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Men's Walk # 64
Disciples Crossing, Athens
March 14-17, 2013
Ken Braswell

Women's Walk # 65
Disciples Crossing, Athens
April 18-21, 2013
Jo Anne Skeen

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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Happy New Year!! I pray your 2013 will be filled with happiness and blessings!

I can't believe that another year has come and gone. As I have grown older it seems each year passes more quickly than the last.

My name is Cindy Hooser and I am honored to be your Community Lay Director for 2013. I went on G.R.A.C.E. Walk #10 in March, 2000 at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer and sat at the Table of Naomi. My husband, Brent and I worship at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler.

First I would like to thank JoAnne Skeen for her leadership in 2012. I would also like to thank the outgoing Board Members: Ken Braswell, Diana Frachiseur, Joe Tew, Burton Love and JoAnne Skeen.

As I look ahead to the coming year I am filled with excitement about Emmaus. The Board has already been hard at work and is very excited to watch the year unfold. Our goal for this year, as the last, is to make G.R.A.C.E. Community 4th Day Driven and not Walk Driven. Basically our goal is to have not only the "best Walks ever" but to have 4th Day participation at the monthly Gatherings and new 4th Dayers working Walks. If you have sponsored in the past few years, are the folks you sponsored not only plugged into the local church, but also participating in Emmaus activities? Sponsorship doesn't stop at the Walk. It continues in 4th Day. We will have many opportunities for you to be involved this year.

Our first Gathering of the year will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Greggton United Methodist Church. A pot luck dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. and worship will begin at 6:00 p.m. I hope you will attend and start the New Year with your Emmaus Community.

Our Spring Walks are being prepared. Ken Braswell is the Lay Director for Men's Walk #64 and JoAnne Skeen is the Lay Director for Women's Walk #65. These Walks will be held at Disciples' Crossing in Athens. If you are not working, please be in prayer for the teams and for the Pilgrims. If you are considering

sponsorship, please get your applications in as soon as possible.

I am excited about the New Year and I ask that you be in prayer for your Board. The Board is here to answer any questions you may have and we welcome your input. As you prepare for 2013 remember Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,"

DeColores,

Cindy Hooser

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Greetings fellow musicians in the GRACE Emmaus community ---

We have many musicians in our community that have never taken the opportunity to help lead music at gatherings, communions, candlelight or on walks. I am sure that part of this is due to uncertainty about the order of service, not having a musician songbook, questions about musician responsibilities, and a need to go over the songs with musicians that have been through the services and on walks. Being a music leader in the G.R.A.C.E. community is very rewarding. To be quite honest, we need as many active musicians as we can get to help lead music in our growing community. In fact, we are in desperate need, there are gatherings happening in the community where no musicians are available to lead music and communion responses.

So, in response to this need, I am proposing a musician gathering. It will be an opportunity to get musician books to new musicians, to learn songs and communion responses, and to make recommendations for updates to the community songbooks, etc. It will be a chance for our new musicians to get involved and our veteran musicians to get reinvigorated. We will bring our instruments and/or voices, learn the music and worship the Lord together.

To help prepare for this event, I need your contact information. Send me an e-mail at lykinsl@yahoo.com and lykinsj@yahoo.com. Make sure to include name, phone, e-mail addresses, and instruments. If you don't play an instrument and are interested in leading the singing, by all means, please respond. This

information will be used to set-up the best date for the musician gathering (probably in February), and as a contact list for scheduling musicians and singers for future gatherings and walks.

If you know of a fourth day musician that might not see this letter, please send them a copy.

DeColores,

Loren Lykins (GRACE Emmaus Walk #38)

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*But they that wait upon the
LORD...*



...shall renew their strength

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HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR REUNION GROUP INFORMATION?

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE UPDATED LIST OF REUNION GROUPS. ☺

GATHERING NEWS

January 19, 2013
Greggton United Methodist Church
Longview
5:00 Potluck Meal
6:00 Worship

February 16, 2013
Troup United Methodist Church
Additional information to come

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Happy New Year!

Wow! It's hard to believe 2012 is history and 2013 is just beginning. I can't wait to see what wonderful and exciting things will occur in our GRACE community in 2013. It will be hard to top 2012.

Reflections on 2012:

Four great walks. Thank you teams! More pilgrims/fourth dayers added to the roster and future walk team members.

Great gatherings. Each month saw a gathering in either a local church or at one of the Walks. Some of the gatherings were very well attended while others not so much. That is one area we need to improve on. Each gathering is a great time to reconnect with the Community, continue friendships and meet/make new friends.

Reunion groups. The Board is working to update and keep current the list of reunion groups. New fourth dayers will be able to join an existing group or form their own.

Board meetings. Thank you to the Board for all your hard work. On a personal note, I thank each one of you for your support and hard work. Y'all are great!!! The board tackled many issues such as whether or not to raise walk fees, looked at other camps as a possible way to keep fees down and other issues. Thank you again, Board members.

Looking forward to 2013

*Four more walks and the opportunity to develop more leaders and more reunion groups *Better attendance at the monthly gatherings * Working as past CLD with a dedicated, hardworking Board under the leadership of Cindy Hooser.

**But most important of all is the continued opportunity to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My main prayer is that all we do for the walks, the gatherings, and the board is to further His kingdom and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him.

DeColores.
JoAnne

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**KAIROS OUTSIDE
Of EAST TEXAS**

Sandee Perdue, Team Leader

**KOET #1-WOW WEEKEND-Kairos
Outside of East Texas**

Several team members are committed in getting support groups going in the different East Texas areas. One to be in Gladewater, one to be in Tyler, one in Palestine and one in Athens. We have a team member in each one of these locations that will help see that they get off on the right foot. The Council has plans on having quarterly get-together bringing the guests and team members back together for either a Sat. afternoon or Sunday afternoon and the church which has already agreed to host this. It is 1st United Methodist of Whitehouse, Texas. So as all can see each one of us involved can do nothing but marvel at the GOODNESS OF GOD and all He has begun to do through His ministry where He has allowed us all here in East Texas to be a part of! Thanks again for all the prayer support, green agape, and other agape pieces that came from the entire Kairos and Emmaus community. Our next weekend will be May 3-5, 2013 – Go to our website if you would like to be on the team.

www.michaelunit.org/koet.html

Find out more about us.

REUNION GROUPS – HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR MONEY????

GOAL – \$3000.00
Currently we have about \$1128.00 in this fund.

Remember – you can ALWAYS donate/raise more than the minimum \$25.00 requested.

Now is the time to get applications in for the upcoming walks. Applications are on the website and can be printed off. Let's have FULL walks with 36 pilgrims on each one.

AGAPE REMINDERS

** Put the number of agape items included on the outside of the container.

** Bed/Pillow agape is 36

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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.

DeColores

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 # _____