

# Grace For Today

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## NEXT GATHERING

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 14, 2008  
FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
MINEOLA, TX  
Gathering at 7pm

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## DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
We are getting close to the next set of walks for the Spring. Don't let time get away from you because these walks are earlier this year than normal. The Men's Walk is February 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by the Women's Walk on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and team meetings are underway.

**We need Pilgrims!!!** As the teams are preparing for these upcoming walks we need sponsors to be doing God's work in talking to those potential pilgrims, praying for them and getting those applications in the mail.

Just this last week Harold Starkey gave me a copy of a newsletter report he ran across. In this report the author describes the Walk to Emmaus. He states "The Walk to Emmaus is an amazing three days, and one of the best things about it is that it's not over after the weekend ends!! We can continue to worship, praise, eat outlandish amounts of agape, and make it possible for others to experience the weekend also." Well I would just like to say DITTO. As much as I loved the part of eating outlandish amounts of agape it is the weekend that continues to build up our local church leaders and to grow Christians closer to Christ. This makes the role of sponsorship the most important role for these teams.

Remember that these Walks will be held in Athens @ Disciples Crossing. We don't want anyone to end up driving to the wrong camp site.

Here are things to consider when sponsoring a pilgrim:

1. PRAY
2. Invite church leaders, Christians that are the quite backbone of the church, Christians who need to rekindle and renew their commitment to our Lord, Christians who want to grow spiritually.
3. Get those applications filled out and mailed.

4. Gather 8 to 12 "MEANINGFUL" letters of agape from family and close friends. This is not a competition for the most letters gathered. We do not want more than 12 letters. If you gather more than 12 letters hold those until you pick up your pilgrim at the end of the weekend and then give them the rest of their letters on the ride home. It is Your Responsibility to identify those 8 to 12 meaningful letters they will receive on the weekend.
5. Sign up on the prayer vigil ([www.3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org)) and contact others to sign up on the pray vigil.
6. Bring your pilgrim for the weekend and come to all the activities.
7. Bring your pilgrim back for the Babe Chick Meeting AND help them get into a Reunion Group.
8. Continue to pray for your pilgrim(s).

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the candidates, for GRACE Emmaus and for the local churches. It is a demonstration of agape love. It is making oneself an instrument of God's Prevenient Grace. Be a part of the Team for Walks #44 and #45 by Sponsoring a Pilgrim on The Walk to Emmaus.

DeColores and Fly with Christ  
Teresa Elliott  
Community Lay Director

## WALK #44

What an honor to be the LD for God's team on Walk #44! I am excited about the team He has put together. I know His words, actions, and spirit will be felt by everyone attending. I pray everyday that the community is searching out to find pilgrims to come and enjoy this experience. Don't forget the agape, it is your privilege to show your love in a very special way. I truly believe they will be rewarded with a new commission to take home to their church. It is coming up on us faster this year but all will be ready to go and it will be the greatest walk ever. The cross is and always will be a symbol of His dying love for us, we must not bear the cross alone. Our job is to reach out and serve those around us. Please pray this team up daily, let

us continue to spread the word and create a spirit all around us.

We have had a team meeting already, a slow start but coming along. Had some great table training time and that is where we really make it happen.

Harold Starkey LD, Walk #44

### GOD'S TEAM FOR WALK #44

Harold Starkey	George Assaf
Heath Huffstetter	Dave Barnes
Brent Hooser	Tom Perdue
Jimmy McGonagill	Jay Edwards
Jack McCambridge	Chuck Reed
Waymon McMillon	Ray Carden
Stan Bates	Dan Matthews
Bryan Beatty	Burton Love
Bill Younger	Steve Shoup
John Teegarden	Joe Spurgin
Staten Fontaine	Bill Brown
Damon DeRieux	Jerry Halpain
Andrew Starkey	Bob Meyers
Andy Christopher	Loren Lykins
Richard Luna	Bart Reddoch
Jarratt Major	Kevin King
Scott Dornbush	

### From Walk #45 LD

Once again, God is good! The team for Women's Walk #45 is halfway through team meetings, and I know you've heard it before, but, **this is going to be the best walk ever!**

It shouldn't come as any surprise that this team is wonderful, because it is made up of women from the GRACE Emmaus community, and beyond! We have members on the team from many different towns, backgrounds, and experience levels--all beautifully woven together to re-present Christ to the pilgrims who are being called to come on this walk. The talks have been excellent, and the Holy Spirit is already working in each of us as we prepare. I would ask that you continue to lift the following team members in prayer, pray for the pilgrims who will attend, sign up for a slot on the prayer vigil, and GET THOSE PILGRIM APPLICATIONS IN! I can't wait to see the face of Christ glowing back at us at the Candlelight at Disciple's Crossing. Until then.....

