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Upcoming Gatherings

April 9

Kilgore – St. Luke’s UMC
4 – Baby Chick Meetings
5 – Potluck Dinner
6 – Worship

May 21

Orr City UMC @ 12:00

G.R.A.C.E. – Lay Director
Karol’s Korner

Easter – my favorite time of the year. Yes, I love celebrating His birth but without his death, where would we be? He Is Risen!! As the Easter celebrations subside – dramas, Holy Communion, Tenebrae services, egg hunts, Easter Sunday – take time to reflect. He died for you and me. What do you do for HIM?

Welcome to all fourth dayers, especially the pilgrims from walks 76 and 77. We hope you have marked your calendars for April 9th at 4:00 to be in Kilgore. Your sponsor should get you there for the meeting, dinner, and praise and worship. Be prepared to be blessed.

For those interested in working on a walk, now is the time to sign up. Team selection for the fall walks will be in May. Applications can be found on the website: graceemmaus.com. Make sure you complete the code at the bottom of the application to ensure that it is completed.

Begin praying for the fall walks. Is there someone that you would like to sponsor and that would benefit from attending a walk to further develop leadership skills? Pray. Pray. Pray....

At the last board meeting we heard great

reports from walks 76 and 77. As always there is room for improvement. A committee is being formed of past Lay Directors (seasoned and new) to further establish information for new LD’s as they prepare to lead their walk. If you are called to serve on this committee (men and women) – or if you have already been contacted, please plan to meet several times for this project.

As a board we sign a covenant each year to follow the Upper Rook guidelines and model. These will be reviewed as interviews continue for future Lay Directors.

As Community Lay Director, I welcome ideas from members. Please let me know your concerns or share successes of your reunion group. If you are new to our community I welcome ideas from you prior community. What are some things you did? Let me know at: karol_johnston@yahoo.com. Cook-offs? Themed dinners?

Each year the board faces decisions on walk costs. Can your reunion group make a donation to GRACE to help offset rising costs?? Bake sale, garage sale, fish fry, spaghetti dinner???? I am challenging each Reunion Group to raise at least \$50.00 between now and September 1, 2016. This money will help offset costs of walks for the pilgrims so they will not have to pay more to attend a

walk.

The music team has a wish list for equipment used each year. The team provides their own/or their churches equipment. They would like these items: music stands, microphone stands, microphones, cables and an amplifier. If you are moved to assist in the purchase of these things, please place a note on your check memo: GRACE music. If you have these items stored away that are no longer used, we

Whew! I know I've shared a great deal of information but the board is working to improve our outreach to the community.

See you April 9th.

DeColores,
Karol Johnston
Community Lay Director

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Gal 5: 22-23

One part of the Fruit of the Spirit is Goodness. Did you know that the Greek word for Goodness is *Agathosune*, which is character energized, expressing itself in... Benevolence, and active good. During the walk to Emmaus we are taught that one of the legs needed to live a life in grace is Christian Action, or doing good. So let the Holy Spirit direct you to show your goodness.
DeColores
(From Beth Moore "living beyond yourself")

Reunion Groups

Reunion Groups are such an important part of being able to preserve in all of your 4th days. We would like to have a record of all the reunion groups associated with the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community. Please have one member of your group email your groups name, where and when you meet, how often you meet.

Lisa Palomaria
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From the Desk of the GRACE Registrar

Here are some lessons learned from Walks 76/ 77.

A. The application process for team members, outside and inside works as follows: Visit the web site and submit an application to be a part of a team. It is best to submit your application shortly after the most recent Walk. Note that team selection is going to be done in early May for Walks 78/ 79. After you have been contacted by the Walk Director or the Outside Team Leader requesting that you serve on the team, you will be asked to submit your team fee to the Board Representative assigned to the Walk. The Outside Team Leader will make sure that the outside team members pay the full fee if they are working the full weekend or pay any partial fees for part time service. Sending team applications or fees to the Registrar will delay receipt of the information by the appropriate people.

B. It would be very helpful to have the pilgrim's e-mail address on on-line submitted applications. There is currently no space for this

information on the on line submitted form. Until the form can be changed, there may be room to include this information in the "name tag" block. In addition, please note the small print at the top of the form asking for submission of the \$50 deposit which is sent separately. Of course the full walk fee is great too.

C. We know that everyone is in a hurry to get their friends and neighbors signed up for a walk. However, it would help a lot if we could emphasize the need to print the information on the form carefully.

We look forward to continuing to serve the GRACE Community. In the final analysis, we will take whatever information you submit and do the best we can to make it work.

DeColores

Burton and Martel Love

Help

We are need of help. Several years ago we lost most of our 4th day information. We are in the process of rebuilding our data base. Please send me a quick email with your name, walk #, address, best phone number, email address, reunion group, church, and all of the team positions you have held, both inside and out. This will not only help us keep in touch, it will also help us in team selection.

Thanks in Advance,
Lisa Palomaria
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Team Selection Update

We have already started receiving applications for the Fall Walk Teams. If you are interested in serving on a Team, please submit an application. The easiest way to complete an application is to go online to our website,

graceemmaus.com, go to the "Application" pull down tab, select "Team Application" and then fill it out. A hint in completing it is to never use the "Enter" key on your keyboard. If you use either the "Tab" key or the mouse to move between fields, it works well. If you happen to push the "Enter" key, it will probably kick you out and you will have to start over. When it is complete, answer the Security Question and click on the "Submit Form" button.

If it goes through, you will get a new window with lots of garbage at the top, but you will see the word "true" somewhere in the string of language. You will also get an email confirming your submission. If you see the word "false" in the string, it did not go through, and you will not receive a confirmation email.

The alternate method is to print the app, complete it, and mail it to me.

If you have never worked on a Walk Team, please consider doing so. You will receive a special blessing for your efforts. Our Community needs your participation. If you have worked on teams in the past and would like to serve this Fall, please submit an application again for one of the Fall Teams.

The Team Selection Committee will be meeting on May 19 to make the final selections for each team, so get those apps in right away!

DeColores,

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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 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 _____

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