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Men's Walk # 64 Disciples Crossing, Athens March14-17, 2013 Ken Braswell

Women's Walk # 65 Disciples Crossing, Athens April 18-21, 2013 Jo Anne Skeen

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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

February is the month of love. I would like to concentrate not on the romantic sort but the AGAPE sort. The Bible states in Gal. 5:13,"You my brothers, were called to be free. But ... rather, serve one another in love." In Eph. 4:2, Paul says, "Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Why do I bring these verses up? Because this is what Emmaus is all about! As members of the Emmaus community we are to love one another and serve one another with humility. We have Walks coming up in March and April. TO serve isn't just about working a Walk. We can serve by sponsoring, providing agape, attending Candlelight and Closing, and most importantly, bathing the Walks in prayer. If you haven't already signed up for a slot on the Prayer Vigil, do so now. If there is someone interested in attending a Walk, talk to them and get them signed up.

But remember, our responsibility as Emmaus 4th Day doesn't stop at the Walk. We need to make sure that those we have sponsored get plugged into a Reunion Group, attend Gatherings and work Walks. Sponsoring a Pilgrim is only the first step in the ministry of Emmaus.

Please keep our Lay Directors, Ken Braswell and JoAnne Skeen, in your prayers. Pray for the team and for the Pilgrims God will provide for the Walks.

Have a wonderful month and I'll see you at the next Emmaus event!!

DeColores, Cindy Hooser

Greetings fellow musicians in the GRACE Emmaus community ---

The musicians and singers of our community had a chance to gather at in Troup and got great information via CD's and online. If you are interested in assisting the music team and learning about their responsibilities on a walk, please contact Loren or Jerri Lykins.

Musicians are needed for both of the upcoming gatherings in Athens.

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But they that wait upon the LORD...



... shall renew their strength

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HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR REUNION GROUP INFORMATION?

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE UPDATED LIST OF REUNION GROUPS. [©]

March 16, 2013 Disciples Crossing – Candlelight 8:00 p.m. – Athens, Texas

April 20, 2013 Disciples Crossing – Candlelight 8:00 p.m. – Athens, Texas

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THE BEST WALK EVER IS NEAR

Men's walk # 64 will be at Disciples Crossing this week - Thursday the 14th through Sunday the17th. Send off will be Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Gathering and candle light Sat. night starts at 7:30 pm. Sunday's ceremony should start about 4:00 pm. If you are a sponsor try to be there by 3:00 pm to pick up luggage and personal belonging.

The fall walks: Men -- Sept. 19 - 22 Camp Gilmont

Women -- Oct. 10 - 13 Camp Gilmont

If you would like to work, or sponsor a pilgrim for the fall walks it is not to early. You may go on line and fill out a work application or sponsor form. Any board member will be glad to assist or answer questions. E-mail <u>Gracemmaus.org</u> This will get you to the newsletters and all the Grace Emmaus information.



KAIROS OUTSIDE Of EAST TEXAS

Sandee Perdue, Team Leader

REUNION GROUPS – HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR MONEY????

GOAL – \$3000.00 Minimum is \$50.00 per reunion group each year.

Remember – you can ALWAYS donate/raise more than the minimum \$25.00 – twice yearly requested.

Now is the time to get applications in for the upcoming walks. Applications are on the website and can be printed off. Let's have FULL walks with 36 pilgrims on each one.

AGAPE REMINDERS

** Put the number of agape items included on the outside of the container.

** Bed/Pillow agape is 36

** Dining Room agape is 48 (pilgrims only)

** Dining Room agape for team and pilgrims is 61

** Try to include a scripture or inspirational word with each agape item. Remember these are to tie into the talks given.

**Placements –Homemade (especially children's are a joy)

48 for pilgrims

61 for team and pilgrims

** Bring agape to the walk on THURSDAY night

Remember taking time to make something is memorable but purchased items are fine too. Start getting "crafty" today!!

If you are interested in serving with a group of fellow Emmaus members to set up the banquet room tables, chairs, and decorations for the upcoming walks, please contact KAYLA HAMM. Escorts are needed for these dinners as well. If you sponsor someone for the walk or your spouse is on the walk, you will not be able to serve as an escort.

Women are needed for the Men's Walk and men are needed for the Women's Walk.

BOOK DONATIONS FOR WALKS!!

Please remember that you can donate books for the walks for pilgrims to read.

