

# Grace for Today

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## **NEXT GATHERING** Sept.16th

**Pollard UMC**

**3030 New Copeland Rd.**

**Pot Luck 12:00**

**Worship 1:00**

**Contact Pat Thomson  
for more information**

## **COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

*"Love your neighbor as  
yourself"*

I don't know about you, but sometimes I struggle with this as I go about my daily activities. It is so easy to "love" someone who is doing exactly what we want them to do, when we want them to do it.

It gets harder when someone's actions just don't seem to fit into our plans or our schedules.

Over the next few weeks, our Teams for Walks 82 and 83 will be working hard to do their part to help God make these Walks "the best ever". There will be many discussions among the Team members concerning the "proper" way to do various things.

But, let's remember who is in charge of these Walks, and it is not us!

Whether we are a sponsor, a team member, a friend, or whatever, we need to constantly keep in mind that we are only vessels that God will use, if we let Him, to draw the Pilgrims and even ourselves closer to Him.

Everything we do concerning these Walks should be for God's

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glory and the benefit of the Pilgrims, both known and unknown.

So I ask you.... who is our neighbor?

Look around.

De Colores,

Brett Walker  
Community Lay Director

## *AGAPE*

HOW MANY AGAPE to PROVIDE for EACH WALK:

Preferred:

72 of each item stored in Ziploc Bags & the number "72" written with permanent marker on each bag. This gives the Outside Servant Team more options for distribution.

Optional:

Add your REUNION GROUP NAME ON EACH ITEM (not church

name) The emphasis becomes the Reunion Group.

Also, Optional:

Should you need to provide 36, 48, or 60 Agape items instead of 72, please label Ziploc bags appropriately.

De Colores,

Pam Martin  
903/520-3975

## *WALK 82 and 83 GATEKEEPERS*

It is not too late to sign up for both walks. This is a good way to help with the walk if you cannot be there all weekend. Please contact Brett Walker by email or phone [brettfcall@gmail.com](mailto:brettfcall@gmail.com) or 903-987-3090.

## *WALK FEES – SPRING 2018*

As many of you know, we have maintained our Walk Fees at \$155 for several years. Over time, all of our costs for hosting the Walks have continued to increase. The current fee

doesn't even cover the average cost of what we pay the camps.

In addition to this, the cost of the various supplies and publications that are furnished to the Pilgrims exceeds \$ 50 per Walk per Pilgrim. Further, as part of our agreement with the Upper Room, we pay them \$ 13 per Pilgrim at each Walk. This is to help to support the ministry they provide.

Thus, after much discussion, your Board of Directors has approved a minimal increase to raise the fee to \$165. The Community will continue to cover the extra costs incurred, thanks to the many donations we receive from our charitable members.

As always, consideration for scholarships will be available for those who do not have the funds to attend. We never want anyone to miss the opportunity to go on a Walk because of financial concerns.

**This will not go into effect until the Spring 2018 Walks.** This new fee is very much in line, if not

lower, than the fees charged by our surrounding Communities. This slightly higher fee will help to defray the extra costs we incur.

**The \$155 fee will remain in effect for our Fall Walks this year.**

Again, we are very thankful for our faithful members who donate generously so that all of our Walk expenses can be covered.

De Colores

Brett Walker  
Community Lay Director

## ***UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP TRAINING***

On Saturday, November 11, we will be having a Leadership Training session presented by our Regional Upper Room representatives. All Community members are invited to attend so that we can learn how we can make our Walks and our Community even better. It will be held at Van UMC

from 8:30 A.M. until about 3:30 P.M. As it draws nearer, you will see more reminders, but if you can attend, please RSVP to Brett Walker by email or phone at either [brettfcall@gmail.com](mailto:brettfcall@gmail.com) or 903-987-3090. All lay members **and** clergy are urged to attend. Those who attend are asked to bring a potluck dish for our lunch. Morning breakfast snacks will be provided by members of the Board of Directors.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend if at all possible.

## ***FOOD FOR THOUGHT***

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place and suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.”

Acts 2:1

Most of last week the large fan over the cardio

equipment in my gym was out of order. While it was working I never realized what a big difference it makes in the comfort in the room. My workouts suffered. I was so grateful for the breeze it created when they got it fixed.

