

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Mike Hodgson

THE FUN BEGINS

I am getting so excited. This Saturday August 11 the Team training begins for Walks 86 and 87. WOW! It seems like we just had Walks 84 and 85. God has blessed us and the pilgrims with two more great Teams. As things are coming together we ask for your continued prayers. We may have great Teams, but the Walks will only happen on the legs of prayer. I'm also looking forward to meeting with the potential new Board Members. Don't know who they are yet but I know God will fill this need with His people. If you are not working in the Emmaus community and would like to get involved, I encourage you to talk with any of the Board Members or really anyone else at the gatherings to see what you can do. There seem to always to be something we could use a hand with. After all we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Blessings to you all.

de Colores

Mike Hodgson, Community Lay Director

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Still in need of Mules or Golf Carts

Join us on a Caribbean Cruise

G.R.A.C.E. Website:

www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2018

August 18—Crossroads, Canton

September 15—Hallsville FUMC

October 6—Camp Gilmont

October 13—Camp Gilmont

November 10—Lane's Chapel

Board Nominees

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 GRACE Community Board of Directors.

Each person elected will serve a 3 year term.

For more information, please contact Wynn Harle at 903-245-2701 or email: cowboycentral@suddenlink.net

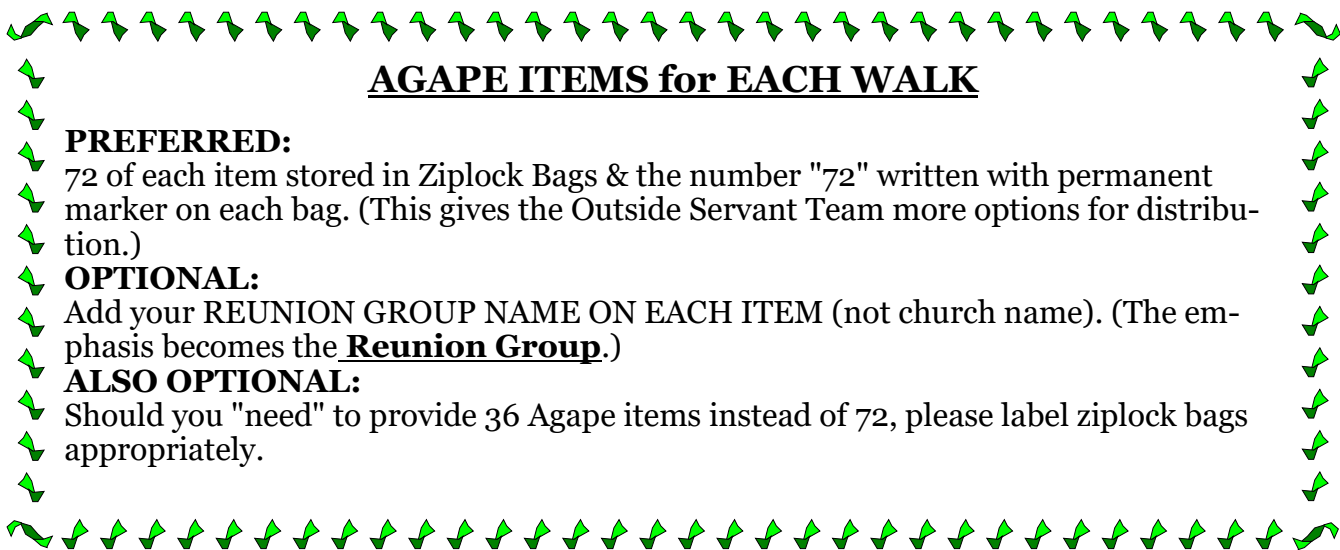
Fall Walks

Men's

October 4-7

Women's

October 11-14



AGAPE ITEMS for EACH WALK

PREFERRED:

72 of each item stored in Ziplock 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 Agape items instead of 72, please label ziplock bags appropriately.

From the Trea\$urer.....

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, clergy, chapel, and outside. Cost to serve at the three-day weekend is \$165. This covers eight meals and three nights lodging. If someone serves only part of the weekend at Camp Gilmont, they are asked to cover the costs of meals and any overnight stays while working: meals \$10 and lodging \$32. 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.

Betty Buchanan, Community Treasurer

SPONSORSHIP CORNER

SO YOU HAVE A BIG BUT?

