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Next Gathering

February 10th

@ 7:00 pm,

Walter Fair UMC,

Tyler

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WOW! WOW! A NEW CAMP FOR THE MARCH WALKS!

Dear **G.R.A.C.E.** Community,

We are blessed to have and live in the the great community that we call **G.R.A.C.E.** Our territory stretches from Mabank to Marshall and from Palestine to Gilmer. We are approximately 1200 members strong and growing. **God is good all the time and all the time God is good.**

In order to accommodate our growing Emmaus family, we are going to conduct our March Men's and Women's Walks in a new location. We are going to be using a new camp, **Disciples Crossing** 3693 State Highway 31 East, Athens, TX. (*Just about 1 mile east of the East loop of Athens, TX. See the map on page 4.*) Our October walks will be held at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer, TX.

Disciples Crossing is a lovely camp situated overlooking a spectacular lake, and camp. The accommodations at the new camp are spacious dormitory style and set up for large groups. Multiple buildings are connected by sidewalk, and the terrain is relatively level for easy walking.

The community site selection team located this facility and walk lay directors/servant team leaders have toured the camp. There is a collective agreement that this location will serve our Communities Walk to Emmaus

needs superbly. We are excited about adding this camp facility to our GRACE family.

An open letter to our Spring Walks for **G.R.A.C.E.** Emmaus Walk's No. 32 & 33 Team Members...

Bill Burgdorf **G.R.A.C.E.**
Community Lay Director

Welcome from the GRACE Emmaus board and community. We want to thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord Jesus on a walk team.

For our **SPRING** Walks No. 32 & 33. What an opportunity to provide a new experience for our pilgrims and our community. I hope you are as excited about being a part of the Lord's teams that will lead us forward in using **Disciples Crossing** for our **SPRING 2005** walks. Our **FALL 2005** Walks (*in October*) will be held at Camp Gilmont (*outside Gilmer, TX.*).

As you may be aware, our Walk to Emmaus follow a specific "model" provided to us by the Upper Room organization. It has been refined from the original Cursillo movement that you will learn more about. We follow this "model" as closely as possible. The **WALK team** is comprised of two basic groupings: the conference room team and the servant team. Both of the groups comprise the singular **WALK team**. Both are absolutely necessary in providing the arms, faces, and body for Jesus Christ on the walk. There are also many other persons that are involved from our Emmaus community and from the other communities supporting each and every walk. I would like to use

the analogy of a target to explain how each walk is supported. At the "bull's eye" we find the pilgrims and our Lord Jesus, the next ring is the conference room team, the next ring is of the servant team, the next ring is the community followed additional rings of other Emmaus communities, and surrounding the entire target is the Holy Spirit who moves, sustains, and invigorates the entire weekend.



Not one of you is on this walk because of your own volition. Oh, don't mistake me. You've made arrangements, sacrificed your time, revised schedules, and committed to work this walk. In reality, you are here because you are supposed to be here. The Holy Spirit has you at the right place and at the right time for the pilgrims and for you.

For the men and women serving as **Atzyers/Angels (the servant team)**, your role is a unique one during the Emmaus experience. Your role is to be "invisible," going about your work without initiating interaction or conversation with the pilgrims. I am **not** saying that you need to run or hide from them, and definitely do not be rude by not speaking when spoken to, but you don't need to try to become their "buddy" either. You should try to be **QUIET** and in all that you do (setting up or moving tables, chairs, putting out agape, holding doors, lighting paths, etc.). And, you should always have a smile on your face each time a pilgrim sees you.

Serve them joyfully.

Conference Room, your role is to serve the pilgrims by providing an opportunity and environment for their encounter with our Lord Jesus. Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders your leadership role is critical. Through your actions, facial expressions, words, and interaction the pilgrims will feel engaged and active in

drawing closer to communing with the Holy Spirit. Harmony and humility are the keys; **this walk is not about you, nor is it for you.**

For the entire team, it is extremely important too keep one thing in mind –

Jesus is in charge!



However, by His grace, and love, He has designated the decision-making authority on these Walks to individuals who have accepted this responsibility – the **Walk Lay Director's**, the **Servant Team Leader's**, and the **Spiritual Director's**. They in turn have delegated certain areas of responsibility to **Assistant Lay Director's** and **Assistant Spiritual Director's**. All of these persons welcome your input and ideas. **But, make no mistake...this is not a democracy.**

If your role is not one of the previous listed leadership roles, then it is **not** your responsibility to decide how to run things. Whether you agree with a decision or not, whether it is the way it was done on your walk or not, please be cheerful, serve the weekend faithfully, and be completely cooperative.