If the breeze from a fan could make such a difference, think about the breeze from God. He breathed the breath of life into Adam. His breath blew the Holy Spirit into the disciples at Pentecost. He still breathes the Holy Spirit into his disciples today. We just need to take the time to listen to It, and let the Holy Spirit guide our lives.

De Colores

**Lisa Palomaria**  
**Newspaper Editor**

## ***FALL WALKS***

**Men's: Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Women's: Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Get those pilgrims applications in.**

## **Board Nominees for the 2018-2020 Term**

On the following eight pages are the Community members running for election to the Board of Directors for the 2018-2020 term. They are in alphabetical order.

Please use the voting ballot found on page 13 of this newsletter and select 5 nominees.

There will also be a ballot box (and additional ballots) at the next few Gatherings, including the Candlelight Gatherings on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Voting will cease at the Grand Ultreya Gathering and the winners by simple majority count will be announced at the end of that Gathering. Please vote. If you are a GRACE Community member, you are eligible to vote.

If you cannot attend the Gatherings, please mail to:

**Tyler Emmaus GRACE Community**

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## Wayne Brunt



I'm honored to be considered for a Board position within the Emmaus Community.

My name is Wayne Brunt and I live in Hallsville, TX, with my wife Ginger and my two bonus kids Autumn and Andrew. My son Trevor lives and works in San Francisco, CA.

I attended Walk #76 in Athens and sat at the table of Mark. I am also an Outrider at The Cowboy Church of Harrison County.

I was adopted from The Texas Cradle Society in San Antonio in August of 1962 when I was 3 days old and lived in Bryan, TX until I was 18.

I've have never felt so much love than I did that weekend I went to the Walk from so many Brother's in Christ, so I would like to spread that Love to other brothers and sisters I come in contact with. With God's grace, I have had the honor to be an ATL, a TL in past walks and will be on the Chapel Team on this upcoming 2017 Men's Walk at Camp Gilmont.

When I was on the Board of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Tyler, TX, I learned so much from the young men and how important our faith is and how we as disciples must share with everyone we meet. God's love and grace are the most important gift that has been given to us. Christians Must Not Fit In, We Must Stand Out and let the lost know that God's love can conquer any struggle we face.

I appreciate every person I have met in my short "Walk" with this wonderful Emmaus community.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Brunt

## Betty Buchanan



Hey y'all! My name is Betty Buchanan. I attended G.R.A.C.E. Walk #57, Spring 2011, and sat at the table of Esther.

My husband, Jim, and I worship at Hallsville UMC in Hallsville, TX.

My walk experience has included, Chapel Team, Asst. Table Leader, Table Leader, and Asst. Lay Director.

Jim and I served as the community registrars, 2013-15, a very challenging and rewarding task, vital to the workings of each walk.

Serving the Lord in these positions has been very rewarding and hopefully a meaningful service to the G.R.A.C.E community.

The Emmaus Walk was a real life-changing experience for me, as I feel like it certainly was for most all of you.

Participation in this community has certainly moved me out of my box, and serving on the board would be an additional opportunity to continue serving God.

## Scott Catchot



Hello, my name is Scott Catchot. I attended GRACE Emmaus Walk #74 at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, Texas. I sat at the table of St. Paul.

The Walk to Emmaus was an awesome personal experience for me that helped solidify and confirm God's direction in my life.

I think everyone would benefit from attending a walk.

I want to be on the Board to help do my part in seeing that this tool for the development of leaders in the church continues to grow and becomes all that God wants it to be in His body.

I believe it has barely begun to shine in this world and the future for Walk to Emmaus is bright and so much more than we could imagine.

I would love to work with you all in seeing it come to pass.

## Kenneth Duesterhoft



I attended G.R.A.C.E Community Walk #72 at Disciple's Crossing in Athens, Texas in March of 2015. I sat at the table of St. Matthew. My wife and I attend the United Methodist Church of Frankston.

Currently I serve as the audio/visual technician.

For the past four years I attended the Texas Annual Conference as a voting district delegate. In the past, I served as chairperson of the Administrative Church Council, chairperson of SPPRC, Lay Leader, a member of Vibrant Church Initiative (VCI), and the Stewardship Committee.

