

January Newsletter

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Mike Hodgson

Community Lay Director

IT BEGINS AGAIN

What a wonderful time of the year. After just celebrating the birth of our Savior and the beginning of a new year, it is so refreshing to bathe ourselves in the joy of the Lord. Now we have the excitement that goes with preparing for the next Walks. Walks 84 & 85 teams are well under way and by the time you read this they will have had at least one training session. Please begin your prayers for the teams and the pilgrims that all will have a positive life changing experience. As always, the key to a successful walk is the Holy Spirit. But our biggest part is sponsorship. Please begin your prayers for bringing pilgrims into this awesome experience. If you have questions on how to sponsor, talk with Hank Resler our sponsorship coordinator. We as a community only have two months till the Walks. May God bless each one as we move forward with this wonderful adventure called Emmaus. I humbly ask for your prayers for myself as your new Community Lay Director and our new board members, along with the board members that will be continuing to serve the Community.

De Colores!

Mike Hodgson, Community Lay Director

G.R.A.C.E. Website:
www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings:

January 20, 2018
GRACE UMC Palestine
Potluck lunch at Noon
Worship at 1:00 p.m.

Spring Walks

Men's Walk #84

March 1-4

Women's Walk #85

March 8-11

Calling All Mules

If you have a mule or golf cart and would like to put it to good use in early March, please contact one or both of the Walk 84 and 85 Outside Team Leaders, Garry Mount or Nancy Edwards.

We always have the need to help those with mobility issues on our Walks.

Garry can be reached at 903-985-0957 or mt3279@aol.com
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News from Nan Haygood

"Do you remember your first Emmaus Gathering? My first was November, 1998, at St. Luke's in Kilgore. I am now enjoying my 20th year of "Gathering". One of the definitions of Gathering is "to pick up piece by piece". Is that not what we who call ourselves Fourth Day are doing for each other? And, in turn, being blessed by each other? That has certainly been my experience. And I encourage you to join in as we have our first Gathering of 2018 at Grace Methodist in Palestine. Bring a covered dish for dinner at 12 noon. And at 1 pm, share in the sweet, sweet Spirit as we worship the One we joyfully serve!

Blessings to you all!! Nan Haygood"

MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC!!!!!!!

Hi my name is Mike Johnston and I am responsible for..... you guessed it, I am in charge of the MUSIC TRAILER for the community, as a Grace Emmaus board member. I LOVE MUSIC!!!!

Scripture tells us in Psalms 98:4 to "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth", and man can the musicians of the community make a joyful noise.

The new year brings new opportunities for everyone! I'm looking forward to working with the musicians in our GRACE community this year. If you are a vocalist or instrumentalist, I'd love to hear from you so that I can plan ahead for our monthly gatherings. I need YOU and your assistance. You can participate in our gatherings without ever having served on the music team. Please contact me via my email to inform me of your name, instrument (if you play one or more), email address, and phone number.

Mike Johnston

Music Trailer

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AGAPE ITEMS for EACH WALK

PREFERRED:

72 of each item stored in Ziploc Bags & the number "72" written with permanent marker on each bag. (This gives the Outside Servant Team more options for distribution.)

OPTIONAL:

Add your REUNION GROUP NAME ON EACH ITEM (not church name). (The emphasis becomes the **Reunion Group**.)

ALSO OPTIONAL:

Should you "need" to provide 36 Agape items instead of 72, please label zip lock bags appropriately.

P.a.m. Martin 903-520-3975

Reunion Group Information:

It is so important to be in a reunion group!!

There's a list of active groups on our website with times and locations! If none of these work for you, it only takes two people to start one in your area and a time that works for you.

Face to Face began "Encounters" in Emmaus Communities across the United States in 2015. Each day, new groups are joining in this adventure of starting Face to Face in their local Emmaus communities. They are experiencing a renewed spirit within the community, and growing numbers of pilgrims who are thankful for the focus of Face to Face.

An adaptation of The Walk to Emmaus, Face to Face is specifically crafted to meet the needs and life-stages of older adults. The program seeks to invite men and women, ages 60 and older, to experience Jesus through a 4 or 8 session journey, covering subjects such as discipleship, mission, grief, and end-of-life issues. The highly flexible schedule allows participants the freedom to engage in structured Bible study and prayer in a church setting or other community space. Led by clergy and lay leaders, Face to Face strengthens and renews followers of Christ and bolsters the spiritual life of individuals, families, and congregations everywhere. Face to Face is open to members of any Christian denomination who want to strengthen their spiritual lives, discover answers to their questions about faith, and are open to understanding the responsibility of living a Christian lifestyle.

Face to Face gives seniors the opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace and to form friendships that foster their faith after the Face to Face experience.

Face to Face allows the opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in your life, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity.

For more information <http://facetoface.upperroom.org/>

Journey to the Table is a new spiritual formation ministry of The Upper Room specifically designed for young adults, ages 18 – 35 years old. It allows participants to explore faith through authentic teaching and it fosters open discussion through which participants can build relationships with a community of peers.

It can be used as a weekend retreat, a curriculum for up to 7 sessions, or adapted for your weekly/monthly gatherings. Through teaching, reflection, and discussion on identity, relationships, Christian action, and more, it guides participants to explore their own story, their faith journey, Scripture, and how they might use their experience and passions to transform their homes, schools, places of work, and communities.

For more information, visit <http://journey.upperroom.org/>.

Are you recruiting Pilgrims for the Spring Walks?

If you have heard God calling you to invite someone on the Walk to Emmaus, this is the time! Pray that the person God is calling you to will be receptive, and that the words you speak will be heard with a receptive heart. Be open and understanding to their response. Give them time to consider, make sure you provide them with the dates, and cost, which is now \$165.

Then begin praying for your pilgrim, their family, and that God will provide a clear path for your pilgrim to attend.

God Bless you one and All, Debbie Hays

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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 15th of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

BANK INFORMATION

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 \$ _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

Depository Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Account #: _____ Transit/ABA #: _____

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