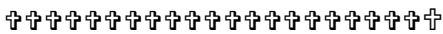




you to use your gifts, your “Compensatory Assets” to serve this Emmaus Community. Perhaps He is nudging you to be a Lay Director on a future walk, or just to serve on a team. I know He is currently nudging some of you to sponsor pilgrims on the Fall Walks. On the back page of this newsletter, there is contact information for the members of the Board. Please contact any one of us, or go to our website: <http://www.gracemmaus.org/> if you are ready to answer His call.

De Colores!  
Susan Stallings,  
Community Lay Director



## BOOK TABLE

We all know how important the book table is on a walk. We are looking at making a few changes to the book table on the future walks and we need your help.

We are looking for people who are willing to donate books to the table (they may be gently used but please no writing in them). We will put a nominal amount on these books to help offset the cost of the book table. We will still go and get books from the Scroll but we have been losing money each walk because books are looked at and walked off with and people forget to purchase them by the end of the weekend.

If you have any books you would like to donate, we would appreciate your help. We will have a bucket set up at each gathering and you can put them in there. Or contact me and I will get with you. [leah\\_belle@hotmail.com](mailto:leah_belle@hotmail.com) Thanks in advance for your help and support.

Leah Huffstetter  
(Book table coordinator)



**Happy Birthday! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Bon Voyage! Cheers! Congratulations!** We Americans are a people full to the brim with pomp and circumstance. We celebrate the anniversary of any and every special milestone in our lives. (It was far into our marriage that Tom and I ceased to celebrate our anniversary on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each and every month!)

Since I took my Walk to Emmaus in 1998, I have witnessed countless reasons to commemorate all that my Heavenly Father has done for me

through Emmaus. I have listened to account after account of God’s grace through Emmaus both in Walks, talks, reunion groups, gatherings, team meetings, board meetings, and countless other ways that God blesses us in our Fourth Day.

It would be an understatement to say that we Emmaus Fourth Day are festive. You have a chance to express that gratitude for what God has done for you and our community through Emmaus on August 11, 2007 – our 10-year anniversary of G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community! According to American tradition, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary is celebrated with paper. That this anniversary is represented by paper is no small coincidence, but a graphic picture of the process through which many, if not all, of us have been through to come to this point of grace in our lives. Paper is made, and later refined, by the crushing of wood. Many of us, through Emmaus, came into a more refined understanding and awareness of God’s Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, Means of Grace, and Sanctifying Grace as we came to the altar at Emmaus as crushed and broken vessels. Then, as God so beautifully does, He used our crushed state to bless us, to make us whole.

August 11, 2007, can be a thanks offering for us, as an Emmaus family, to come together to say, “Thank you, Daddy, for making our crushed wood into gleaming parchment that is ready to be written upon.” Please join us as we thank Him for this unspeakable gift!!

*But, Oops!* The 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary is paper and the 10<sup>th</sup> is tin. Well, that’s better yet, for to obtain tin, the arsenic and sulfur and other impurities are burned out of the ore in a hot furnace. The tin is then run into a mold and the impurities are left behind. What a graphic picture of our Dying Moments!

Nan Haygood, Walk # 134, Central Texas at Glen Rose, Table of Deborah



## *Everything Old ...*

At the end of our Walk, we hear “now, back to the real world...” Meaning work on Monday morning. Family issues. The real world? Really?

How about a reframing? Isn’t that what Emmaus spiritual renewal is about? Starting over in the prevenient grace of Jesus? Surgery of the heart. A new look

at an old word: *Peity*. Perhaps the Walk is the only “real reality” of the universe. Jesus, our life. Is He enough? So, how about a reframing of piety? Acceptance, simply acceptance.

How often do we wish for a “do-over?” An “extreme make-over?” Not talking about our house. Or our car. Or my “earth suit”.... On 2<sup>nd</sup> thought, maybe my nose would look better if.....! How often does my conversation (internal thoughts) go to something is wrong and I wish it were different?

We’ve all heard “You gotta’ play the hand dealt ya.” Yet, how many times does my inner conversation default to “I wish it weren’t so.” I wish “\_\_\_\_\_” weren’t so?

Life? My mate? My health? And the list could go on with “this and that” and “what have you.” Our running narrative in the back of our heads reveals where our hearts are. (Peity? Or lack of?) And what our hearts are fixed on. What we think we need, want, have to have. “All I have ever wanted is ski trip, a BMW.....” Yea, right!☺

Since we can’t change the hand dealt us, we can change our perspective which leads to a different game. A start-over. An extreme makeover. Isn’t that what the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Lord is about? A new start. A new conversation. In fact, really a new ball game. Perhaps we too often respond to the earthly agenda, thinking that’s where life really is. Then we care “caught” by the liar, old fuzzy nose. (or has he had a make-over).

