

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Mike Hodgson

Community Lay Director

MORE LOVE

Here we are with Valentine’s Day just around the corner. What a great time to show loved ones how much we care. This is also a time that we can think on how much God loves us. John 3:16 is a well-known verse about Gods love for us. When we think about who we want to spend time with, is it our spouse, a friend, kids, grandkids or Jesus? I must confess that a lot of my day passes, and Jesus is not on my mind. I am so thankful the I am always on His mind. He is ready to spend time with me whenever. His love is always there for me to immerse myself in. That is what I pray the pilgrims will feel during the Walks. His love through us and that they will feel His presence.

Please continue your prayers for the pilgrims and the team as we begin another journey with Jesus at our side.

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Mike Hodgson, Community Lay Director

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May 5 or 19 Camp Gilmont—Workday

June 16—Fairwood UMC, Tyler

July 21—Pleasant Retreat, Tyler

August 18—FUMC, Bullard

November 10—Lane’s Chapel

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications will be brought to the February 17th Gathering in Lindale:

Worship Books	\$ 5.00
Reunion Cards	\$ 3.00
Emmaus Introduction Pamphlets	FREE
“The Group Reunion Booklet”	\$ 5.00
Sponsorship Books	\$ 5.00
Song Team Leaders Books	\$ 5.00
Walk Spiritual Directors (Clergy)	\$ 5.00

If you have any other special publications requests for working on Walks 84 and 85, please notify me at stc.morton@gmail.com, or I can be reached most evenings at (903) 633-2717.

Calling All Mules

If you have a mule or golf cart and would like to put it to good use in early March, please contact one or both of the Walk 84 and 85 Outside Team Leaders, Garry Mount or Nancy Edwards.

We always have the need to help those with mobility issues on our Walks.

Garry can be reached at 903-985-0957 or mt3279@aol.com .
Nancy can be reached at 903-987-3110 or ne52055@aol.com .

Spring Walks

Disciples Crossing

Men’s Walk #84

March 1-4

Women’s Walk #85

March 8-11

AGAPE ITEMS for EACH WALK

PREFERRED:

72 of each item stored in Ziplock Bags & the number "72" written with permanent marker on each bag. (This gives the Outside Servant Team more options for distribution.)

OPTIONAL:

Add your REUNION GROUP NAME ON EACH ITEM (not church name). (The emphasis becomes the **Reunion Group**.)

ALSO OPTIONAL:

Should you "need" to provide 36 Agape items instead of 72, please label ziplock bags appropriately.

Pat Thompson
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News from Nan

"What joy and communion to share in our sweet fellowship with 'our' Father at the previous Gathering! Having wanted 11 brothers and sisters and 12 kids of my own, I have to chuckle at how God has answered my prayers! We are truly brothers and sisters! Thank you, Grace Palestine, for the gracious (you represent your name well) reception you gave us January 20. Our February 17, Gathering will be held at FUMC, Lindale. Our covered-dish lunch is at 12 noon and worship at 1:00 p.m. You won't want to miss hearing Sam Palomaria give the 4th day talk.

FUMC, Lindale, is near downtown Lindale at 402 W. Hubbard on the corner of W. Hubbard (Hwy 16) and S. Boyd. Hoping to see you there!

Blessings, Nan Haygood

Howdy Emmaus Folks,

Prayers are Needed! There are prayer slots that are not assigned on both Walk #84 & 85. Sign up now by going to the Grace Emmaus web-site ,www.graceemmaus.com, and clicking on the Prayer Vigil button at the top of the page.

Paul's words to the Church in Rome, Romans1:9 'God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night, I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his Son.' At my church Pastor Ben is encouraging us each month to pray for one of our church ministries, a local area school, another Kilgore church, and for another country. How often do you and I just pray for things that concern us or our family only? I hear God calling us to pray for many areas.

Thank you for all your prayers for the Pilgrims and for the Team,

Garry Mount

Reunion Group Information:

It is so important to be in a reunion group!!

There's a list if active groups on the Emmaus website with times and locations! If none of these work for you , it only takes two people to start one In your area and a time that works for you.

Lisa Brewer

G.R.A.C.E. Walk #84

It's not easy to describe this team except to say that we are blessed. From our first meeting there has been a camaraderie and support base that grows stronger each time we are together or see one another at other venues. The talks are strong, the team is committed and dedicated to being the servants that God is telling us to be.

Signed Jim Buchanan

TEAM MEMBERS:

LD Jim Buchanan
SD Joe Hall
ALD Brett Walker
ALD Hank Resler
ALD Jerry Fowler
ASD Jim Pickens
ASD Shawn Heatherly
ASD Paul Thomasson
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TL Dan Vickers
TL Wayne Brunt
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ATL C. J. Cox
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ATL Monty McRee
ATL Ben Craig
ATL James Brewer
MT Loren Lykins
MT Mark Jarrard
MT Mark Roerecke
CT Mac Walling
CT Zach Young
CT John Berry

CT Mike Hodgson
ST Garry Mount
ST Jay Edwards
ST Cathy Mount
ST Nancy Edwards
ST Martha Walker
ST Betty Buchanan
ST Steve Morton
ST David Huston
ST Richard Hieber
ST Lin Risner
ST Bonnie Fowler
A/V Mark Bewley
BR Mike Johnston

Women's Walk 85 Report

Team training for the spring walks is well underway. By the time this newsletter is published we will have completed three of our four scheduled team meetings. When I said yes to being the Lay Director for this walk I had no idea just how amazing the experience would be. I am truly in awe of the team God has chosen to put together. We have already laughed, cried, and prayed together. The meetings themselves have been such a blessing to me and I hope to the rest of the team. The servant's hearts of these ladies and gentlemen is both inspiring and humbling. At this time we have seven pilgrims, with several other applications promised. We are prayerful that the walk will soon be full. Please continue to keep both the team and the pilgrims in your prayers.

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Elizabeth Minor

Lay Director Women's Walk 85

G.R.A.C.E. Walk 85 Team

Board Representative - Karol Johnston
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Table Leader - Anita Duesterhoft
Assistant Table leader - Becky Foote
Table Leader Boni Demaree
Assistant Table Leader - Jerri Hodgson
Table Leader Betty Buchanan
Assistant Table Leader Emily Larsen
Table Leader - Nicole Duncan
Assistant Table Leader - Pam McAdams

Attention Prospective Sponsors

There's still time to submit applications for the Spring Walks. The Men's Walk will be March 1-4 and the Women's Walk March 8-11. Please include the application fee with the application. If the cost is a problem you might try approaching a group within your church that could provide a "scholarship". Should you have any questions regarding your sponsorship duties, I would be glad to help you.

Please call me at 903-894-6239 , Hank Resler

Please consider sharing a story from your

Emmaus Walk here:

"I cannot describe the joy, love, disbelief,
and awe of our pilgrims on the night of
Candlelight!"



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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.

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State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

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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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