Many of us have big BUTS. Some of us have several big BUTs. Before you stop reading (because this is getting gross), think about these BUTs. "I would be more involved in Emmaus, BUT...

I need to work more

my favorite TV show is on

the kids have a practice/a game

I deserve a break today

I'm too tired

there is a game on

I came last time to the Gathering.

And the biggest one...I don't have enough time

Let's be honest here, you would never say any of these things out loud, but you probably thought them at one time or another. The tragedy is, if enough people have big BUT's the Emmaus community suffers.

The biggest area that the community suffers is in sponsoring. Have you ever not sponsored someone by saying to yourself...BUT:

it's too expensive

I can't get motivated

I don't have the answers.

I'm afraid

that's not my gift

I don't know where to start

And the biggest BUT of all is ...Someone else will do it.

The Lord has given us a simple mission in the Walk to Emmaus, to encourage church leadership in Christians through life, study and action. That is the why we are the G.R.A.C.C.E. Community. If your BUT is bigger than the why, then your BUT is too big.

Walk to Emmaus is a grassroots organization. That means we all are on the equal footing. No one is greater than anyone else, no matter where they are serving in the community. You can think of the Board of Directors as the steering committee, but the power comes from the community at large. The Board can make plans, schedule dates, select leaders, run trainings, BUT without the backing of the community nothing happens. In other words, you are Emmaus, no BUTs about it. Let's start today to shrink the BUT,s. NO if, ands, oryou know.

DE COLORES

Hank Resler with thanks to Betty Buchanan for this article.

Walk 86 Team

Conference Room Team

Brett Walker	LD
Wade Harman	SD
Chuck Reed	ALD
Wayne Brunt	ALD
Mike Hodgson	ALD
Danny Barrett	ASD
Richard Luna	ASD
Dwain Smith	ASD
Adam Muckleroy	ASD
Monty McRee	TL
Scott Catchot	TL
Patrick Owens	TL
John Epps	TL
David Bagley	TL
John Crow	TL
Ken Sides	ATL
Michael Stephenson	ATL
Ken Braswell	ATL
Phil Goodwin	ATL
Jason Owen	ATL
Troy Harley	ATL
Mac Walling	MTL
Gil Maroney	MT
Mark Jarrard	MT
Rob Daniels	MT
Mike Johnston	BR
Ken Duesterhoft	A/V

Servant Team

Garry Mount	OTL
Martha Walker	OT
Jim Buchanan	OT
Lin Risner	OT
Brad Burton	OT
David Huston	OT
Candy Maroney	OT
Chuck Lowry	OT
Jay Edwards	OT
Nancy Edwards	OT
John Berry	OT
James Cox	CTL
Jerry Fowler	CT
Hank Resler	CT
Steve Morton	CT
Jeff Reed	CT

There have been a few additions to the team in the last month. My apologies if I've left anyone off the list. I have been blessed by all of these men and women who have answered the call to serve on Walk 86.

Please pray for these servants, and the men and women serving on the Team for Walk 87, who have committed their resources and time to help make these the "Best Walks Ever" for the Pilgrims. Team meetings have begun, so this part of our journey is continuing.

Please pray for the Pilgrims, both known and unknown, so that they can have the experience that God wants them to have on these Walks.

Brett Walker

Walk #87 Team

Conference Room Team

Harle, Wynn LD

Pickens, Jim SD

Buchanan, Betty ALD

Duesterhoft, Anita ALD

Woods, Dawn ALD

Hall, Joe ASD

Luna, Richard ASD

Smith, Mary ASD

Smith, Susan ASD

Bagley, Janet TL

Brooks, Kim TL

Fowler, Bonnie TL

Gorrell, Rhonda TL

Hodgson, Jerri TL

Shafer, Regina TL

Burton, Charlene ATL

Edwards, Michelle ATL

Goodwin, Joanna ATL

Hays, Debbie ATL

West, Paula ATL

Williford, Mary Ann ATL

McCann, Kay MT-L

Greer, Lisa MT

Powell, Linda MT

Johnston, Karol AV

Showen, Laquita BR

Servant Team

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McRee, Carla CT

Resler, Laura CT

Watters, Jan CT

Baker, Frank OT

Armstrong, Deborah OT-L

Kennedy, Meg OT

Shank, Rebecca OT

Shomaker, Donna OT

Voyles, Kate OT

Walker, Martha OT

Walk #87's team is in place.

