



BE A BLANKET

When you were little and you fell

and scraped your knee who did you run to? The adult who would talk in a soothing tone, calm voice, clean up your scrap, put a band-aid on it, and kiss it all better? Or, the Adult who told you to pull it together, stop crying, brush it off, quit whining and get back outside and play with your friends? You probably went to the person who was the most comforting, right? It may have been your Mom or Dad, a grandparent, or a teacher, but you avoided the person who wasn't going to comfort you.

You can probably think of a time when you needed comforting. Someone you knew and loved was really sick or had passed away, maybe your pet ran away, or maybe nothing that serious but it still made you feel bad, like losing a championship game, getting cut from a team, or being teased for something. Through those experiences you may have experienced two extreme reactions from other people. Either someone helped comfort you by sitting with you, listening to you, giving you a hug, or doing something special and thoughtful....OR You went for comfort and heard, "Come on... Get Over It... Life goes on. No big deal. So our dog died. It's not like it was a person!"

Think back to how you felt in those situations. Now, imagine one of your friends or family going through a rough time. Those people, no matter how old or young they are compared to you. They are looking for comfort. You may not know what to do, you may have no idea what to say. After all, you're just...YOU. Where are you supposed to get the strength and words to comfort someone

eat that I was almost too full to sing at the worship time! A big thank you to the Marshall Fourth Day for your hospitality and for the great job you are all doing in promoting Christ through Emmaus.

I want to encourage all of us to use the next few weeks to pray about who God is calling us to sponsor for the upcoming October Walks at Camp Gilmont. They will be here before we know it. Melissa and Brian are working hard putting together God's team for Walks 38 and 39 and it would be awesome to have both Walks full and a waiting list for both! Remember how much your Walk meant to you? Don't you want your friends and family to have that same wonderful encounter with the living God? Let's all work hard and fill this Walks up and help to spread the love of Christ to our church families.

Don't forget our August Gathering will be at **First United Methodist Church in Troup** on August 10th at 7:00 p.m. See the website for directions. Let's pack that church and raise the roof with some awesome worship time! See you then!

Yours in Christ,

Bob Meyers

GRACEmmaus Community Lay Director



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Greetings GRACE Emmaus Community,

It's been a long time since many of us have had the opportunity to worship and fellowship. A few of us got together last Saturday up in Marshall for a wonderful covered dish lunch. There was so much to

else? I am glad you asked. You have a choice. You either are the person who brings comfort through kindness and compassion or you are the person who says "Quit whining ya big baby!" Which do you do?

People of all ages look for comfort when times get tough. Young children have blankets (hey this is still my comfort area) or stuffed animals. As they get older they generally find comfort in other things whether it is Food, Sleep, Shopping, or something else. We all search for that feeling we got from that loving compassionate person who comforted us when we were younger.

As a Christian we know that we can turn to Christ for our comfort. 2 Corinthians 1 is a section of the Bible that talks a lot about comfort. Paul tells us that we can find comfort in Jesus when times are tough but not only that. We are to comfort others when they are struggling with something or hurting. That we can be comforting because we find comfort in God; we should then show what comfort feels like to others.

WOW does this sound like one of our talks? This is most certainly a form of Christian Action.

There are millions of ways to be a Blanket for someone who is hurting. Many of them are something you can do without spending a dime. Be creative – send an e-card, write a note, give a hug, make a cup of coffee/hot chocolate, call on the phone, go spend time with that person – just be there to listen or hold them... Show someone the comfort that we are shown from God, and not the harsh comfort that some people consider helpful.

Today's Prayer: God, you are such a comfort to me when I'm hurting. Help me remember that when others hurt, I can be a comfort to them and that you'll help me do just that. You'll give me the words to help them understand where real comfort comes from. **YOU.** Amen.

Next Gathering

Thursday August 10th

**At 7:00PM,
1st UMC, Troup**

Boy's Epiphany No. 8 at CRTC

The team for the Boy's Epiphany No. 8 WAS AMAZING. We were to have 45 boys of all ages then 40, then it dropped to 32 of the older boys, and by the time all the smoke (figuratively) cleared, we finished the weekend with 21 boys hand picked by God to be there. And out of those 21, 20 accepted their crosses, and one is struggling with the change in his life keep Tom P. (not his real name) in your prayers God will know who he is. If you've never been to a closing in Epiphany it is truly an amazing and spirit filled time of sharing and healing. The music is absolutely the best I've ever heard on a weekend, and I've been on a lot of three day weekends. Thank you all of you in our community that signed up for the prayer chain, your financial support and the agape love you showered on those boys. This should be a weekend that they could look back on in their life and and always feel blessed from.

Tom Perdue Lay Director

Boy's Epiphany No. 8

KAIROS No. 29 MICHAEL Unit

Please pray for the team going into the Michael Unit November 2nd- 5th, 2006. Though this is early the Team Leader is already getting started in spiritual warfare and battle, and is seeking Team members. You can contact John Schiffman at **(817) 496-0775** or you can send him an email at joschi7@comcast.net.



