

# G.R.A.C.E

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## Walks for 2004

### Men

February 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Bill Burgdorf, Lay Director  
 September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004  
 Garry Mount, Lay Director

### Women

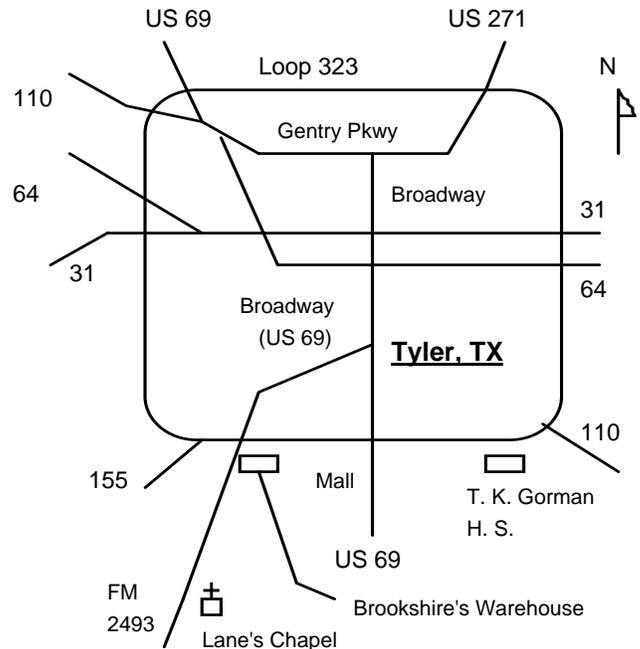
March 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Pat Rudy, Lay Director  
 October 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 Nancy Burgdorf, Lay Director

Please keep them in your prayers.  
 Bill & Pat are now in team formation.

## Gatherings in 2004

- January 8<sup>th</sup>, Lanes Chapel UMC - Tyler
  - February 12<sup>th</sup>, - Walter Fair UMC - Tyler
  - February 28<sup>th</sup>, - Camp Gilmont - Gilmer
  - March 6<sup>th</sup>, - Camp Gilmont - Gilmer
  - April 8<sup>th</sup>, - FUMC - Henderson
  - May 13<sup>th</sup>, - FUMC - Mineola
  - June 10<sup>th</sup>, - (TBD) - Athens
  - July NO GATHERING
  - August 12<sup>th</sup>, -FUMC - Lindale
  - Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, - FUMC - Longview
  - Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, - Camp Gilmont - Gilmer
  - Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, - St. Luke's UMC - Kilgore
- Bold Red denotes Gathering and Candlelight. Gathering starts at 8:00PM and Candlelight at 9:00PM.**

The first gathering of the New Year will be at Lanes Chapel UMC on January 8, 2004 at 7:00 PM.



### Directions to January Gathering

Find your way to the South side of Tyler on Loop 323. If you are going east, look for FM 2493 after you pass 155 going to Noonday. Look for the Brookshire's warehouse on the South side of the Loop. If you are going

West, go past US 69 at the big mall (Broadway Mall) and look for the warehouse. On the West side of the warehouse, take FM 2493 South about 3 1/2 miles. Lanes Chapel will be on the left (East) side.

### The Legend of the Butterfly

*Once as a child many years ago, on a balmy summers eve;*

*I sat in the yard at my Mother's side, and butterfly lit at my sleeve.*

*"It's a sign of good luck: my Mother said as the butterfly stayed at my arm.*

*"It's a symbol of the beauty in life; make sure you do it no harm.*

*First butterflies are eggs and after they hatch, they see that their life's just beginning. They're content with their lot in life, so they go out on a limb and start spinning.*

*They stay out awhile in a magic cocoon, and then emerge like flowers in spring.*

*And they share the story of their victory and success, through each of the color of their wings.*

*The gold in their wings is the "Golden Rule," to follow and is a must.*

*The blue? That means true blue; always be someone people can trust.*

*The green of the tip of their wing is saying, "Stay green, and you'll always grow." And the silver is the lining in the clouds of doubt, which you must look for as through life you go.*

*Butterflies bend with the wind it's true, still they get where they want to go.*

*They arrive by persistence through their own insistence; a lesson more people should know.*

*Here's my wish to you, ere this verse is through.*

*If he ever chances to stay at your sleeve, Remember, my friend, don't fight him. But learn all you can from the butterfly clan, and you too, may be a rare item.*

### From the Community Lay Director

I want to invite everyone in the GRACE Community to the January 31<sup>st</sup>, meeting with Carlene Alderman. Carlene is the Director of this Region of the Emmaus Walk organization and will share important information with us during this meeting. She is responsible for supporting over 100 Emmaus Communities in Texas alone, and we are privileged to have her visit our community. There are always exciting things happening at the Upper Room of which the Emmaus Walk is a ministry. She will be speaking to us Saturday, Jan. 31 beginning at 9:00 AM at the Grace Community School in Tyler. Go to the GRACE website for directions. [www.gracemmaus.org](http://www.gracemmaus.org)

Lunch is not planned, but it will be easy to find fast food and get back within an hour. Carlene will probably speak and answer questions until about 3:00 PM.

WELCOME new GRACE board members. Newly elected board members began working on the board at the last meeting and include: Bob Meyers, Tom Perdue, Lynda Slay, Kay McKinley and Becky Hanks. And THANKS to those board members that have so faithfully served us for 3 years.

Our spring walks are already planned and the first team meetings will be in January. Can you believe GRACE will be having the 28th and 29th walks! God has blessed this Community with so many Pilgrims during our short history. Please plan to support the Pilgrims, the Teams and the Community this year with your prayers, your service, your gifts and your presence.

DeColores Roger Lineberry