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February 18th
Cowboy Church of Harrison
co.

Covered Dish Noon
Worship 1:00

Candlelight
March 4th & 11th 7:30
Disciples Crossing

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hello, my name is Brett Walker, I went on G.R.A.C.E. Walk 66 at Camp Gilmont, I sat at the Table of St. John, and I worship and serve at FUMC Longview. As I sit down to write this first message during the Christmas season as your new Community Lay Director for 2017, many things come to mind.

First, I want to thank Karol Johnston for her service as she led us in 2016 as the Community Lay Director. She did a great job, and I hope to be able to follow in her footsteps. Another big thank you to those Board members whose terms expired on December 31: Mac Walling, Bubba DeBerry, Jim Buchanan, and Tommy Ferguson. I also want to welcome our new members on the G.R.A.C.E. Board: Lisa Brewer, Wynn Harle, Garry Mount, Steve Morton, and Hank Resler. I ask you to support each of them as they begin their duties.

I especially want to welcome all our new and "mature" Fourth Dayers and encourage each of you to consider the opportunities to serve the Lord in the G.R.A.C.E. Community in the New Year. There are so many opportunities to serve...on Board Committees, on Walk Teams, help with Gatherings in your local host churches, prayers, support for those who are serving, and last but

certainly, not least, Sponsorship !! If you know someone in your church that might benefit from going on a Walk, start talking to them now. As you know, being a sponsor is one of the most, if not the most important job each of us can perform for both the Community and for God. If you haven't been through Sponsorship training, please attend a session at the next opportunity. They are held at the first monthly Gathering after our Walks. Also, Sponsorship booklets are available at each Gathering. Remember what you heard during the Fourth Day Talk on your Walk: "The primary purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to help build leaders in our local churches". Your local church should always come first, but we need and welcome your participation in our Community also. Feel free to contact any of our Board members to see if you can help them with their jobs this year. Their contact information will be listed on our website at graceemmaus.com. Also, please feel free to contact me if I can help you in any way. As we all begin another year on our spiritual journeys, I encourage each of us to "take stock" of where we are, and where we need to be going on that journey. You might take some time to reconsider your Priorities, put them down on paper, and look inward with prayer to see how the things you do each

day exhibit those priorities. Here are some of mine...this past year has been another amazing experience for me as I've both observed and participated in the Lord's work. Though there have been a few challenges, each challenge has brought forth a new understanding of God's amazing Grace in my life and the lives of others. As the New Year begins, my goal is to love God more and listen to His guidance as He continues to invite me into different means of service to His people. I also want to thank Him more as He continues to bless me in ways that I can only imagine and barely fathom. I want to love more, do more, and be more of what He wants me to be.

In closing, here is my challenge for all of us. List your Priorities and really spend time in prayer about them. Make new ones and replace some of the old ones that really shouldn't have been on the list anyway.

Then, let go and let God help you as you start to live each day of the New Year with those in mind.

DeColores
Brett Walker

Food for Thought

One of the things I look forward to when I go on vacation, is to get away from it all. The best thing about a cruise is no phone, no internet, just total relaxation.

The one thing that you cannot leave at home is your Christian witness. You never know who is watching, and who you may be able to witness to. This was brought home to me on a cruise I went on a few weeks ago, Sam and I were exploring the ship when we saw Jim Buchannan walking towards us. Talk about accountability. We had no idea that we were going to be on a cruise together. You never know who you will run into, and the person that saw you praying at a restaurant, might be the same person that will see you losing your cool with a store clerk. We cannot hide from God, but it is also hard to hide from the people who are looking to see us fall. No matter how many good things you do, they can be ruined by just one slip up. Remember it is a small world, and we, as Christians, are always being watched by those who want to bring us down.

DeColores,
Lisa Palomaria

AGAPE is the love that is being "the hands & feet of Christ".

Please mark your calendars for the following dates to Praise God through your service once again for G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Walks #80 & #81. Men's Agape Dinner is Saturday, March 4th, 2017; Women's Agape Dinner is Saturday, March 11th, 2017.

We are blessing the Pilgrims with our gifts of love & service. However, we all know that we receive so much more.

DeColores,

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From the community prayer vigil coordinator:
Talia Epps

I love Emmaus. I love working on walks. I love the feeling in the room when everyone says the prayer to the Holy Spirit together. I love the people and personalities in community. It's a blessing to be a small part of GRACEEmmaus.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to pray on the community prayer vigils the last 2 years. It's been an honor to serve and pray with you all.

Upcoming Walks

Men's walk #80
March 2-5, 2017

Women's walk #81
March 9-12, 2017
Disciple's Crossing
Athens

Turn in pilgrim applications now, and Pray, Pray, Pray.

Submitted by Hank Resler
Sponsorship Chairman

I would like that someone, in each of the Church's within the Grace Emmaus Community, take charge of providing information about

our walks with your congregation, whether it is placed in your church's calendar, newsletter, Sunday bulletin, or website. Would you please let your members know: the dates of our Walks, who to speak with to get information as to the nature of the Walks, and the names of 4th Dayers in your church who will be willing to sponsor a pilgrim. Thanks, you for your attention and help.

Note: Ask if you can give a short testimony during your Church Service.
Sometime hearing why will help people say yes.

We are in the process of updating all the reunion groups. We need all information on new and old reunion groups that are having meetings! This way we can help all the 4th dayers stayed connected and possibly start new groups too!!!

This is what's needed:
Group name, contact , where, when, etc!!!
Please send info to

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Thank you
Lisa Brewer
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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

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Date _____ Signature _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

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