This walk IS NOT your walk! It is the Lord Jesus Christ's Walk and the pilgrims, He has entrusted us to. The leaders were chosen because of their experience, and they will work together to coordinate the flow of the

walk....**trust them, and support them, and let them lead you.**

Grace and peace from Jesus our Lord.

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Bill Burgdorf G.R.A.C.E.
Community Lay Director

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PILGRIMS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT!

Dear **G.R.A.C.E.** Community,

You have persons in your churches that have been listening to the Holy Spirit and have questions about the Walk to Emmaus. Have you taken the initiative to talk to them? Don't let anything hold you back! The Holy Spirit is counting on you! We currently have 10 men and 22 women registered for Men's Walk No. 32 & Women's Walk No. 33

It is good to remind ourselves regularly with what Emmaus is all about:

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program that intended to strengthen the local church through the development of strengthening the church bodies Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's desire for servant hood and it encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways that are appropriate to being "a servant to all."

Brothers and Sisters, there are those in your church who are struggling right now, dealing with what the Holy Spirit has laid on their hearts. There are Church leaders who need the one-on-one experience with Christ that the Walk to Emmaus provides. Renewed, refreshed, and invigorated from the 72 hour weekend they return to their

churches ready to lead where the



Lord would have them go.

Are you a model of Christ's servant hood?

The aim of a sponsor should not be "to get all my friends to go," to fill up the weekend, to fix people's problems, or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others. Rather, the aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who will, in turn, bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community.

The aim your of sponsorship is to build up the body of Christ.

The church of our Lord Jesus Christ, the bride of Christ, needs you. It is struggling with a secular world that is trying to tear away at its fabric. It is time that we actively continue to sponsor, or sponsor for the first time, Christian brothers and sisters who are ready and willing to walk the Walk to Emmaus.

It is our privilege to continue to build up the body of Christ.

Grace and Peace
DeColores
Board of Directors
G.R.A.C.E. Community

GRACE Emmaus board and board assignments – 2005

Grace community, Your GRACE Emmaus board is a working board of directors, and this year each director has one or more assignments. You have elected a great group to represent your interests in our GRACE community. In order to make certain that we involve as many community members as possible, and to share information and knowledge; each board member has the responsibility to reach out to community members to build committees. When a board member contacts you and asks for your participation on a committee, I know that your response will be a resounding YES! Together, we continue to strengthen and grow the GRACE Emmaus community for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The following are the individuals are filling community roles for 2005:

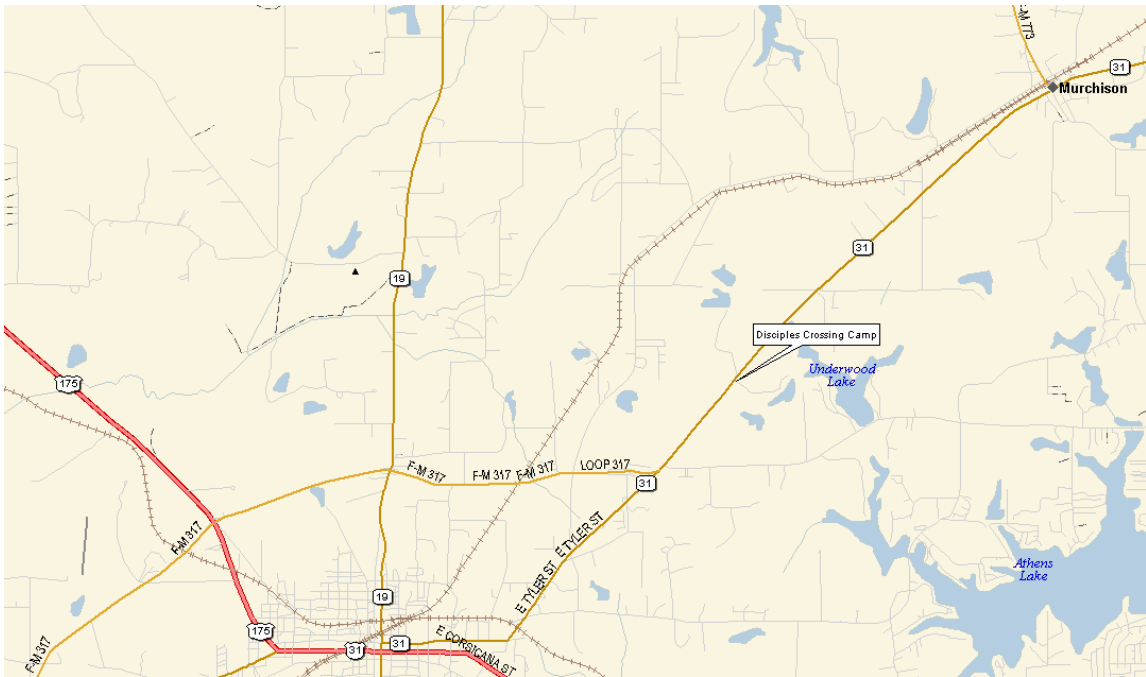
- Community Lay Director – **Bill Burgdorf**
- Asst. Lay Director – **Bob Meyers**
- Community Spiritual Director– **Mike Cline**
- Secretary – **Lynda Slay**
- Treasurer – **Kay McKinley**
- Asst. Treasurer – **Garry Mount**
- Registrar/registrations – **Al Tribe**



