

G.R.A.C.E.

News

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Gatherings in 2004

February 28th, - Camp Gilmont - Gilmer

March 6th, - Camp Gilmont - Gilmer

April 8th, - FUMC - Henderson

May 13th, - FUMC - Mineola

June 10th, - (TBD) - Athens

July _____ **NO GATHERING**

August 12th, - FUMC - Lindale

Sept 9th, - FUMC - Longview

Oct 2nd & 9th, - Camp Gilmont - Gilmer

Nov 13th, - St. Luke's UMC - Kilgore

Bold text denotes Gathering and Candlelight.

Gathering at 8:00PM and Candlelight approx 9:00PM.

G.R.A.C.E. Community Gathering and Candlelight for February and March Walks will be at Camp Gilmont, February 28th, for the Men and March 6th, for the Women beginning at 8:00 PM.

Walks for 2004

Men

Walk No. 28

February 26th-29th, 2004

Bill Burgdorf, Lay Director

Walk No. 30

September 30th-October 3rd, 2004

Garry Mount, Lay Director

Women

Walk No. 29

March 4th-7th, 2004

Pat Rudy, Lay Director

Walk No. 31

October 7th-10th, 2004

Nancy Burgdorf, Lay Director



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

Directions to February and March Candlelight and Gathering

Directions to Camp Gilmont: Go to Gilmer, Texas, on Hwy 271. Turn and go North on Hwy 155. About 6 miles north of Gilmer is Camp Gilmont, it will be on the West side of the Road. Look for an Emmaus sign at the driveway. If you get there before 7:45PM the gate at the end of the camp road will be closed, please just wait patiently in line for the Gate Servant to release the traffic into the camp, this is done so as not to disturb the weekend activities with the pilgrims. The directions will also be posted on the main page of the G.R.A.C.E. website, just click on the Directions to Camp Gilmont button at the bottom right side of the home web page.

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From the Community Lay Director

I want to invite everyone in the GRACE Community and our surrounding Emmaus Communities come to the February and March Gatherings and Candlelight's, held at Camp Gilmont. Remember how that last Candlelight felt, the sweet worship and Holy communion at the gathering and the tender glow of candles lighting the loving faces of His Pilgrims and the warmth of the Holy spirit, sweetly wafting thru the candlelight service, what a great feeling and time of worship and service with our Lord. The community gathering service begins at 8:00PM and the Candlelight follows.

I would also like to personally thank all of you who prayed for me during my time of surgery, and recovery, our God is good all the time.

DeColores Community Lay Director

Roger Lineberry

Here is a nice thought for you to carry with you today.

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes, Which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, and all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes. Both my joys and sorrows I stored, but though the gold became heavier each day. The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why, and I saw, in the base of the box, a hole, Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be!" He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're all here with me."

I asked God, why He gave me the boxes? Why the gold and the black with the hole?

"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings. The black is for you to let go."

We should consider all of our friends a blessing. Send this to a friend today just to let them know you are thinking of them and that they are a joy in your life. A ball is a circle, no beginning, no end. It keeps us together like our Circle of Friends. But the treasure inside for you to see, Is the treasure of friendship you've granted to me.

TEAM MEMBERS and PILGRIMS for the Upcoming Walks

MEN'S WALK #28

Walk #28 Team

Bill Burgdorf, LD

David Diller, SD

Jack McCambridge, Bd. Rep.

Assistant Lay Directors:

Garry Mount, ALD (TK)

Ted Weaver, ALD (Spkrs)

John Norman, ALD (CR)

Harold Starkey, ALD (Aytzrs)

Assistant Spiritual Dir.:

David Luckert, ASD

Jay Jackson, ASD

Mike Klein, ASD

Musicians:

Bob Meyers

Micheal May

Vince Piotet

Table Leaders:

Fred Jackson

David McPherson

Chuck Robinson

Heath Huffstetter

Dave Barnes

Michael Gould

Assistant Table Leaders:

Terry Winn

Jimmy McGonagill

Mike Sanders

Matt Hamilton

Bill Durr

Mike Minor

Aytzers:

Cam McLarty

Rick Tetrick

Tom Dana

Ed Neely

Paul Weskamp

Ray Carden

Rick Simmons

Ricky Bradford

Joe Zuech

Dwayne Miley

Ricky Sipes

Wayne Cosby

Doug Shepperd

Cliff Akers

WALK #28 PILGRIMS:

