

# GRACE for TODAY

## A Word from Mike Hodgson

### It's All Good

I sit here at home tonight reflecting on the last year. Honestly, it has been quite a ride. Before I became the Community Lay Director, Brett Walker the out going Lay Director at that time, tried to tell me that it is a busy job. As I found out he was right. But, it has been one of blessings and love from so many. I want to take a moment to thank everyone in the G.R.A.C.E. Community for all your support and prayers. The Board worked tirelessly to keep things moving forward in sometimes tough situations (rain). But, this has been a tough year for the Community because of the loss we suffered through the year and there were several. We will miss them and the love they shared with us.

As we go into the Christmas season, lets lift these families up in prayer and let them know how much we care. It's one thing to tell someone you will pray for them, but quite another to just stop and pray with them. Pray for our new Community Lay Director Wynn Harle. She will serve you greatly. Pray for our Board and the New Board members. Thank the Board members that are moving off the Board this year, and thank them for a job well done!

I celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with you. He has given us a way to true joy and love through salvation in Him. May you have a blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

**In Christ with Love,  
Your Community Lay Director  
Mike Hodgson**

## THANK YOU TO OUTGOING LAY DIRECTOR

As our community begins preparations for 2019, we would like to say "Thank You" to our out-going Community Lay Director, Mike Hodgson. Mike, we appreciate your commitment to the G.R.A.C.E. community, your knowledge of the Walk to Emmaus and your leadership.

De Colores!

G.R.A.C.E. Board 2018

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

[www.graceemmaus.com](http://www.graceemmaus.com)

### Gatherings 2019

**January 12, 2019 at Grace Church, Palestine, TX**

**Fellowship and potluck  
@ noon  
Worship to Follow**

### Spring Walks

**Men's  
February 28– March 3, 2019**

**Women's  
March 7–March 10, 2019**

## **G.R.A.C.E. Board Changes**

Heartfelt thanks to our outgoing board members Jerry Fowler, Pam Martin, Lisa Palomaria, Pat Thompson and Brett Walker. These Fourth Dayers have served our community selflessly for the past three years.

We welcome new G.R.A.C.E. Board representatives who will begin service in January: Charlene Burton, Scott Catchot, John Crow, Rhonda Gorrell and Paula West.

### **What is the source of the Rooster's charm and the content of his message?**

(submitted by Betty Buchanan)



First of all, the Rooster is the most colorful domestic creature on earth. ... His luxuriant, multi-colored plumage puts all the other barnyard animals to shame. If we're going to sing, "De Colores" "All In Color," we could hardly improve on the Rooster as our mascot. A celebration of color is the natural response of the person whose eyes have been freshly opened to the richness of God's Grace. Most people live in a black and white world, as before the days of Technicolor movies or color TV. What they see is drab, dull, and uninspiring. The world without Christ sits in darkness and gloom, enslaved in sin, and self-pre-occupation, subject to the demons of fear, guilt, and hostility. But, those whose eyes have opened to behold the sparkling wonder of God's grace move in a world as dazzling as stained-glass windows. At night, they are without color or meaning, but when the sun shines through, what beauty they show, and what a story they tell! So, with us, when the Son of God shines through, we're ALL cast in living color, and splendid as any Rooster that ever crowed over a barnyard! "Ultreya!," cries the Rooster, "Upward and onward!"