God's presence and blessings have been present in the formation of this team.

May we seek the same for those pilgrims known and unknown.

Please keep Walk #87 in your prayers.

Wynn Harle

ASK ME ABOUT EMMAUS

It's not too early to start conversations about Emmaus with potential pilgrims. Summer is almost here and it changes many people's schedules with vacations, changes in church times, etc. To help you start conversations, wear your "Ask me about Emmaus" buttons and have an Emmaus pamphlet available to offer them. Try to schedule a time and place to talk with both the husband and wife or individuals, as the case may be, and be ready to share your experiences and answer any questions they may have. October will be here too soon and we would love to fill both Walks.

I will have buttons, pamphlets and form letters, to send to people writing letters to pilgrims, at future Gatherings or contact me by phone or Email; (available on the graceemmaus.com website.)

Have a blessed, safe and happy Summer.

Hank Resler

Mules and Carts Needed for Fall Walks

We have not had any response to our article in last month's newsletter asking for help with carts.

If you can help provide either a golf cart or mule (also known as an ATV or UTV) this Fall, please contact Brett Walker or Wynn Harle as soon as possible.

If you are looking for a way to serve but are not on a team, this might be the opportunity you have been looking for. If we have to rent these, it will come at considerable expense to the community.

Please contact Brett at 903-987-3090 or Wynn at 903-245-2701 if you can help.

Approved Emmaus Vendors from the Upper Room

The following organizations sell Emmaus and Chrysalis products and donate part of their proceeds to the International Offices.

Denali Designs 830-446-1463 www.denali.design

Denali Designs produces a collection of faith-based jewelry made in the USA, created specifically for Christians, by Christians, looking for quality jewelry that reflects a strong devotion to Jesus.

Dove Inc. 270-789-6974 www.doveinc.com

Allow Dove Inc. the opportunity to print or embroider your community logo, customize a design, or add a drop name on an official Walk to Emmaus tee shirt, fleece or other garment. Contact us today for a quote.

Swanson's 1-800-251-1402 www.swansoninc.com

Emmaus Painting www.emmauspainting.com

Join us as we celebrate “40 years of the Walk to Emmaus Ministry”

by joining us on a Caribbean cruise!

Experience a time of fellowship, music, worship and fun with fellow Emmaus pilgrims!

Each morning you will have the opportunity to share in worship together. When we are at sea, you will have the opportunity to hear speakers talk about their Emmaus experiences and how it affected their Christian lives:

Rev. Stephen Bryant, currently serves as Publisher of The Upper Room and Associate General Secretary at Discipleship Ministries. From 1986-1992, he served as Director of Spiritual Formation for The Upper Room and as the International Spiritual Director of The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. Steve is an author and launched Discipleship Resources International, a resourcing initiative for Central Conferences.

Pat Luna, is an international consultant/instructor in stewardship, board member of the General Board of Church and Society and a recipient of the Denman Award for Evangelism. She has been a retreat leader for the Academy for Spiritual Formation and is deeply involved with the Emmaus ministry since her Walk in 1985.

Jacob and Rachel Armstrong, founded Providence Church near Nashville TN in 2008 to see those who are disconnected from God and the church find hope, healing and wholeness in Jesus Christ. They co-authored the book *The Connected Life: Small Groups that Build Community*. Jacob attended Chrysalis in 1998 where he felt called to the ministry. Rachel attended the Walk to Emmaus in 2002.

Emmaus Ministries staff will share about newer ministries like Discovery Weekend, Chrysalis, Journey to the Table, and Face to Face in a question and answer period. When we are in port you will have an entire day to discover Cozumel, Mexico.

The link to download a brochure, get more information and to register is: <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/cc19032819y#.WsTpEFI5Dcs>

You are welcome to share this with your community through your newsletters or email. Registration is now open!! If you have any questions, please let us know.

We hope you can be part of this time together, celebrating 40 years of Walk to Emmaus!

De Colores and Fly with Christ,

Greg Engroff, International Lay Director

Stephane Brooks, International Spiritual Director

Doc Hall, Director Face to Face

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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.

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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

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