Pilgrim's Name Church

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| Gary Andrews | First Baptist - Eustace |
| Jeff Barnett | FUMC, Mineola |
| James Batten III | Grace Community |
| Bill Byerly | Marvin UMC |
| Matthew Cannon | Mobberly Baptist, Henderson |
| Kenneth Carrell | White Oak UMC |
| Gary Faulkner | FUMC, Hallsville |
| Kyle Hart | FUMC, Longview |
| Mike Herrin | Denton Bible |
| Vaughan Jackson | Walter Fair UMC, Tyler |
| George Legg | FUMC, Longview |
| Mike McGonagill | Church at Grace Creek |
| Michael O'Neal | Lanes Chapel UMC |
| Mark Pepper | White Oak UMC |
| Wayne Perry | Wesley McCabe UMC |
| Dirk Sheridan | FUMC, Jacksonville TX |
| Joseph Stobaugh | FUMC, Longview |
| Jim Thompson | FUMC, Gladewater |
| Bill Wallace | Wesley McCabe UMC |

We definitely need more men on Walk No. 28, this count is as of 2/11/04, please check with the Registrar, Al Tribe at 903-663-1823 for space left for more pilgrims.

WOMEN'S WALK #29

WALK #29 TEAM:

Pat Rudy, LD

Rev. Robert Besser, SD

Sue Wallace, Bd. Rep.

Juanita Keosoff, SE

Tina Moyers, TK

Lynda Slay, CR

Scotti Wood, CR Asst.

Becky Hanks, CA

Joan Andrews, CA

Crystal Lamb, MD

Katy Bartels, AMD

Anna Rohde, AMD

TABLE LEADERS:

Lee Anne Meyers

Sarah Monk

Penny Mendenhall

Ann Rosson

Mickey Schwartz

Laquita Showen

ASSISTANT TABLE LDR.:

Brenda Culpepper

Phylis Darling

Tammi DePaepe

Shirley Dunfee

Leoma Hagan

Barbara Richards

OUTSIDE ANGELS:

Angela Horst

Sharell Bane

Carol Darling

Audry Gould

Audrey Klein

Michele Rudy

Toyia Urbaniak

ASST. SPIRITUAL DIR.:

Rev. Sara Barbere

Rev. Jan Blackburn

Rev. Becky Henson

WALK #29 PILGRIMS:

Pilgrim's Name Church

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| Gina Bauman | Eaves Tabernacle |
| Lona Beck | Dogwood Hills Baptist, Palestine |
| Megan Boatfield | Frankston UMC |
| Karen Bonds | FUMC, Gilmer |
| Betty Born | Green Acres Baptist |
| Kathy Cates | FUMC, Gladewater |
| Jane Cheatham | Smithland Methodist |
| Jana Cilliers | Lindale UMC |
| Nancy Edwards | FUMC, Gladewater |
| Debbie Faulkner | First Methodist-Longview |
| Terri Fields | First Assembly of God, Whitehouse |
| Becky Foote | Lindale UMC |
| Donna Green | FUMC, Palestine |
| Patsy Harper | FUMC, Bullard |
| Lori Hart | FUMC, Longview |
| Jan Hood | St. Mark's UMC |
| Karen Husmann | FUMC, Gladewater |
| Gwen Jackson | Lanes Chapel UMC |
| Kim Johnson | Lindale UMC |
| Carol Jones | Cumberland Presbyterian, Marshall |
| Christina Kjosa | Lindale UMC |
| Margaret Lunday | FUMC, Mineola |
| Berita Morse | FUMC, Gilmer |
| Mitte Ann Perry | West Athens Baptist Church |
| Tina Pickens | Cheatham UMC, Edgewood |
| Patty Polk | First Christian, Athens |
| Ermazelle Price | Wesley McCabe UMC |
| Sue Rogers | Dixie Baptist |
| Loretta Ross | St. Lukes UMC, Kilgore |
| Debbie Sipes | Emmanuel Baptist |
| Barbara Smith | First Baptist - Longview |
| Tammy Stafford | FUMC, Gladewater |
| Rene'e Steele | FUMC, Gladewater |
| Michelle Stewart | Wesley McCabe UMC |
| Sarah Stobaugh | FUMC, Longview |
| Pam Tannehill | St. Lukes UMC, Kilgore |



DeColores from the Lay Director's

We are almost on top of Walk #28. Your prayers for the walk, the team, and the pilgrims are appreciated. The intent of the team is to provide the hands, face, and voice for our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through **SERVANTHOOD** that others will see Jesus through each of us. The team working this walk has been called to faithfulness and it through faith and faithfulness that we witness the power and majesty of Jesus. He continues to work His miracles through this instrument that we call the walk to Emmaus. As the Lord continues to convince the hearts of men to fill our pilgrim list (we still need pilgrims), do not cease your praying and support. It is felt and appreciated. Pray unceasing and in all things give the glory to our Father. Just a few moments ago, after a phone call to Nancy Lineberry, I realize that we have witnessed again yet another miracle. Roger Lineberry is recuperating very well from a tremendous surgery. Praises be to God. The team for Walk #28 truly owns our description of being the Mustard Seed Moving Company. We see ourselves, each and every one of us equal to the task before us. We are small enough to move mountains because we do not rely on self. Our strength is in the one who empowers each of us for His purpose and His will. We have recognized and rejoice that our Lord Jesus is the one that "is large and in charge." Matthew 17:20 tells us, "...If you have Faith as a Mustard Seed, you shall say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you." Pray, pray unceasingly, we covet and appreciate your prayers and all the glory and honor is to Jesus.

