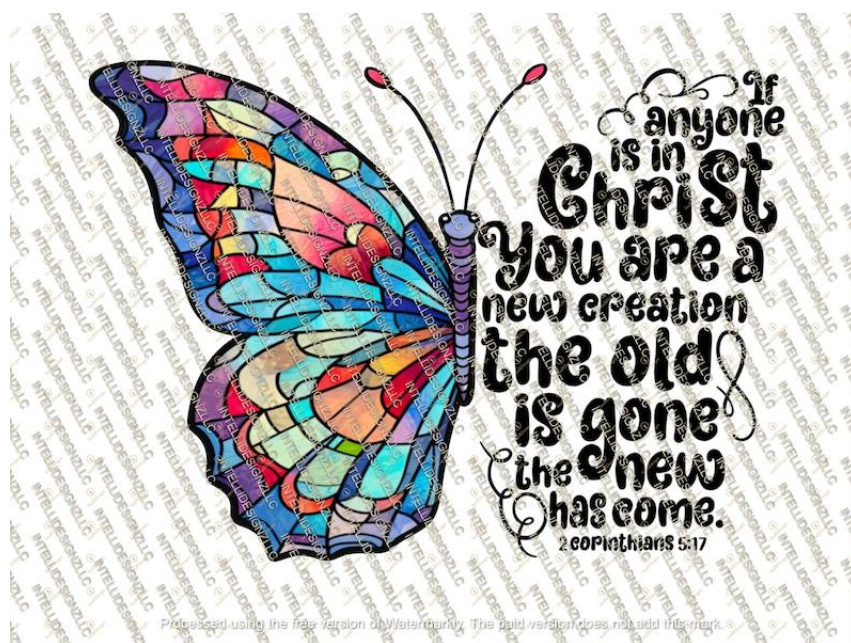
Dear Emmaus Family,

I am truly blessed to be your Emmaus Leader this year. I appreciate the opportunity so much! Again, we have had a very busy month at GRACE Emmaus community, beginning with Walks number 112 and 113. The Men's walk Lay Director was Todd Morgan and the Women's walk Lay Director was Rhonda Gorrell, The leaders performed their jobs well. The teams worked well together to make each walk a success.

Spring is here and nature is out in full force blooming and growing. I pray that these thoughts will fill your heart with Hope and new ideas. As we move into the month of May, we ask you to sign up for the fall walks, which will be led by Men's Walk Lay Director, John Webb, and Women's Walk Lay Director Donna Sustaire. Don't forget, the fall walks will be held at Camp Gilmont, in Gilmer Texas.

While you have some free time this summer, I encourage you to create and produce agape for the fall walks. Remember, when you sponsor someone, ask them what their favorite snack foods are, and bring some for your pilgrims to enjoy this fall.

Debbie Hays- Your GRACE (Greater Rose Are Community Emmaus) Community Lay Director



The Truth and the Light of the World-Jesus

April reminds us of the most powerful truth we know; that the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive. But resurrection isn't just something we celebrate one Sunday a year. It's something we are invited to live every single day.

On our Emmaus walk, many of us experienced a moment where everything felt clear, where Christ felt close, where grace felt real, and where our hearts were set on fire. But then we returned home... back to schedules, responsibilities, and real-life challenges.

The good news of Easter is that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is still at work in us. Resurrection means new beginnings. It means hope when things feel heavy. It means that no situation is beyond God's redeeming love.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. It wasn't until later, in the breaking of bread, that their eyes were opened. How often does that happen to us? Jesus walks beside us in our questions, our struggles, and even our disappointments, and we don't always see Him right away.

But He is there.

This April, let's be intentional about living resurrection lives:

- Choosing hope over fear
- Offering grace where it's hard
- Staying connected through reunion groups and community
- Looking for Jesus in the everyday moments

Because Emmaus didn't end on the weekend... and Easter didn't end at the cross. Christ is risen, and He is still walking with us.

De Colores.

Charlene Burton-GRACE Registrar

[Join a Global Emmaus Gathering!](#)



Emmaus Ministries will host our next [International Virtual Gathering via Zoom](#) on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Central Time (US and Canada).

We will gather as the global Emmaus Community to reflect on the theme of John 15:12:

“This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you.” (CEB)

The Gathering will bring together music from all over the world. You will also hear from Fourth Day witnesses, enjoy a mini-group reunion experience from diverse cultures, learn about special announcements within the Emmaus Ministries communities, and participate in a Spiritual Communion.

These International Gatherings are another level of the experience of Emmaus Ministries as we gather together with people from all over the world, connecting, worshiping, celebrating, sharing, and being renewed, as well as being invited to participate in Holy Communion together. You will come away in awe at what is happening all around the world in ways that you never imagine! God is truly in the midst of us as we are all a part of Emmaus Ministries! **This event is free event, however you are invited to register in order to attend.**

Register today, save the date, and help spread the word!

REGISTER TODAY by clicking the link below:

<https://upperroom.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1b5f1dafae8900da3ef72c04d&id=72dbaa2fc0&e=1a971c2dae>

Emmaus Ministries



Words for Reflection On Christian Friendship

Christian faith is, at its heart, relational.

From the earliest stories of Scripture, we encounter a God who walks with people, who calls friends by name, who gathers community not through power or proximity, but through love. Jesus does not invite disciples into a program or an institution first—he invites them into friendship. “I do not call you servants any longer... but I have called you friends.” (John 15:15) Christian friendship is more than kindness or shared belief. It is the holy practice of showing up for one another—across differences, across distances, across the many stories that shape who we are. It is rooted in mutual care, curiosity, listening, and the deep trust that God is already at work in each of us.

As I continue my journey with the Emmaus Communities, I find myself returning again and again to this hope: that I might come to know you—not just as members, pilgrims, or names connected to places around the world, but as friends in Christ.

I hope to learn your stories.

I hope to listen well.

I hope to celebrate what gives you joy and to hold space for what is heavy.

To be a friend in Christ is not to have all the answers. It is to walk together, to wonder together, and to trust that the Spirit meets us in relationship. Even when oceans separate us, friendship rooted in Christ has a way of collapsing distance—drawing us closer through prayer, shared hope, and love.

My prayer is that our global Emmaus community continues to be a place where friendship flourishes: where we are known and loved, challenged and encouraged, and reminded that none of us walks alone.

I look forward to getting to know you, and to discovering together what God is doing among us—through friendship, through community, and through grace.

With hope and gratitude,

Brittany Sky

Director of Emmaus Ministries

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The **G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community** wishes to continue to spread the life-changing experience that an Emmaus weekend can bring. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both Pilgrims and team members, or to the general fund of our community? We will happily accept donations of any amount and apply them to helping more Pilgrims strengthen their relationship with Christ!

There are multiple ways you can give:

1. You can give online via **our website** by visiting <https://www.graceemmaus.com/pages/donate> and using the giving form there:



2. You can give via direct ACH out of your bank account or mail us a check. To send in a check, or to begin a monthly ACH, either send the check or the information below to:

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