

G.R.A.C.E. News

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Next Gathering

Thursday

February 9th

@ 7:00PM,

**Walter Fair UMC,
Tyler**

**G.R.A.C.E. REGISTRAR
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Dear **G.R.A.C.E.**

WHO IS SPONSOR'S HOUR FOR? The answer can be compared to the one for, "Who is buried in Grant's tomb?" But there is a difference! While it is true only Ulysses Grant is buried in Grant's Tomb, it is not true that only sponsors can attend Sponsor's Hour.

So, all of us in our Emmaus Community are invited to share in Send-off and Sponsor's Hour events!

Our participation in these Thursday evening activities can be a great expression of agape, and can be used as an excellent addition or loving alternative to Candlelight attendance for any of us who won't be sponsoring a pilgrim this spring.

On both Thursdays, March 9th and 16, 2006, Send-Off and Sponsor's Hour events will be at Discipleship Crossing Camp in Athens at 7:00 PM.
Will you be there?

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Team Selection

Betty Devine/Pat Eubanks

Walk Clean Up

Tom Perdue/Michael Minor

Walk Doves/GRACE Crosses, Name

Tags **Mike Minor**

TENTATIVE GRACE Community Calendar for 2006

January 12

Gathering at Lanes Chapel UMC

January 19

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

February 9

Gathering at Walter Fair UMC – 7 p.m.

February 16

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

March 11

Candlelight at Disciple's Crossing,
Athens – 8 p.m.

March 18

Candlelight at Disciple's Crossing,
Athens – 8 p.m.

March 23

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

April 8

Gathering at Gladewater UMC
Babe Chick Meeting at 4 p.m.;
Covered Dish and Gathering at 5:30

April 20

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

May 11

Gathering at Grand Saline UMC – 7 p.m.

May 18

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

June 8

Gathering - TBA

June 15

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

July NO GATHERING; NO BOARD MEETING

August 10

Gathering at First UMC of Troup – 7 p.m.

August 17

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

September 14

Gathering at Swan-Wood Springs – 7
p.m.

September 21

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

October 14

Candlelight at Camp Gilmont
Gilmer– 8 p.m.

October 21

Candlelight at Camp Gilmont
Gilmer– 8 p.m.

October 26

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.
(tentative)

November 11

Grand Ultreya at St. Lukes UMC Kilgore
at Noon

November 16

Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

KAIROS No. 28

Team meetings Kairos No. 28 are rapidly approaching. Meeting dates are:

**2/18/06, Green Acres Baptist,
Tyler**

**3/4/06, St. Stevens Episcopal,
Hurst**

3/18/06, First UMC, Ennis

4/1/06, First UMC, Athens

**4/15/06, Green Acres Baptist,
Tyler**

Jim Born, (GRACE Walk No. 25) is the Team Leader, if anyone is interested in joining the team, you still can by email Jim at tyr103030@yahoo.com

If any Reunion Groups are interested in helping with lunch at any meetings let him know also.

EPIPHANY BOYS No. 7

Feb. 10th-12th, 2006 Boys No. 7, will begin at the Texas Youth Commission Facility in Corsicana, Tx. If you are interested in praying for the weekend, they do this really phenomenal prayer chain that gets introduced during

the weekend to demonstrate God's Agape Love and Prayer for the boys during the weekend, it represents 24/7 prayer for the boys during the weekend. If you would like to sign up for a prayer slot (30 minutes) just send Tom Perdue an email with your name(s) (Sunday school, reunion groups or families are welcome) at tomdue@cox.net

If you've ever seen on of these it is awesome and the Boy's spend a lot of the free time just looking at it and wondering why someone would want to pray for them. If you would like to come to the Closing, be at the Front Gate to the unit by 3:00PM, be conservatively dressed, no open toed shoes or revealing clothing, children 12 and older may attend with a parent or guardian, no children allowed younger than that. Salina Short (GRACE Walk No. 24) is the Lay Director for this weekend, if you have any support or words of encouragement for her you can email her at sgshort@earthlink.net

For directions to the unit and more information about Epiphany email Jerry Bach at usglobal@cox.net

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ATTENTION ALL FOURTH DAY PRAYER WARRIORS, SPONSORS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS!!! ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A QUIET PLACE AWAY FROM ALL THE NOISE? HAVE WE GOT A PLACE FOR YOU?! AT DISCIPLES CROSSING CAMP THERE IS A SECLUDED BUILDING OVER LOOKING THE LAKE CALLED "THE WOODS" AND IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO

COME AND SPEND TIME (HOURS IF YOU CAN) TO PRAY, MEDITATE, AND SUPPORT THE PILGRIMS AND TEAMS DURING THE MARCH WALKS. IT IS VERY SPACIOUS AND EVEN HAS BENCHES AROUND THE PORCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JUST SIT OUTSIDE AND ENJOY GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATION!!! WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND ENJOY THIS PLACE, SPEND TIME WITH GOD, TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE WALKS THROUGH PRAYER, & SUPPORT G.R.A.C.E. EMMAUS!! SEE YOU THERE!!

