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Next Gathering

Thursday

January 11th

@ 7:00PM,

Lanes Chapel

UMC, Tyler

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Greetings GRACE Community,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the last Gathering in Kilgore and your generosity for the offering was overwhelming! God is GOOD, All the Time! For those of you who couldn't be there, allow me to share a little of my "farewell address" as your Community Lay Director.

I must admit that when I took over this job from Bill Burgdorf, I was a little nervous and full of feelings of inadequacy. I was concerned about the internal struggles of this Emmaus Community as it was working to change a few things to get our Walks back to the model

that came out of "Emmaus Central" in Nashville. Let me just say, with a huge sigh of relief and an enormous "THANK YOU" that my fears were unfounded. You, as the body of Christ, have come together to serve with humility and gentleness of heart. Problems were very minor during the 4 Walks this past year and as far as I know, all teams worked together to provide the "best Walks ever" for the Pilgrims in attendance. I am exceedingly grateful to our 4 Walk Lay Directors, Chuck Robinson, Lynda Slay, Brian McCabe and Melissa Urban for the outstanding job they did in leading God's teams provide an awesome encounter with Christ for the Pilgrims on Walks 36 through 40. Thank you all for allowing God to use you in a mighty way.

I was also blessed this year with a Board that worked hard to get their assigned tasks done in a timely manner and worked together as a team for the glory of God. We had some lively discussions and even occasionally disagreed, but every meeting was filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit and everyone was willing and able to put aside their own motives for the good of GRACE Community. Thank you Board members for your hard work this past year in seeing that things were done in a Godly manner.

Finally, I want to thank you, the GRACE 4th Day Community for your loving and prayerful support during this past year. I have heard people say on numerous occasions that they could feel people praying for them, and now I know first hand that you really can feel the prayers of God's people. Thank you for lifting us up in prayer to help us make the

choices that will give the most glory to God.

My sincerest thanks to all those Board members who have served faithfully for the past 3 years, and who will be leaving the Board following the December meeting. They are Becky Hanks, Juanita Keosoff, Kay McKinley, Tom Perdue and myself, Bob Meyers. Thanks for your dedication and commitment to serving our Lord and GRACEmmaus. Thanks also to our new Board members who are just beginning their term of service. They are Ray Carden, Bill Durr, Debbie Hays, Leah Huffstetter and Harold Starkey, who will all be serving a 3 year term, and filling in for Juanita Keosoff, finishing out a 2 year term will be Robin Gillian. A big and hearty welcome to all of you for your willingness to serve the GRACE Community. I know that GRACE will continue to support you all with their prayers.

Team selection for the Spring Walks led by Radford Tarry and Carol Younger will be held on December 9th, so if you would like to work an upcoming Walk, please go online at www.gracemmaus.org and fill out the Team Application or call Radford or Carol or me and we'll put you on the list.

There will be no December Gathering as everyone is always busy with their own Christmas parties. The next Gathering will be January 11, 2007 at Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church on Old Jacksonville Highway in south Tyler. I hope to see you all there!

Yours in Christ,

Bob Meyers

GRACEmmaus Community Lay
Director - Retired (almost)