Perhaps my biggest struggle is listening to my internal narrative about how bad or hard life is and upon being aware, switching to the new thoughts about the future and the life ahead...the life of grace. Perhaps that is what is real. Just perhaps...“I can only imagine.” Future grace, prevenient grace, simply Jesus and His Life.

We are “new in Christ,” the apostle Paul wrote (2 Cor 5.17). I plan to start “another” new conversation right now, how about you?

Piety, something “old” to think “new” about.

*Tom Haygood*  
*Assistant Spiritual Director*

## For the Chrysalis Corner and 4<sup>th</sup> Day Testimony:



### II Corinthians 5:17

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.*

When I first took my walk to Emmaus, it was the end to a long journey of searching. I knew Christ; I believed in God and knew that Jesus died for my sins. I prayed and had rededicated my life to Christ. But, until I went on my Walk to Emmaus. I don't think I had a “REAL RELATIONSHIP” with God. After my walk, I did put my full faith in God and started a full relationship with Him. There are not words to express the happiness and the completeness that I now feel.

After my walk, I was eager to sign up to work. I sent in my “application” to work a Chrysalis Flight. I was amazed at all the hard work that went into getting a flight set up. If you have ever worked on a team, it is such a blessing! The dedication of the hours of preparation and setup is just one of the things I was impressed with. It is hard on you physically and mentally BUT the joy is just overwhelming when watching those caterpillars or pilgrims coming closer to Christ.

Over the years I have worked many Chrysalis Flights. I am not sure that I even know an exact count. I have been many positions, and even after moving to the GRACE community, continue to drive to the North East Texas community to work flights. I think even that early I hoped that GRACE would one day be able to grown and support a Chrysalis program here. For years now I have sent information for the newsletter about the Chrysalis flights so that our youth could attend.

NOW we have the opportunity to provide flights for our youth here in GRACE! We are so excited at this opportunity. That opportunity, however, does not come without a price: **work and participation**. That means we need YOU.

We need participants for the steering committee in order to begin making those decisions that will lead to the changing of lives. We need YOUTH to attend flights in order to have participants who can work the flights in our community once they are in action! We need Clergy who are willing and able to attend flights, as well as Spiritual Leadership for the project completely – if you want to suggest your own Clergy, please send us their name and contact information and we will get in touch with them.

### **Upcoming Flights:**

July 27 – 29 @ First Christian Church, Texarkana TX (BOYS)

July 25 – 28 @ FUMC Nacogdoches, TX (GIRLS)

August 1 – 4 @ FUMC Nacogdoches, TX (BOYS)

Additionally, the steering committee will be meeting with a representative of the Upper Room to receive training on August 10 and 11. If you are able to attend the open meeting on August 11 before and after the Gathering at Marshall, please be at St. Luke's at 8:30 am and we will break for the gathering/lunch and return to meeting until 5:30 pm.

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**To assist and guide you along as an Emmaus Sponsor, we have come up with some ideas and tips, just to make sure that you know what to do next.**

### **What is Sponsorship?**

Sponsorship is when you decide to take the responsibility of physically, emotionally and spiritually caring for a particular person with the intention of them attending a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis Flight. You are to look after the applicant before, during and after the walk or flight. Steps in performing your task successfully are explained herein.

### **Who do you Sponsor?**

Pray about it earnestly. A good applicant is a person who is already committed to Christ and is living in a day-to-day relationship with Him. It is also a person desiring to increase their knowledge of Him and is open to experiencing Him in new and exciting ways. Christian leaders and potential leaders are good applicants. Servants and willing church members are also good applicants.

**Here are your steps to being a successful sponsor:**

**Send concentrated time in prayer.**

Allow God to use you to sponsor the

pilgrim He desires to attend the upcoming Emmaus Walk.

**Continue to spend time in prayer.** Once you know who you are going to sponsor.

**Discuss your choice of potential pilgrim with your Minister and other Emmaus community members in your church.**

This is a good idea since Pastors or Ministers might have personal information that will encourage or prevent the person from attending an Emmaus Walk. Also remember that you require their signature on the application form and they will be much more willing to sign the form if the application has been previously discussed.