WALK 37 NEEDS 2 MORE WOMEN TO SERVE ON THE SERVANT (OUTSIDE) TEAM WHO ARE ABLE TO COMMIT TO STAYING FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND. PLEASE CONTACT SUE WALLACE, 903-675-6581, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SERVE. DE COLORES!!

HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE TEAMS AND PILGRIMS THROUGH THE GIFT OF AGAPE SERVICE. PLEASE CONTACT LYNDA SLAY AT 903-275-8979 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AT THE AGAPE MEAL FOR THE UPCOMING WALKS. WE NEED 10 SERVERS AT EACH WALK. MEN SERVE WOMEN SAT. MARCH 18, WOMEN SERVE MEN SAT. MARCH 11. REMEMBER IF YOU SPONSOR A PILGRIM YOU CANNOT SERVE THAT WALK, OR IF YOU ARE A SPOUSE OF A PILGRIM YOU CANNOT SERVE THAT WALK. THANK

YOU FOR SIGNING UP AND FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE. DE COLORES!!!

IF ANY FOURTH DAY OR REUNION GROUPS WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THE AFTERGLOW REFRESHMENTS (ICE CREAM SUNDAES) FOR THE UPCOMING WALKS, PLEASE CONTACT LYNDA SLAY @ 903-275-8979. MANY BLESSINGS! DE COLORES!!!!!!

G.R.A.C.E. Women's Walk # 37 – Our Team is Complete! God has chosen some of the most amazing people I have ever been around to serve the Pilgrims on Walk #37. You may be looking at the Team Roster and saying, "I hardly know any of them". You are not alone. I contacted many people I did not know to ask them to serve on the Team. It is so wonderful how GOD chooses the teams and then bonds them together as One Body, His instrument for completing His purpose. I am overjoyed as the Lay Director who gets to sit at the back of the Conference Room and witness God's handiwork as it progresses through the Team, Pilgrims, and the Walk weekend.

Last Saturday we held our second Team meeting, and I have to say "WOW"!! It was an amazing day for me as we previewed 5 powerful and Spirit-filled talks. I believe that all the talks will touch the Pilgrims and move them closer to God.

Please continue to pray for more Pilgrims and for the ones God has chosen. He will fill this Walk. He will nudge you sponsors to invite the ones He has placed on your hearts. Be obedient, sponsor a Pilgrim, and then support them

fully throughout their Emmaus experience and follow-up by getting them connected with the G.R.A.C.E. Community.

Keep Walks #36 & #37 in your prayers as we are only half way through the training process. There is a lot to learn and a lot to do, but GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT!!

Ephesians 3:17 TLB "And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living in you as you trust in Him!!!!"

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Lynda Slay
Lay Director
GRACE WALK #37

Team GRACE Walk No. 37

NAME	POSITION
Lynda Slay	Lay Director
John Newsome	Spiritual Director
Daniel Newman	Asst. Spiritual Dir.
Robert Besser	Asst. Spiritual Dir.
Johnathan Bynum	Asst. Spiritual Dir.
Kim Hagedorn	Asst. Spiritual Dir.
Jan Craig	Board Rep.
Patti Jones	Asst. Lay Director
Nancy Lineberry	Asst. Lay Director
Laquita Showen	Asst. Lay Director
Kathy Kapka	Table Leader
Delisa Heard	Table Leader
Leoma Hagan	Table Leader
Toyia Urbaniak	Table Leader
Gayle Robinson	Table Leader
Elizabeth Minor	Table Leader
Joan Andrews	Asst. Table Leader
Claudia Jackson	Asst. Table Leader
Sharron Wells	Asst. Table Leader
Jennifer Currey	Asst. Table Leader
Katinka Aldridge	Asst. Table Leader
Michelle Black	Asst. Table Leader
Kathy Melton	Music Director
Sandy Collins	Asst. Music Director
Kay Reddoch	Asst. Music Director

Now go out and serve our Lord.