

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Wynn Harle

This past Sunday we had the honor to hear what surely was an angel singing with our church's contemporary Praise Band. As she sang I was reminded of the path that led her to our church. And, it began with a G.R.A.C.E. community Fourth Dayer's Walk to Emmaus. His walk reinforced his calling to serve our youth. He was able to say "I'll give it a try." His sense of humor, ability to talk with youth and a strong faith encouraged youth, like this angel, to put their faith in God. To Trust in the gifts God has given them and what God is calling them to do.

Do you remember hearing the Changing Our World talk on your walk? Did you think to yourself "There is no way!" "I'm doing good to find folks to help set up for a potluck dinner." "I can't even get my grandchildren to come to church with me." How can I change our world? We were reminded the change can start with us. Have your Fourth Days been a continuation of your Walk to Emmaus? Have you taken "leaps of faith" to do what God is calling you to do? Some of us are more comfortable with taking small steps rather than leaps. And some of us take leaps and find we need a tremendous amount of support to keep from falling.

Teams are preparing for our Spring Walks that begin in just a few weeks. For some team members working the walk may be their first step in "Changing Our World". I've heard several comment they never thought they would be able to serve as a Table Leader, they were too nervous about doing that job, but they are stepping out in faith. And we can help them.

We can keep the teams in our prayers starting right now. Through kind words and encouragement we can lift them up as they prepare to serve.

And we can help our Walks by praying for our pilgrims known and unknown. Let us trust in God's plan for Walk #88 and #89.

I would like to encourage you to participate in the Send offs, Candlelight and Closings for Walk #88 and #89.

De Colores!

Wynn Harle

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G.R.A.C.E. Website:
www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2019

**Men's Walk #88 March 2,
2019 at Disciples Crossing,
Athens
Arrive @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Women's Walk #89 March 9,
2019 at Disciples Crossing,
Athens
Arrive @ 7:30 p.m.**

Gatherings begin @ 8:00 p.m.

Golf Carts Needed

During each walk we have those who are kind enough to provide golf carts that assist the pilgrims as well as team members. These are a God send as they help those with mobility issues as well as get supplies and people from one place to another. Can we perform a walk without them.....the answer to that is no!

We are in need of golf carts for the upcoming walks.....can you help!!!

Michael Johnston

Prayer Vigil

The Prayer calendar is now available for sign-up on the website.

Please be in prayer for the upcoming walks. Also pray for the pilgrims who will be on these walks.

DeColores,

Rhonda Gorrell

Prayer Vigil

Gatherings for 2019

Month	Date	Church	Location	Time	Contact Person
March	Walk 88 & 89	Disciple's Crossing	Athens	Arrive 7:30 p.m.	
April	13	Cross Roads	Canton	5:00 p.m.	John Crow
May	18	Lindale FUMC	Lindale	12:00 p.m.	Krista Pemberton
June	15	Lane's Chapel	Tyler	5:00 p.m.	Bob Green
July	20	Winona FUMC	Winona	12:00 p.m.	Dan Vickers
August	10	Henderson FUMC	Henderson	12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Minor
September	21	Grace Crossing UMC	Longview	12:00 p.m.	Jan Watters
October	Walk 90 & 91	Camp Gilmont	Gilmer	Arrive 7:30 p.m.	
November	9	St. Luke's UMC	Kilgore	4:00 p.m.	Gary Mount
December	7	Frankston UMC	Frankston	12:00 p.m.	K. Duesterhoft

Sponsorship; Most important job of all

It is a New Year, now is the time to think about who you can sponsor for the Spring walks. Who in your Church do you sit by; do you think they are wondering what Emmaus is?

1st step is to commit the process to God through prayer and asking for discernment. Being open to God, listening for whom He lays on your heart. It may be your best friend, someone in Sunday School class, someone you work with, someone from Bible study, someone from another church, it could even be your pastor.

Recently, I attended a Bible Study and mentioned Emmaus, several of the people in the Bible Study asked about Emmaus. Do you remember there is a small tri-fold document (Join us on an EMMAUS Journey with Christ) that you can give them that tells them more?

Remember the walks start @ 7:30 pm on Thursday and end around 6 pm on Sunday. The walk fee is \$165 and the Spring walks are in Athens, Texas.

Men's Walk 88 is Feb 28 thru Mar 3 and Women's Walk 89 is Mar 7 thru Mar 10.

Reach out and sponsor someone in 2019. You can contact me by phone or email as you get started and want to discuss it in detail.

Garry Mount

Sponsorship Board Rep

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From the Book Table

Have you read any good books lately? Did one lift you up, inspire you, help you stay on the right path, or support you in your efforts to live like Jesus? If so, you may want to recommend a book to others. I am in charge of the book table at the Walks this year and I will try to get books suggested by the Community. You may see me at a Gathering or Team training day or email me at LTFNP2@gmail.com with any titles. Thank you for your attention.