Bill Burgdorf, Lay Director

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Men's Walk #28

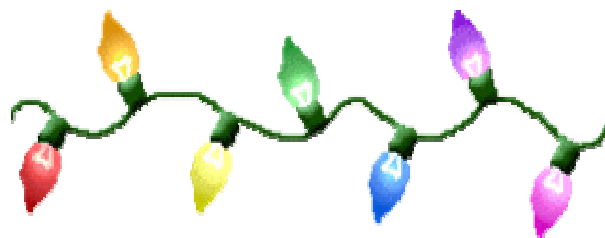
DeColores!

A few words from the Women's LD:

We are almost there! Our hearts and minds have been focused on preparing for both the Men's Walk #28 and the Women's Walk #29. We have felt all your prayers, as well as our own, because God is providing just who and what is needed for a meaningful, spiritual experience for the Pilgrims on the walks. I am so thrilled that our Lord has blessed us our Pilgrim list is filled to the 36!!!! Many thanks go to those of you "behind the scene" that have been so helpful. We ask for everyone's' continued prayers. Please plan to support the Walks by attending the Candlelight on Saturday the 6th and Closing services on Sunday. As I write this, my prayers, and those of the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community are with our Community Lay Director, Roger Lineberry, and his wife, Nancy, as Roger recuperates from quadruple bypass heart surgery. We know God's healing hand is with them. The Scriptures that are guiding me as I serve God in the capacity of Lay Director are, ³**In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning, I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.** Psalm 5:3 and **"Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."** Matthew 5:16.

So, listen for God's voice! Shine with me!!

Pat Rudy,
Lay Director
G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Women's Walk #29



OTHER THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Kairos Updates at the Michael Unit

Charles Smith (*GRACE Walk No. 5*) will be the next Rector for **KAIROS Michael No. 24**. He is in team formation right now if you feel led to be a part of a Kairos team, give Charles a call at **903-881-8061**. Or you can download a **Kairos Team application** at www.gracemmaus.org and fill it out and mail it back to him. If you or your reunion group, Sunday school, etc. would like to help out with any of the team's agape needs please give Charles a call. And as always we need your prayerful cookie baking help in order to reach our **5,000 dozen** cookie goal, (**that's 60,000 individual Bite size acts of agape love**).



Chocolate Chip Oatmeal

Ingredients:

1 cup Shortening, softened

1 cup Packed light brown sugar

1 cup Granulated sugar

2 Eggs

1 Teaspoon vanilla extract



3 Cups sifted all-purpose flour

1/2 Teaspoon baking soda

1/2 Teaspoon salt

1 Cup quick-cooking oats

2 Cups Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F lightly grease cookie sheets.
2. Beat shortening, both sugars, egg, and vanilla in large bowl on medium with an electric mixer until fluffy.
3. Sift together flour, baking soda and salt.
4. Gradually add flour mixture to shortening mix in bowl beating until well blended. Stir in oats and chocolate chips.
5. Drop by teaspoons onto prepared cookie sheet. Cooked cookies should be about 2 inches or less in diameter.
6. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack or counter top.
7. Cool completely before bagging. Makes about 4-1/2 to 5 dozen cookies.

God is using the Epiphany Ministry to reach His children who are incarcerated.

For some unknown reason this has been an unusually difficult week for the kids at the Corsicana unit. This unit houses children who range in age from 11 to 18. Normally when I go to minister to the children in security, there are only a few children there but this week it was full.

When God's people make themselves available, He blesses their efforts in a mighty way. This is the story of a young girl's surrender to the loving call of Jesus. She had been struggling for weeks about her salvation and her relationship with God and last night while sitting on the cold concrete floor of her cell in isolation she asked Jesus to come into her heart. In the midst of the entire calamity, turmoil and noise of security and isolation Jesus reached down and filled her with His love and peace. She made her decision and prayed for Him to come into her heart forever. Praise the Lord!

This is only one of the stories of the many young people who have come to know Jesus through the Epiphany Ministry. Please pray for God's gentle hand to continue to reach out to these children through this ministry.

Gods grace and mercy to you one and all,
Jerry Bach, (G.R.A.C.E. Walk No. 25)

DeColores

The Editor.

Are you in a Reunion Group, or are starting a new one, or would you like to become a member of one. Send Tom Perdue and email at TPerdue@cox-internet.com so that he can update the reunion group list. To see the current groups go to www.gracemmaus.org for more info.

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If you live outside the GRACE community area – we encourage you to get involved with a community near you.

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