De Colores and God Bless You!  
Susan Stallings Walk #45 LD

### GOD'S TEAM FOR WALK #45

TEAM MEMBER WALK #45	POSITION
Susan Stallings	LD
Laquita Showen	BOARD REP
Jack Matkin	SD
Mary Bates	ASD
Gary Andrews	ASD
Ben Bright	ASD
David Urban	ASD
Patti Jones	ALD
Cindy Hooser	ALD
Nancy Lineberry	ALD
Donna Swenson	TL
Tona Teta	TL
Judy Hawn	TL
Helen Diller	TL
Sharon Cline	TL
Elizabeth Minor	TL
Sandy Collins	ATL
Katie Stallings	ATL
JoAnne Skeen	ATL
Cindy Owens	ATL
Kay Reddoch	ATL
Robin Gillian	ATL
Linda Tomlinson	MD
Gerri McGilvray	AMD
LeeAnne Meyers	AMD
Melissa Urban	SERVANT TL

### GOD'S WORK WITH GRACE

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the G.R.A.C.E. community. It may be through working any position on Walks (Conference Room or Outside Servant Team), sponsoring pilgrims, holding the faith back in the home church, making agape of all sorts, prayers, or financially. It may seem that the Board harps on finances a lot but the hard reality is that without money, it's difficult to remain a

community and give Walks. So....to ALL of YOU who have helped in ANY fashion, a tremendous **THANK YOU!!** many times over and we all look forward to sharing the faith again and again.

At present, there are 15 contributors giving by Electronic Banking transfers for a total of \$245 a month.

Laquita Showen

## **2008 Gatherings**

February 14 (Thursday) First Christian Church, Mineola 7pm

March 1 and March 8 (Saturday) CANDLELIGHT at Disciples Crossing, Athens 8pm

April 12 (Saturday) First United Methodist Church, Ore City 5pm Babe Chick Mtg, 6pm Potluck Dinner, 7pm Gathering

May 8 (Thursday) First United Methodist Church, Hallsville 7pm

June 12 (Thursday) First United Methodist Church, Lindale 7pm

JULY – NO GATHERING

August 9 (Saturday) St. Marks United Methodist Church, Marshall 12pm Covered Dish & Gathering

September 11 (Thursday) Crossroads Community Church, Longview 7pm

October 11 & 18 (Saturday) CANDLELIGHT at Camp Gilmont Gilmer 8pm

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“Anyone who wants to be the first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.” Mark 9:35  
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*Please feel free to post this convenient gathering calendar on your fridge or bulletin board!*



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**ATTENTION ALL 4TH DAYERS!!!**

Walk Agape:

Come walk down memory lane and remember your own personal Emmaus Walk. Remember the delight of going to meals and seeing a cute placemat? Or it may have been an inspirational one? Remember finding a "surprise" gift at your spot at the table? Or finally, at last, getting to head for your bed and finding more surprises on your bed? (Someone on my daughter's Walk a few

years back started calling this agape, "Angel Droppings" -- in a nice way -- as the agape was so unexpected and delightful and they never knew when it was going to appear. Needless to say, it caught on among that group of pilgrims. When Kysia was telling me this, my first explanation was, "What!? What did you just say?" Anyway, now is the time to pass on the gifts of agape, and time is short! Men's Walk is less than 4 weeks away. If you haven't already, put your thoughts into action! This can be accomplished individually, reunion groups, other creative gatherings. Just get busy, please! PLEASE!

# Needed:

Placemats (65/set)

Bed agape (36)

Conference Room Pilgrim Tables (48)

Entire Conf. Room (65)

At this time of writing, I know of only 6 commitments to bring agape. If you are planning on bringing Walk agape, please let me know by email ([jlshowen@att.net](mailto:jlshowen@att.net)) or phone: 903-566-0733. (Would help with reducing stress level.)

Thanks.

Laquita Showen

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**There is** the possibility of an exploratory meeting in late March to consider the possibility of forming a new Emmaus Community under the supervision and support of GRACE Tyler/Longview Community, and of course under the guidelines of the Upper Room.

The new community would consist of 4th dayers from Palestine, Athens, Canton, Payne Springs and surrounding areas. If you have questions, please contact Tom Haygood at

[tomhaygood@yahoo.com](mailto:tomhaygood@yahoo.com)

or 903.570.4123.

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## **Agape Dinner**

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Day-ers

We need servers for Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> women for the Men's walk and men for the Women's walk on March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can assist us we will arrive at 4:00 p.m. at Disciples Crossing Camp outside of Athens Texas. We will set up the tables and serve at 5:30 p.m. Please wear black pants and a white shirt. We encourage you to return for candlelight at 8:00 p.m.

Thank you

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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