Hank Resler

My Fourth Day

My name is Deborah Armstrong. I attended Grace Emmaus Walk #59 at Camp Gilmont in 2011 and I sat at the table of Naomi. I was one of those pilgrims that didn't want to attend. In fact, I have diabetes and considered using that as an excuse to go home on Friday. Thankfully, God worked on me and I ended up staying and being blessed through "Dying Moments", talks, "Candlelight", and my fellow pilgrims.

With this mountain top experience you would think that I would be on fire and immediately start attending the monthly gatherings. However, years went by before I decided to volunteer to serve on the outside team (only after a direct invitation from a church member). After working on the team, I was amazed and humbled by all the details that I had missed at my walk. So many tiny things were done for the pilgrims, constant prayers, and people working long hours to make sure my walk was "the best walk ever"!

For the next walk, I signed up immediately. I was excited to be on the outside team again but I told God I would work wherever needed. I was asked to be an assistant table leader. What a fun and wonderful position! It was like going on a walk for a 2nd time!

The next walk I was asked to be a table leader. My stomach dropped when I heard I had to give a talk. It was one of the hardest things I've done. As a child my hero was Spock since he could control his emotions. Now, I was being asked to put myself and my emotions out there for all these women. After my talk, I was drained but felt blessed.

Finally, I was asked to lead the outside team. My strengths include organization and so this came a bit more easy to me. Still, I learned more about myself, about God, and about serving others.

My 4th day has not only included volunteering at Emmaus but also being active in my home church, being a light at my job, and being more joyful every day of my life. In addition, I attend a weekly reunion group and have made wonderful, Christian friends that are there for me in the good and bad times. The Walk to Emmaus has forever changed me and my life!

G.R.A.C.E. Men's Walk #88

Conference Team

Chuck Reed Lay Director
Joe Hall Spiritual Director
Ken Duesterhoft Assistant Lay Director
Gil Maroney Assistant Lay Director
Steve Morton Assistant Lay Director
Tom Haygood Assistant Spiritual Director
David Lee Assistant Spiritual Director
Ricky Ricks Assistant Spiritual Director
Dwain Smith Assistant Spiritual Director

Table Leaders

John Epps
Dennis Gage
Phil Goodwin
Philip McKanna
Monty McRee
Dan Vickers

Assistant Table Leaders

David Huston
William Morris
Jimmy Peterson
Rick Rundquist
Scott Snyder
Michael Stephenson

Music

John Crow
Mac Walling

AV

Jay Edwards

Board Representative

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Mark Jarrard CT
Hank Resler CT
Michael West CT

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Mike Johnston
Chuck Lowry
Nate Mobbs
Brett Walker
Martha Walker
Nancy Edwards
Candy Maroney
Cathy Mount

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Board & Community Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2019

Friday, March 15, 2019

Friday, April 12, 2019

Friday, May 3, 2019

Friday, June 7, 2019

Friday, July 12, 2019

Friday, August 2, 2019

Friday, September 6, 2019

Friday, October 18, 2019

Friday, November 8, 2019

Friday, December 6, 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.

Thank you,
Debbie Hays, Newsletter Editor

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

LD - Betty Buchanan
SD - Bonnie Osteen
ALD (Conference Room) - Lisa Brewer
ALD (Speaker Escort) - Janis Johns
ALD (Timekeeper) - Janet Bagley
ASD - Kara Mitchell #
ASD- Mary Smith
ASD - Allyson Penny (Visiting Clergy) # @
ASD - Doug Smith (Visiting Clergy)
AV -Priscilla Berry @
BR - Judy Hawn
CH (D) - Carla McRee
CH - Wilma Phillips @
CH - Danielle McDonald @
CH - Danielle Vickers
MU (D) - Linda Baker
MU - Karol Johnston
MU - Lisa Greer
TL - Bonnie Fowler
TL - JerrI Hodgson
TL - Mary Lewis #
TL - Paula West #
TL - Rhonda Gorrell
TL - Rhydonia Clem
ATL - Brandy Dudley@
ATL - Charlene Burton
ATL - Teresa Waldon
ATL - Joanna Goodwin
ATL - Diane Smith
ATL - Nicole Duncan
First time speaker (4)
@ First time work an Emmaus Walk (5)

Thanks,
Betty

ATTENTION GRACE COMMUNITY!!!

If you can sing or play an instrument and want to help at gatherings or walks. We want to hear from you!!! Here is your chance to give back to your Lord and your community and have fun sharing your talent.

Please fill out the form below and return it so we can get our list of musical folks updated. Our goal for 2019 is to make sure we have ladies and gentlemen in place at all gatherings to lead music without leaving anyone out that wants to participate.

Name _____

Contact Information Phone _____ email _____

Sing _____ Play _____ if so what instruments _____

If possible, is there someone you preferer playing/singing with? Yes ___ No ___

Who? _____

Any question or comments please contact John Crow @ (903) 288-1881 or jwcrow56@gmail.com. Call, text, or email

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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

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

Depository Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Account #: _____ Transit/ABA #: _____

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