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Next

Gathering

April 14th

@ 7:00 pm,

Pollard UMC,

Tyler

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Dear **G.R.A.C.E.**
Community,

WHAT A TERRIFIC WOMEN'S WALK!

Disciples Crossing provided a wonderful setting for the 35 pilgrims who walked to Emmaus a few weekends ago. Our Lord provided pilgrims, wonderful teams, (conference room and servant,) beautiful weather, and just the right camp setting. Every comment that I heard was positive and supportive about the weekend experience. The community showed tremendous support for the pilgrims by their participation in candlelight and closing. It was great to see so many brothers and sisters supporting our Lord and the pilgrims. Thanks to all those who contributed their time, effort, talent, agape, and prayers, for the women's walk.

Sponsors, a reminder that your job is not complete until you have helped your pilgrim to be installed in a reunion group. You've done a tremendous job of listening to the Holy Spirit and reaching out to sign your pilgrim up for a walk, delivered the pilgrim to the camp, took care of the pilgrim's family during the walk weekend, and were present for them spiritually and physically during the weekend events. Now, complete your calling. **Get your pilgrim in a reunion group.** Also, we are having a **"Babe Chick"** orientation meeting on **Sunday, April 10, 3:00PM,** at **Lane's Chapel**

UMC, Tyler. Please bring your pilgrim to the meeting to gather the details of how they can be contributing members of our **G.R.A.C.E.** Emmaus community. We need them to understand that this community can only be sustained by their involvement, and by your commitment to continue to do the Lord's work. Bring your pilgrim to the **"Babe Chick"** meeting, and plug them into a **reunion group** -- then go out and sign up another pilgrim.

Our next gathering will be at **Pollard UMC, in Tyler, on April 14, 7:00pm.** We are looking forward to seeing the community turn out for this event just like the candlelight at Disciples Crossing. Make plans now to join in the worship and fellowship.

Your participation in all our **G.R.A.C.E.** Emmaus gathering is what binds us together as a Christian community, and family of believers. Don't just hear about the gatherings from another member; come join in our monthly gatherings.

Please be in prayer and continue to listen for those members of your churches who share an interest in the Walk to Emmaus. The Holy Spirit continues to work on hearts and minds, we need to be willing to reach out and serve others in preparation for the men's and women's October walks. We currently have about **16 women** and about **21 men** who are potentials for our **Fall** walks. Some of these will undoubtedly have conflicts that may prevent their participation, so we should redouble our efforts to provide full walks -- 36 pilgrims per walk. **Remember, our Fall Emmaus walks will be held at Camp Gilmont.** Pray for those pilgrims that the Holy Spirit

is preparing, and molding the men's and women's teams, our October **G.R.A.C.E.** Walk Lay Directors will be **Jack McCambridge** and **Juanita Keosoff**. Prayer is powerful; the Lord listens and answers prayers.

Grace and peace

Bill Burgdorf
G.R.A.C.E.

Community Lay Director

KAIROS **Prison Ministry**

"... I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:36

The Kairos Prison Ministry is an ecumenical Christian ministry designed for use in the men's and women's correctional institutions in Texas. The ministry is conducted, in cooperation with chaplains of correctional institutions, by teams of lay and clergy, who are qualified by their experiences in Christian renewal movements.

The purpose of Kairos is to help build and nurture strong Christian communities among the resident inmates of these maximum security correctional institutions. The Kairos experience for the residents starts with a 3-day short course in Christianity. This weekend involves 42 inmates selected by the Chaplain and a team of 60-65 lay and clergy persons. The weekend is modeled after Christian renewal weekends

like Cursillo, the Walk to Emmaus, and Via de Cristo.



April 21nd-24th

Micky Shearon of Granbury will be leading a team of men and women, (many brothers and sisters from our own community) into the Michael Unit in Tennessee Colony near Palestine, TX. For KAIROS No. 26. There are a great many needs for the weekend, cookies, financial support, and agape gifts (placemats, posters and letters). If you feel led to provide any of the needs for this Kairos weekend feel free to contact Charles Smith at:

903-881-8061 (H)

Or

charles1947@yahoo.com

Sign up for coming to a Kairos No. 26 Closing by April 4th, at <http://www.kairosntx.org/cgi-bin/kairosnt/a2closing.pl> Or give Charles a call to signup.

Kairos Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Shortening, softened
- 1 cup Packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup Granulated sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 2 Teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 Cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 Teaspoon baking soda
- 1 Teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 1 Cup Oatmeal
- 2 Cups Chocolate Chips

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Beat shortening, brown sugar, granulated sugar, egg, and vanilla in large bowl on medium with an electric mixer until fluffy.
3. Sift together flour, and all the other dry ingredients.
4. Gradually add flour mixture to shortening mix in bowl beating until well blended. Stir oatmeal and chocolate chips.
5. Roll a little more than a teaspoon full into a ball place on cookie sheet Cooked cookies should be about 2 inches in diameter.
6. Bake 13 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack or counter top.
7. Cool completely before bagging. Makes approximately 8 dozen cookies. (Double the amounts to make approximately 15 dozen).

DeColores

To all interested volunteers desiring to serve and witness.

We have been working with Chaplain Lacy at the Michael Unit for some time now to get this going. The administration had previously given us approval to show movie to the entire general population but could not give us a date to begin.