**PRAY FOR THESE WALKS
AROUND THE WORLD**
**Please remember to continue to
pray for our own upcoming
walks this fall.**

Men's Walk Alaska Emmaus, 32 Alaska
Women's Walk Alaska Emmaus, 32
Alaska
Women's Walk Puget Sound Emmaus,
168
Washington
Women's Walk Iowa Emmaus, 73 Iowa
Women's Walk Emmaus of Southeast
Michigan,
135 Michigan
Women's Walk Noahs of Ark Emmaus,
121 AR
Women's Walk Nebraska Emmaus,
Omaha # 95
Nebraska
Men's Walk Nebraska Emmaus, Chadron
96
Nebraska
Women's Walk Central Texas Conference
Emmaus, 295 Texas
Men's Walk Hearts Afire Emmaus
Community,
#23 Texas
Women's Walk Houston - Bay Area
Emmaus,
37 Texas

Women's Walk Heart of Carolina
Emmaus, 88
North Carolina

Men's Walk Mid North Coast Emmaus –
AUSTRALIA, 68 International

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August 10 - 13, 2006

Women's Walk Northern
California/Nevada

Emmaus, 46, Gardnerville, NV CA

Women's Walk Northern Illinois
Emmaus, 105

Illinois

Women's Walk Nebraska Emmaus,
Chadron #

96 Nebraska

Women's Walk Cross Country Emmaus,
142

Texas

Women's Walk North Central New York
Emmaus, 81 New York

Men's Walk Alabama Emmaus, 306
Alabama

Women's Walk Blue Lake Emmaus, 175
AL

August 17 - 20, 2006

Men's Walk Hawaii Emmaus, 27 Hawaii

Women's Walk Central Illinois Emmaus,
195

Illinois

Women's Walk Greater Dayton Emmaus,
68

Ohio

Women's Walk Heart of Ohio Emmaus,

Women's Walk #42 Ohio

Women's Walk Northwest Ohio Emmaus,
59

Ohio

Men's Walk Big Country Emmaus, 133
Texas

Men's Walk Cross Country Emmaus, 143
Texas

Women's Walk New Life Emmaus, 9
Alabama

Women's Walk Mid North Coast Emmaus
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AUSTRALIA, 69 International

Men's Walk Queensland - Brisbane West
Emmaus, 37 International

August 24 - 27, 2006

Men's Walk Four Corners Emmaus
Community,
7 Colorado

Men's Walk Central Illinois Emmaus,
196Q

Illinois

Women's Walk Central Texas Conference
Emmaus, 296 Texas

Women's Walk Llano Estacado Emmaus
Community, 95 Texas

Men's Walk SWTC - Greater Austin
Emmaus,

1316 Texas

Women's Walk Richmond Emmaus,
Richmond

84 Virginia

Men's Walk Blue Lake Emmaus, 176
Alabama

Women's Walk Queensland - Brisbane
West

Emmaus, 38 International

August 31 - September 3, 2006

Men's Walk Central West Emmaus, 15
International

CELEBRATION EVENT

November 3 - 4, 2006

*Hosted by the Houston West
Emmaus/Chrysalis*

Communities

Memorial Drive UMC,

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Rev. Victor Perez, International
Spiritual Director, Walk to Emmaus
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Dr. Dick Gilmore, International Lay
Director, Walk to Emmaus

Jean Johnson Green, Assistant
Director, Walk to Emmaus

**Typical Workshops to Give You
Some Tools:**

The First Act of Agape: Sponsorship
Overview of Weekend (Separate
Emmaus and Chrysalis)

The Spirit of Servanthood: Lay
Director Training

Sustaining the Spirit: Spiritual Director
Training

Companion Community

In a Spirit of Cooperation and Charity:
Team Selection Committee Training

The Sings My Soul: Music Workshop

Coming Down from the Mountain: 4th
Day Gatherings/Hoots (Separate
Emmaus and Chrysalis)

The Academy for Spiritual Formation
Team Formation (Separate Emmaus
and Chrysalis)

Spiritual Formation and Scripture:
Companions in Christ

Forms are available at:

www.upperroom.org/emmaus/gatherings/

Registration Information:

Early Bird registration is \$50.00 per
person and is

due two weeks before the event. Late
registration and walk-ins are welcome
at the

cost of \$75.00 per person. Make
checks

payable to Upper Room Emmaus,

Mail or fax forms to:

Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebration

1908 Grand Avenue

P.O. Box 340004

Nashville, TN 37203-0004

Fax: (615) 340-7257

**Additional Information about the
Celebration:**

For more information, please contact
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msmith@upperroom.org

You may also find more information
online at

www.upperroom.org/emmaus

Expect This Schedule:

FRIDAY

4:30 Arrive, register, fellowship

5:00 Light Dinner

6:30 Beginnings

7:00 Celebration

9:30 Dismissal

SATURDAY

8:00 Morning Prayers

8:45 Elective Workshops

8:45 – 10:00 Session 1

10:00 – 11:45 Session 2

Noon Lunch

1:15 Elective Workshops

1:15 – 2:30 Session 3

3:00 – 4:15 Session 4

4:30 – 5:30 Session 5

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Singing

7:30 Worship and Holy Communion

9:00 Dismissal