I have also been a member of the Committee on Lay Leadership and the local Board of Trustees. I was also a Sunday School teacher and Scout Master.

I worked G.R.A.C.E Community Walk #76 as an Assistant Table Leader, Walk #78 as a Table Leader, Walk #80 as an Assistant Table Leader. I have been asked to serve on the Chapel Team at Walk #82 this October.

I ended my career in education in 2015 when I retired as a school counselor of a maximum-security state prison.

I was asked by a member of the Board of Directors if I would be interested in being a nominee for a position on the Board. In the past, I would have said yes immediately. But now I have learned to ask our Heavenly Father where he wants me to serve. I believe that He wants me to serve others by being a Board member.

## Angela Fitzgerald



My name is Angela Fitzgerald. I attended GRACE Community Walk #79 at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer TX in October 2016, and sat at the table of Ruth. I worship and serve with my family at Athens First United Methodist Church.

I am in my 28<sup>th</sup> year in public education, specializing in Special Education.

After completing my walk in the fall, I was honored and privileged to be a member of the inside team. In Spring 2017, I began to serve as the Audio/Visual (AV) technician for the Ladies walks #81 and #83.

My walk served as a point of spiritual renewal in my life, and has been a great source of joy.

While I am a relatively new member of the GRACE Community, my enthusiasm for the organization and future walks is shown through me involve.

It would be an honor to serve on the GRACE Community Emmaus Board of Directors.

## Debbie Hays



My name is Debbie Hays, I attended Walk #8 at Timberline and sat at the table of Ruth.

I have been blessed to work on many walks with the GRACE Emmaus community. On the outside team for 2-3 walks. I have served a few times as an assistant table leader, a few times as a table leader, a few times as the AV person, and three times as an assistant lay director.

This year I am serving as the lay Director for the women's fall Walk #83.

I would like to have an opportunity to serve on the GRACE Emmaus board to assist in furthering the outreach of the Emmaus community.

Through the Emmaus three day weekend we empower women and men to know God through his powerful grace, and to become strong leaders for their home church.

By providing monthly gatherings we help encourage our community in God's faith and build strong Christian fellowship.

Because the GRACE Emmaus community has meant so much to me over the years, I want to have an opportunity to help others experience God's grace and I would like to give back to the GRACE Emmaus community.

Please consider me for a Board position for the next three years.

De Colores  
Debbie Hays

## Nan Haygood



Hi. I am Nan Haygood.

I took my Walk in October, 1998, at Central Texas Glen Lake.

I couldn't be more thankful for the Emmaus experience and my Emmaus brothers and sisters in our GRACE Community.

I truly believe that both talking the Walk and serving Walks afterward are life changing!!

I would be deeply honored to serve you and our Community on our board, should you choose.

Thank you for your consideration and for the sweet relationship we all have as a Community!

Nan Haygood

## Mike Johnston



My name is Mike Johnston, and I attended Grace Emmaus walk 50 at beautiful Camp Gilmont during the fall of 2009. I sat at the table of St. Luke, and my wife Karol and I attend the Van United Methodist Church where I serve on the staff as choir director.

I have served on numerous committees at the church along with being a Sunday School teacher, youth leader, and now am also a Certified Lay Minister.

The Emmaus walk experience for me woke me up spiritually and helped rekindle my light for Christ!

Even though I have been a Lay Director (Walk 74), the experience of working walks helps me relive the experience in a different way each time I have the opportunity to work on either an outside or inside team.

I would cherish the opportunity to work on the Grace Emmaus Board to make sure this experience continues for others as we serve God together in all that we do!

De Colores!!!

Greater Rose Area Community of Emmaus

**BALLOT**

BOARD NOMINEES for the term 2018-2020

Please **CIRCLE** your **5** choices **clearly**

Nominees are listed Alphabetically

WAYNE BRUNT

BETTY BUCHANAN

SCOTT CATCHOT

KEN DUESTERHOFT

ANGELA FITZGERALD

NAN HAYGOOD

DEBBIE HAYS

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**GRACE EMMAUS**

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

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