Chaplain Lacy has finally nailed it down, and we were allowed to show **The Passion of the Christ**, on March 31st. Praise the Lord, we had a great turnout. After overcoming some technical glitches we showed the movie to about 300 inmates. The next show dates are **April 7th** and **April 28th**. There will be two showings at 5:00PM and 8:00PM in two different gyms. Chaplain Lacy would like volunteers to be there to present the Four Spiritual Laws to any men in white who stay behind for counseling. We need a lot of help 30 to 40 if possible.

Even though this is short notice, can you come this Thursday and bring some men from your church that can help with this wonderful opportunity to win souls for Christ? The Chaplain needs you to FAX @ (903 928-2197) your and any volunteer's info to his attention at the unit. He needs the NAME, (as shown on driver's license) DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER, for EACH volunteer. All volunteers must bring their drivers license to get in. If any volunteer is an ex-offender, their clearance needs to go through Chaplain Lacy CALL (903) 928-2311 and ask for the **CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE**. Also as a backup to the Chaplain's office please email that information to **CHARLES SMITH**, the Unit Liaison Volunteer for Kairos at the unit his email address is charles_1947@yahoo.com And also send that information to **TOM PERDUE**, the Unit Data Coordinator for Kairos at the unit. My email address is TPerdue@cox-internet.com This opportunity is only open to **Men volunteers ONLY**.

We are opening up this opportunity to all Kairos, Emmaus, Cursillo, etc. Fourth Dayer's. This opportunity is also open to those that would love to see the Power of Christ in this awesomely powerful movie produced by Mel Gibson, provided by special license to every unit in Texas and over 1300 nationwide and so graciously allowed by him for us to be able to present to those that may never get the opportunity to see a film presentation of the Gospel of this magnitude. This is a Maximum Security Prison in the Tennessee Colony Area near Palestine. This film if you haven't seen it is not for the faint of heart, as are the conditions in the Prison, BUT WHAT AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE CHRIST, as in

Matthew 11:2

When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples.

And in



Matthew 25:44

"I was in prison and you came to visit me."



As stated earlier we will be showing the film TWICE on Thursday Evenings, in two separate gyms to about 150 to 200 inmates at each showing, once at 5:00PM and again at 8:00PM, we do not anticipate being through with the second showing and counseling those that want to hear the **GOOD NEWS** till probably midnight. We have been allowed the opportunity to do this so it requires a commitment from those that come to stay for both showings and counseling sessions

till we leave as a group, so what I'm saying is it will be a long night for those that drive from the metroplex and Granbury, even those of us from Tyler. If you are going to volunteer to do this it is a solid commitment. We need your information, and a commitment by Wednesday **8:00AM**. After you have submitted your info to the Chaplain's office a follow-up call to the Chaplain's office (903) 928-2311) is a good idea so that someone does not have to sit outside and wait because their info was incorrect, or not received. It is the volunteer's responsibility to make sure his name is on the list. As always it is also a good idea to call the unit before driving down there to make sure it is open, and not in lockdown, after all this is a Maximum Security Prison things can happen to change plans real quick.

In order to insure that we have enough help, please state the dates you plan to attend.

Those volunteers planning on coming down from the Tyler area we will be leaving the Brookshire's Parking Lot in **NOONDAY** on Hwy155 at 3:30PM. That may seem a little early but we have to be able to get the equipment in and check in a large group and it takes time.

Please pray for this to be a time of spiritual awakening in the hearts of the unsaved.

Questions should be addressed to **Mike Breedlove** (903) 521-6644 or **Tom Perdue** (903) 571-3199.

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Calendar for 2005

February

10 – Gathering – 7 pm, Walter Fair UMC, Tyler – speaker: Al Tribe

17 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

March

10-13 – Women’s Walk #33, Disciples Crossing, Athens

12 – Candlelight – 8:00pm, Walk #33, Disciples Crossing, Athens

17 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

April

14 – Gathering – 7 pm, Pollard UMC, Tyler – speaker: Willa Beltz

21 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

May

14 – Gathering and pot luck lunch – Noon, 1st UMC, Henderson – speaker:

14 – Board meeting – 10 am, 1st UMC, Henderson

June

9 – Gathering – 7 pm, 1st UMC, Lindale – speaker: David Barnes

16 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin, UMC, Tyler

July

No activities planned

August

11 – Gathering – 7 pm, Swan-Wood Spring UMC, Swan – speaker: Susan Stallings

18 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

September

8 – Gathering– 7 pm, Summerfield UMC, Longview – speaker: Lynda Slay

15 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

October

6-9 – Men’s Walk #34, Camp Gilmont, Gilmer

8 – Candlelight – 8:00pm, Walk #34, Camp Gilmont, Gilmer

13-16 – Women’s Walk #35, Camp Gilmont, Gilmer

15 – Candlelight – 8:00pm, Walk #35, Camp Gilmont, Gilmer

20 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

November

12 – Gathering (Grand Ultreya) and pot luck lunch – Noon, St Luke’s, Kilgore – speaker: Bill Burgdorf

12 – Board meeting – 10 am, St Luke’s, Kilgore

December

15 – Board meeting (transition to new board) – 7 pm, Lane’s Chapel UMC, Tyler

January

12 – Gathering – 7 pm, Lane’s Chapel UMC, Tyler

19 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler