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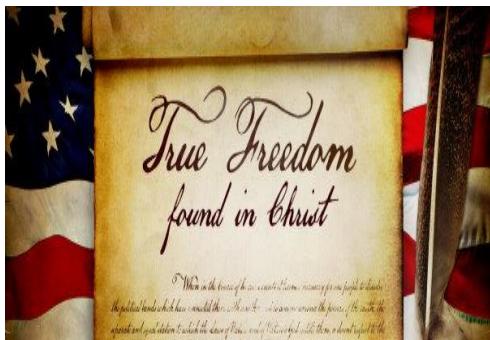
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Men's Walk # 74
Camp Gilmont - Gilmer
October 1-4, 2015
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It's July!

That means the Fall Walks Will Be Here Soon!

Pilgrim Applications can be found on the GRACE website,
www.graceemmaus.com

As a reminder, when you submit any application electronically from the GRACE website, you must enter a security validation code that appears near the submit button. Failure to enter this auto-generated code will result in the application not being sent.

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Sponsorship Refresher Checklist

While you are prayerfully considering becoming a Sponsor for the Fall Walks, here are a few things to remember.

1. Be available for Sponsor's Hour to pray over your Pilgrim's cross.
2. Attend Candlelight
3. Ensure all Agape letters are signed. (For help writing your Agape letters or in guiding others in their letter writing see article on page 2)
4. In the upper right corner of all Agape letters indicate whether the letter is from friend or family.

5. Write the first and last name of the Pilgrim on each Agape letter envelope.

6. Do not bring your Pilgrim prior to 7pm, even if the gate is open.

7. Ensure your Pilgrim does not bring any electronic device to the Walk. This includes cameras, radios, cell phones, and pagers.

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Notes From the Registrar

Peace and greetings to all. This note may read very much like the sponsorship checklist above, but there are sometimes things that need repeating.

The time for GRACE Walks 74 & 75 is nearly upon us and applications are beginning to trickle in. There were 8 holdover/rollover applications from the Spring women's Walk. If those 8 all confirm attendance for October that will leave only 28 pilgrim slots available for new applicants. At this time we are awaiting word from the sponsors of these ladies as to their intent. Please be in prayer about and conversation with those whom you may wish to sponsor and submit the application, with deposit, as soon as possible. For assistance in being a sponsor we recommend the booklet "SPONSORSHIP", available through the community or from the Upper Room Emmaus site. A reminder about applications: please, as sponsors, be conscientious and perform some quality control of the applications. Make sure that information on the applications to the registrar is printed (other than signatures) and is LEGIBLE; especially information about medications, special needs, and email addresses. Please ensure that all 3 REQUIRED signatures are on the form (N/A on the electronic app, but there is a place to enter

REQUIRED pastor and home church information), and that at least a \$50.00 nonrefundable deposit accompanies the application (full payment is also acceptable). If you choose to submit the application electronically please place the deposit check in the mail to the registrar immediately, and include at least the pilgrim's name and walk number on/with the check. Potential pilgrims will not be added to the Walk roster until the deposit (or full payment) is received. The full walk fee is still \$155.00.

VACANCY REMINDER: after the upcoming Fall Walks the position of REGISTRAR will be VACANT. If you feel led to take a more involved role in the life of the community, this position may be for you. While the position is VOLUNTEER and not board level, the registrar does interact with the board on a regular basis, and is always welcome to attend board meetings. We have found that making that monthly trek has been informative and helpful throughout each year. Being registrar is more than just putting names on a roster and turning money over to the treasurer. The registrar will, at times, have direct interaction with the GRACE board, sponsors and/or pilgrims, lay directors, and you may be the point of contact for information desired by someone from outside our community or who has recently moved into the East Texas area. We have found the job rewarding, but are ready to move on to other things. If you wish to be considered, please contact Mark Bewley, mbewley@cablelynx.com, (Community Lay Director) or Karol Johnston, johnston_karol@yahoo.com, (Assistant Community Lay Director) in the near future. A decision to fill the position will be made by the GRACE board at their

August meeting to help ensure a good transfer.

