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NEXT GATHERINGS

Saturday, April 24
LANES CHAPEL UMC
TYLER, TX
Babe Chick, 4:30pm
Potluck, 5:45pm
Worship, 6:45pm

Saturday, May 22
PAYNE SPRINGS UMC
Fellowship, 5:00pm
Potluck, 5:30pm
Worship, 6:30pm

DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
GRACEMMAUS.ORG WEBSITE

YA'LL COME!!

DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters. God is truly awesome in this place. We are so blessed to live in East Texas in the springtime. Well we are blessed to live here at anytime but Spring is just so beautiful. I'm blessed to live among wild redbuds, dogwoods, and plums. Each of those remind me of the season we are celebrating right now.

The Redbuds in the woods down in front of my home are such a bright color, they remind me of the crimson color of the blood, shed for you and me by our Savior and Lord on Calvary.

We've all heard the legend of the dogwood, which may or may not be true. It is worth your time to read it and you can find it at <http://www.promiseofgod.com/dogwood/>. The story isn't biblical but it is never-the-less, beautiful. The legend ends with Jesus' promise:

"Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross-two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

I never look at a dogwood blossom that I don't think of this promise from the legend. And the wild plum blossoms pumps forth into the air the softest and

sweetest aroma I've ever experienced, giving us the promise of sweet fruit in the near future. It reminds me of the sweet and gentle love that Christ has for me and His sweet promise of fruit in our near future. His love, soft and sweet, yet the most powerful force in the Universe.

You see, a walk through the woods in the springtime is a Spiritual uplifting for me, as were the Candlelight services and Closings of Walks # 52 & #53. I hope you were there to experience them with me. And I look forward to seeing you at the future gatherings and functions of the GRACE Community. Plan and pray now for Pilgrims to sponsor for the fall walks #54 & #55 at Camp Gilmont. We need both Walks to fill up for us to meet our goal of 3 out of 4, 2010 Walks to be full.

May your Spring and Easter be a celebration of New Beginnings for you.

Your Brother-in-Christ,
Dan Matthews

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From the Spiritual Director

I wondered who first said, "My past has become my present." I searched this phrase on the internet to see if I could find the original author. What I got was quite a few interesting stories. One person stated how much Facebook usage had increased this year especially in the AARP group.

(<http://www.thereporteronline.com/articles/2009/03/24/opinion/srv0000004967173.txt>)

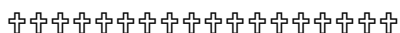
She talked about our expectation that things we did as a child used to remain as a child. She felt safe posting a picture done by a professional photographer. Then someone tagged her in a sixth grade photograph and her bubble was popped.

ACTION: Giving our Hands to Christ

Reunion groups provide a natural launching pad for mission in the community. Reunion groups are also a support base for acts of agape for Emmaus weekends. Shared engagement in service to others deepens friendships and opens up avenues for Christian action.

As valuable as group activities and a sense of common mission can be, Emmaus groups must remember that these efforts are "extracurricular." Always make time for the primary work of the group -- reviewing the service sheet and reflecting on Christ's presence and call.

The sole purpose of the Emmaus Movement is to strengthen disciples within the ministry of individual congregations. Emmaus is in partnership with the church to inspire its leaders to become more effective and intentional in their ministry. . . . Although the Walk to Emmaus is a unique and powerful instrument through which faithful people are renewed and inspired, it cannot provide the well-rounded programs such as education, evangelism, missions, and stewardship that are provided by an individual congregation. One way to act in Christ's service is to become involved in some facet of your church's ministries



GATHERINGS for GRACE(2010)

April 24, 2010 Lanes Chapel UMC; Tyler

**Babe Chick training 4:30 PM
Pot Luck Dinner 5:45 PM;
Worship 6:45 PM**

May 22, 2010, Payne Springs United Methodist Church; Fellowship 5:00PM, Pot Luck Dinner 5:30PM, worship 6:30PM. (NOTE: A correction to this date has been

made. Previously newsletters had a wrong date!!!!)

**Aug. 28, 2010 Grace Community, OJ Campus;
Sponsor training 4:30PM; Pot Luck Dinner 5:45PM;
Worship 6:45PM**

**Nov. 20 2010 Grand Ultreya;
Green Acres Baptist Church;
Babe Chick training 4:30PM;
Pot Luck Dinner 5:45PM;
Worship 6:45PM**



Lay Directors for upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #54,
Camp Gilmont
October 7-10, 2010
Lay Director: Mike Minor

Women's Walk #55,
Camp Gilmont
October 14-17, 2010
Lay Director: Scotti Wood

Men's Walk #56,
Disciples Crossing
Date to be determined
Lay Director: Bill Durr

Women's Walk #57,
Disciples Crossing
Date to be determined
Lay Director: Toyia Urbaniak

Men's Walk #58,
Camp Gilmont
September 29-October 2, 2011
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Women's Walk #59,
Camp Gilmont
October 27-30, 2011
Lay Director: Cindy Hooser



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MEET YOUR BOARD...



Hi~ my name is Diana Frachiseur and I attended GRACE Walk #41 in April 2007 at Disciple's Crossing in Athens, and I sat at the table of Rachel.

I am married to my high school sweetheart and we have three amazing children. Hannah is currently in transition as an LVN to an RN and is working at Trinity in Tyler. BJ has been serving this country since 2006 and is currently deployed to Iraq. And Ethan is a senior in high school this year.

My family has worshipped at First United Methodist-Troup for the past 20 years, and this is where I call home.

My interests are of anything that will keep me outdoors...from the John Deere to the cows, I am usually

'playing' outside. Tony and I love to fish. We camp as often as possible. And Spring is my time of year!

I am honored to serve on this Board, and appreciate any opportunity to be of service to this community.



My name is Frank Copeland. I presently work with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Michael Unit. Before this I retired from Wal-Mart as the Data Processing manager at the distribution center in Palestine after 20 years of service.

I attended G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Walk # 40 at Disciples Crossing and I attend Grace United Methodist Church in Palestine. I have worked as an ATL, TL and on the Chapel team since my Walk. I have also worked an Epiphany at the Texas Youth Commission facility in Corsicana. God blessed me with Kathy, the most wonderful wife in the world. We have two children, Mandy who is married to Ben Goodwyn and they have two beautiful boys (maybe I should say handsome!) and lives in Houston, and Adam, who is married to Jennifer and they live in Crowley. We're truly blessed with our "4" practicing Christian children!

My hobbies include golf, bow hunting, an occasional dove hunt here and there and doing small woodworking projects. I can't remember *all* of the hobbies I've had over the last 40 years!