Check the website for information to print off.

PRAYER CLOCK VIGILS POSTED Men's Walk 64 – Athens http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pv id=7715&commid=768

Women's Walk 65 – Athens http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pv id=7716&commid=768

The men's and women's teams have been preparing for the upcoming walks.

Please pray for these men and women who have offered their time and prayer to be a servant for the weekend as well as the pilgrims who will be in attendance.

Walk #64 Men's Team Members

Ken Braswell - Lay Director Richard Luna - Spiritual Director Ricky Ricks – Assistant SD Tommy Burton - Assistant SD Jarratt Majors - Assistant SD Matt Thomas - Assistant SD Pat Thompson – ALD Jay Edwards – ALD Mike Johnston - ALD Jim Buchanan - TL Mark Bewley - TL Scott Howard - TL Pat Moser - TL Mac Young - TL Frank Copeland – TL Jim Burcham – ATL Shawn Heatherly - ATL Ed Castro - ATL Jerry Symns - ATL Jerry Halpain – ATL Philip Kelly – ATL Chuck Reed - OTL Gary Mount - OT Webb Mosley - OT Chuck Lowery - OT Mike Halladay - OT Charlie Wright – OT Candy Maroney - OT David Barnard - OT Bryan Jeanes - Chapel Dan Matthews – Chapel Bubba DeBerry – Chapel Larry Jones – Chapel Gil Maroney – Chapel Gene Skeen – Chapel Mac Walling – Music Team Mark Jarrard – Music Team Burton Love - Board Rep Tom McDonald - AV

Walk #65 - Women's Team Members

JoAnne Skeen – Lay Director Cynthia Bellar – ALD/TK Babby Carroll – ALD/SE Lanett Moser – ALD/CR Allison Campbell – TL Carol DeReiux – TL Audry Gould – TL Debbie Hays – TL Kim Johnson – TL Mary Dale Skiles - TL Connie Barker – ATL Lorraine Haley – ATL Edwina Huddleston – ATL Kathy Kirkpatrick – ATL Lisa Palomaria – ATL Kathy Tolbert – ATL Jerri Lykins – Music Tammy Stafford – Music Karol Johnston – BR Pam Jackson – CD Jarratt Major – ASD Doug Smith – ASD Susan Smith – ASD Elnora Nunnally – ASD Robin Gillian – Outside Leader Jo Roberts – Chapel Betty Paschall – Chapel

Walk 65 update!

Walk 65 is going to be the best walk ever! The team is in place and we've had two team meetings. The men's walk 64 is here!

If you are not a part of the conference room team or the outside team there are so many other ways you can be a part of both walks.

First you can pray. Pray for the teams, the pilgrims, and the families of all those involved. *Provide agape gifts*. We love agape gifts. These little surprises that show up on our beds or in the dining room show the pilgrims the true meaning of anonymous servant hood. They show the pilgrims that there are many, many people thinking, supporting and praying for them during the weekend. Another way to help is *attendance at*

the gathering and candlelight. The gathering is a great way to connect with others in the GRACE community and candlelight again shows the pilgrims that you do care for them and are there for them.

Another way is to *sponsor a pilgrim* for the one of the walks. Without pilgrims all the preparation for the walks will be in vain.

And did I mention *prayer*. I remember seeing the printed prayer vigil during my walk and being very impressed that someone was praying for me and the other pilgrims every minute of the 72 hour retreat. Even in the middle of the night, someone was praying for the walk. So go out to the website and select a time to pray for the walks. You can also sign up for prayer times for walks in other areas. That too was impressive when I realized that people from all over the country and from other countries were praying for the walk. That is true agape. I thank the team members of Walks 64 and 65 for giving of their time and energy to help make these walks the best walk ever for the pilgrims. See you at candlelight on March 16th for the men's walk and April 20th for the women. DeColores

Jo Anne Skeen

The next sponsorship training will be held at the gathering in May.

Team selections for the fall walks will soon be underway. Remember you must fill out a new application for each walk you would like to be a part of. Walk 66 will be in Gilmer and led by Pat Thompson followed by Walk 67 led by Jana Russell.

The 2014 walks will be held in Athens on these dates: Men: March 13-16 Women: March 20-24

Gilmer Walks for 2014 will be held: Men: October 2-5 Women: October 9-12

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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.

DeColores PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

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Address:

City, State, Zip:

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Monthly gift amount \$

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