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Jim and Betty Buchanan
GRACE REGISTRAR

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Agape Letters

When requesting letters for your Pilgrims, or when writing your own letter as a sponsor, here are a few things that might help. There is no specific format, ideal length, or requirement that you write anything in particular. However, if you need them, here are some general ideas that might help:

- Express your appreciation or love for the Pilgrim
 - Recall one or more special memories
 - Describe what your relationship with the Pilgrim meant or means to you now
 - Encourage or uplift the Pilgrim by describing how he or she has been an inspiration to you or demonstrated Christ's love
 - Anything the Holy Spirit guides you to write through prayer

Agape Gifts

Stumped for Agape ideas? Here's a great website to help:

<http://powerfulpalanca.com/>

Also check out Pinterest. Search “agape” or “palanca”...there are many 4th Dayers sharing ideas.

As we get closer to the Fall Walks, we will instruct you on how to

easily get your gifts to the camp. These gifts are greatly appreciated and a treasure to the Pilgrims and Team members.



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July Gathering

A heartfelt thank you to Van UMC for hosting our June Gathering. It was a great turnout and we were so happy to meet new friends who have moved here from other communities .We welcome them to GRACE. Herb Marlow gave a very moving homily as we shared in Holy Communion. Please join us July 18 at Gladewater FUMC for a 12noon potluck, and worship following. The church will be providing tea and water. See you there!

-Brett Walker, Gathering Coordinator

2015 Gathering Schedule

July 18th Gladewater FUMC
12noon Potluck

August 15th Ore City FUMC
12noon Bring Dessert only

September 12th Canton FUMC
12noon Potluck

October 3rd & 10th Camp Gilmont
7:00pm Candlelight

November 7th Lane's Chapel UMC
4pm Babe Chick
5pm Potluck
6pm Worship

December 5th Hallsville FUMC
11:00am Potluck Brunch

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Fourth Day Spotlight – Carol Hart, GRACE Walk 61

Hello! My name is Carol Hart, and I attended GRACE Walk 61. I worship at Life Fellowship in Athens. Like many people who go on the Walk to Emmaus, I was a little apprehensive at first, and what concerned me the most was that I wouldn't "get it" ... that others would walk away with something I wouldn't. But God showed up and did exactly what He promised. Everything became very real to me during Dying Moments, and I consider that part of the weekend to be the most memorable for me.

I think about my Walk frequently. It changed my life. Since then I have enjoyed working the Walks because I get to see the faces of the

pilgrims change daily. It is so exciting! I feel like I am reliving my own Walk again.

My favorite Scripture is **Proverbs 3:5-6:**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Decolores!

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10 Ways to Provide Encouragement

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

1. At a committee or board meeting, before moving on to the next agenda item, stop to commend those who worked on the previous item.

2. Write a personal letter or note card that an employee can take home or put in a personnel file. Keep a supply of such blank note cards in your desk for just such a purpose. E-mails will do, but they are less likely to be pinned up on workspace walls or put in a portfolio.

3. Commend the wisdom and helpfulness of a suggestion somebody has made, especially when the suggester has offered to be a part of a solution to a problem.

4. Explain that what inspired you to do some good thing was the other person's example. "I brought coffee cake for the office because I see how much the staff enjoys it when you consistently do thoughtful things."

5. Don't talk down to people; talk up to them. Consider them better than you. "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). "You probably already know this, but ..."

6. Just as God decisively chose Paul in Acts 9, tell your spouse, "I chose you, and I still do."

7. Loan something of value—books, camping gear, a car, a cabin—as a signal of your willingness to take a risk, having noticed something in the other person that elevates your confidence in her trustworthiness.

8. Think of something that is normally not praised, because it is simply expected—like refilling the soap dispensers in the church restrooms. Customarily, those who have responsibilities for such things as refilling soap dispensers only hear from people when the dispensers are empty. Be the one to notice that they are not empty, and commend the faithfulness of the worker who serves others behind the scenes.

9. Commend someone for the (sensitivity, kindness, compassion, etc.) with which he treated a third party. You noticed, and so does God.

10. Say, "I thank God for you."



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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.
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Date _____

Signature _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

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