- Standing committees:**
- Nominating Committee – **Becky Hanks**
 - Gathering Coordinator – **Willa Beltz**
 - Trailer (walk banners, candles, walk nametags, etc.) – **Mike Minor**
 - Agape Coordinator – **Willa Beltz**
 - Reunion groups/Community website – **Tom Perdue**
 - Literature (Upper Room & Walk Crosses) – **Bill Younger**
 - Team Selection – **Pat Eubanks/Betty Devine**
 - Newsletter Editor/E-mail Communications – **Tom Perdue**
 - Community Music Director – **Dave Barnes**
 - Community training (Babe Chick) – **Garry Mount**
 - Agape Dinner & Afterglow – **Lynda Slay**
 - Walk Book Table – **Susan Stallings**
 - Agape letter coordinator – **Betty Devine**
 - Prayer Clocks – **Susan Stallings**

We covet your prayers and ask that you continue to lift up the actions and decisions made by your board of directors. Know that we continuously invoke the power of the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom. In all things we work for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DeColores
Bill Burgdorf
G.R.A.C.E.
Community Lay Director



To get to the Disciples Crossing Camp from Tyler Take State Hwy 31 towards Chandler/Athens. The camp will be on the left side of the road as you head to Athens it is about 1 mile EAST of the loop and McGilvray Ford. See the maps for an idea of where it is.



Please consider serving on the Outside Teams this time attached below are Outside Team Service applications, the Men's Team is especially in need of support.

G.R.A.C.E. Men's Outside Servant Team Application

Contact Information

Individuals or Reunion Groups information here. (If Reunion Group, please list names of members to be involved).

Name:	
Street Address:	
City, ST, ZIP:	
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
E-Mail Address:	

Availability

During which hours are you available for Servant Team assignments?

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 2:00PM thru Sunday 6:00PM - (\$130.00)	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday–Saturday 1:00PM - 2:00PM ***
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <u>ONLY</u> 2:00PM - 10:00PM (\$8.00 Dinner Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat.–Sun. 1:00PM - 6:00PM ***
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Evening <u>ONLY</u> 6:00PM - 10:00PM (No Meal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday <u>ONLY</u> 2:00PM – 6:00 PM (No Meals)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday–Friday 2:00PM - 2:00PM ***	*** One Night Lodging & 3 Meals for \$45.00

Previous Walk Experience

Summarize your previous Walk experience. (Walk No., Date, Position or Assignment).

Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Any Specific Medical Needs:	
Name:	
Street Address:	
City, ST, ZIP:	
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
E-Mail Address:	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, I will be financially responsible for any housing and meals for the times I serve.

Signature:	
Date:	

Mail to Outside Team Leader ([OSTL](#)): Tom Perdue – 3449 Iberville – Tyler, TX. 75701

G.R.A.C.E. Women's Outside Servant Team Application

Contact Information

Individuals or Reunion Groups information here. (If Reunion Group, please list names of members to be involved).

Name:	
Street Address:	
City, ST, ZIP:	
Home Phone:	
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Signature:	
Date:	

Mail to Outside Team Leader ([OSTL](#)): **Teresa Elliott - 2304 Elgem Street - Tyler, Texas 75701**