**Pray about a time, place and open heart for your discussion of the Emmaus movement and make an appointment to meet the potential applicant.** Inform them and their family about the weekend, and the community that grows out of these Walks.

**Give your prospective applicant an application form.** Explain the form to them; tell them which sections they need to complete. Make sure that you have already completed the Spiritual Sponsor section and that you are using the most current form and not an outdated one. Check the date on the form. Forms are available from the community website at [www.gracemmaus.org](http://www.gracemmaus.org)

**Collect the completed application form.** Make sure that everything is completed. If the section with contact details of three friends or family members is not completed, you will not have that information to collect agape letters. Please note that the deposit must be included. If there is a problem with funding, first consult your local church for assistance. Many of the churches in our Community are prepared to pay the deposit if necessary. If there is still a major funding problem, contact the registrar.

**Ask the Minister or Pastor of the applicant to sign the form.** This is easy if the applicant is a member of your church. If the applicant is a member of another church, you might need to provide that Minister with some information about Emmaus. Please contact the Community Spiritual Director (contact details are on the application form or web page) and get their assistance in this regard.

**Send the form in to the Emmaus Registrar.** Please make sure that you send it to the correct person. Their details appear on the application form. The Emmaus registrar will send you some

**Send concentrated time in prayer.**



form of notification that the form has safely arrived. Please make sure that you get this, if not contact the registrar to determine where the form is. Make sure that the deposit is included with the form. Also note that there is a closing date for forms. Make sure that your form is handed in before the closing date. It is general practice to make the application closing date about six weeks prior to the walk.

**Wait prayerfully for a letter giving the walk details your pilgrim is selected for.** The Emmaus Board has a selection committee that meets to discuss and select the pilgrims for the next walk. The letter will be sent about four to eight weeks prior to the walk and will include the information supplied on the application form concerning three contact names and numbers that you should use for collecting agape letters.

**Begin preparations for collecting agape letters.** In your sponsor letter from the registrar there will be a sample letter that you can use to collect agape letters. Please remember that letters from close friends and family are more meaningful than an excess of letters from acquaintances.

**Contact your pilgrim a few days before the walk.** Make sure that they have packed everything that they need. Arrange the time that you will be collecting them from their home on Thursday. Remind them about any outstanding fees that are payable at Registration for the walk. Make sure that the applicant is ready. If there is a cancellation due to any circumstances the applicant is responsible for the fees if the registrar has not been informed timely.

**Provide transport to the Walk location on Thursday afternoon.** When you collect your pilgrim, carry their luggage and pack it into the car for them. Please make sure that you arrive at the site between 7:00 and 7:30. Stay for Sponsors Hour, it should finish not later than 9:15. It is a good time to hand in your agape letters. Letterboxes will be provided in the chapel where Sponsors Hour is being held.

**Pray for your pilgrim during the weekend.** It is a good idea to also include your name on the 72-hour prayer vigil. These are usually distributed for the community to complete at the gathering prior to the walk.

**Check on your pilgrims family or important friends.** This can be done by telephone calls or a visit on Friday

evening or Saturday morning. If you are going to see them on Sunday morning at church make a special effort to spend some time with them before or after the service.

**Attend Candlelight on Saturday evening.** You are free to arrive between 7:45 and 8:00. Please bring your service book, and any outstanding agape letters.

**Attend Walk Closing and provide transport for your pilgrim back home.** Help them in collecting their stuff from their room.

**Make sure that your pilgrim gets involved in a Reunion Group.** A list should be included in their Fourth Day packets (Next Steps packets for Chrysalis members).

**Take your pilgrim to the next Community Gathering.** The gathering details will be included in the Fourth Day packets and will be on your sponsor information letter.

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#### **TREASURY PRAISE!**

Thirteen individuals/families are giving by electronic bank transfers to Emmaus. This is a CONSISTENT, painless way to give. Please consider. Currently, \$200/month is going into the treasury. It adds up!

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#### **Community Calendar for Remainder of 2007**

**August 11** Gathering St. Marks UMC, Marshall NOON meal bring vegetable dish or dessert (Meats provided)

**August 16** Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

**September 13** Gathering Crossroads Community, Longview – 7 p.m.

**September 20** Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

**October 13** Candlelight at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer–8 p.m.

**October 18** Candlelight at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer–8 p.m.

**November 10** Grand Ultreya at St. Lukes UMC Kilgore at NOON

**November 15** Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

**December NO GATHERING; NO BOARD MEETING**

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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? Our goal is to one day provide enough scholarships so that we can help those that cannot afford to go to be able to attend an Emmaus weekend.

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

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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