--excerpt from the website, Sings the Rooster, a 4<sup>th</sup> Day Friendly Website (<http://www.singstherooster.com/FAQS.html>)

# G.R.A.C.E. Women's Walk #89

## Conference Team

Betty Buchanan, LD  
Bonnie Osteen, SD  
Lisa Brewer, ALD-CR  
Janis Johns, ALD-SP  
Janet Bagley, ALD-TK  
Priscilla Berry, AV  
Judy Hawn, BR  
Linda Baker, MU-L  
Karol Johnston, MU  
Lisa Greer, MU  
Bonnie Fowler, TL  
Mary Lewis, TL  
Paula West, TL  
Rhonda Gorrell, TL  
Jerri Hodgson, TL  
Rhydonia Clem, TL  
Brandy Dudley, ATL  
Charlene Bruton, ATL  
Fran Ayres, ATL  
Joanna Goodwin, ATL  
Liz Webb, ATL  
Teresa McClanahan, ATL  
Mary Smith ASD  
Kara Mitchell, ASD

## Outside Team

Martha Walker  
Angie Fitzgerald  
Donna Shoemaker  
Rebecca Shank  
Nancy Edwards  
Nicole Duncan  
Brett Walker  
Jim Buchanan  
Frank Baker  
Zach Young  
  
Carla McRee, Ch-L  
Danielle Vickers, CH  
Phillips, Wilma CH  
Danielle McDonald, CH

Women's Walk #89 is just about complete, as we are working to confirm two more ASD's. It's 12 weeks or 86 days, until March 7, 2019, until the spring pilgrims will be meeting their new best friend, eating, listening to talks, taking notes, creating posters, and eating some more. Seems like a long time from now, but based on what past walk directors have said, these days and weeks will fly by. The team has come together with the hand of God ever present. Along with walk #89 please keep the men of #88 in your prayers. Preparation is still in the works, and training begins January 5, 2019. To make this the "best walk ever", we need pilgrims. So, please pray for the sponsors and the pilgrims they will sponsor.

Betty Buchanan, Lay Director Walk #89

<b>G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Board &amp; Community Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2019</b>	
Friday, January 4, 2019	Friday, August 2, 2019
Friday, February 8, 2019	Friday, September 6, 2019
Friday, March 15, 2019	Friday, October 18, 2019
Friday, April 12, 2019	Friday, November 8, 2019
Friday, May 3, 2019	Friday, December 6, 2019
Friday, June 7, 2019	Please note, I will do my best to get your article in when you send it. However, some times, due to space, and time constraints it may not go in tot the newsletter until the next month.
Friday, July 12, 2019	Thank you, Debbie Hays, Newsletter Editor

## From our Treasurer!

Thanks to another Fourth Dayer who has started a monthly donation through their bank! With continuing costs to organize and conduct the four walks each year, this donation, along with the monthly ACH donations, are being utilized for each walk to be "the best walk ever". Check with your financial institution to see if they offer this service. Also, please remember that anyone can set up an ACH transactions to have funds debited from their financial institution and sent directly to the G.R.A.C.E bank. It's easy, and look for this form on the last page of each newsletter. The completed form can be mailed to G.R.A.C.E, PO Box 132212, Tyler TX 75713 or emailed to [graceemmaus80@gmail.com](mailto:graceemmaus80@gmail.com) --Betty Buchanan, Community Treasurer

### "De Colores" Shirt

Many folks have commented about and complimented Jim and I on the shirts we wear with a De Colores logo. Below are pictures of the style of personalized shirt that we wear to Emmaus events.



If anyone is interested in purchasing this same shirt, use the following information, being sure to mention "De Colores" to clarify the design you are looking for:

Contact KK's Embroidery in Marshall, TX:

Email [www.kkembroidery@gmail.com](mailto:www.kkembroidery@gmail.com).  
Phone (903) 935-7171 or toll free (877) 542-4206.

Address 204 East Bowie, Marshall TX 75670 (street behind US Federal Court-house)

KK's uses clothing from San Mar Corp. ([www.sanmar.com](http://www.sanmar.com)). KK's charges the same as the online price for the shirt, then the cost for the design is \$12.50. If you wish to add your name to the shirt the cost is \$4.50 per shirt. Prices for 2X or 3X shirts add \$2 or \$3 per shirt to the San Mar price.

# 2018 G.R.A.C.E. BOARD MEMBERS

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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.

**De Colores**

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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**

Depository Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Transit/ABA #: \_\_\_\_\_

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