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NEXT GATHERING

Saturday, July 30, 2011
11:30 AM Socializing
12:30 PM Covered Dish
1:30 PM Worship
Friendly Baptist Church
Tyler, TX

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GRACEMMAUS.ORG WEBSITE

YA'LL COME!!

DEAR G.R.A.C.E.,

Love Notes from the Community Lay Director - July 2011

Walk Directors Cindy Hooser and David McPherson have most of their teams in place and are preparing for the first team meetings. The Men's Team will have their first meeting at Mineola UMC on Aug 6. The Women's Team will have their first meeting on Aug. 27 (in conjunction with the Men's second meeting) at Lanes Chapel UMC, Tyler.

We will initiate Board Sponsored Orientation training for the teams for the fall walks. George Assaf and Patti Jones have agreed to coordinate the presentation of this material. It will consist of time to explain the role of each of the team members and then breakout session to all each segment of the team to talk specifically about their roles. This training will augment the training that already occurs during the four weeks of team training and talk previews.

We are very blessed to have 4 men's pilgrim applications in process. It is never too early to start talking to those folks you know are ready to go.

For those of you who of you who have never attended Sponsorship Training, or would like a refresher, Tom Purdue will make a presentation on Sponsorship 4:30 – 5:30 PM before the start of the Gathering on July 16 at Friendly Baptist Church in Tyler. This will be one of our quarterly Community Gatherings in the Tyler area. See the web site for more information.

We are excited to announce the selection of the Women's walk LD's for 2012. Kathy Kapka has accepted the blessing of leading the women's spring walk at Disciples Crossing April 19-22, 2012. Robin Gillian has accepted the blessing of leading the women's fall walk at Camp Gilmont, October 11-14, 2012. Jo Anne Skeen, Treasurer and Asst. Community Lay Leader, has accepted the blessing of leading one of the 2013 walks. It is

never too early to start praying for these courageous and giving leaders.

How are your reunion groups working for you? Reunion groups (accountability groups) are one of the core parts of the success of the Walk to Emmaus. How many of us have gone to training courses/ retreats / meetings only to return to our original environment with no way to gain reinforcement for what we learned. With Emmaus, you are forever changed and you have a way to be reminded of the things you are working on every week.

Do you have some reunion stories that we could share with others in this newsletter?

No, none of the confidential issues...

Perhaps you have a unique meeting style or place. One of my favorite meeting places reported by one of our groups is IHOP. Our mixed men's and women's group, Fisherman's Reunion Group, meets at Payne Springs UMC every Tues. evening at 5:30. We bring a sack lunch. We sing the blessing before and after the meal. When the meal is over, the men and women break into separate groups to review the reunion card. We normally have 10- 20 people attending. What's your story? Oh by the way, have you updated your Reunion Group information at the web site? GRACEmmaus.org

Would you like to have an outside speaker come to your church to explain the Emmaus movement? Contact any of the Board members and we can arrange a presentation.

Please make sure that the Emmaus Community in your church or area get copies of the Newsletter if they don't have access to the internet. Since we have discontinued printing our newsletter it will be up to anonymous servants to handle this.

I look forward to seeing you at an Emmaus Gathering, team meeting, etc.

DeColores

Burton I. Love



**Walk #58 Team
Sep 29, 2011 – Oct 2, 2011
Camp Gilmont**

- David McPherson Lay Director
- Richard Luna Spiritual Director
- Lou Thomas Asst Spiritual Director
- Jarratt Major Asst Spiritual Director
- David Diller Asst Spiritual Director
- TBD Asst Spiritual Director
- David Barnes Asst Lay Director
- Jay Edwards Asst Lay Director
- David Barnard Asst Lay Director
- Tom McDonald Asst Lay Director
- Tom Purdue Table Leader
- Craig Babka Table Leader
- Ken Braswell Table Leader
- Michael Johnston Table Leader
- Charles Cox Table Leader
- Lane Bosley Table Leader
- Derek Hamm Asst Table Leader
- Randy Cox Asst Table Leader
- Shawn Heatherly Asst Table Leader
- Roger Owen Asst Table Leader
- Pat Moser Asst Table Leader
- Ray Holland Asst Table Leader
- Mitch Shamburger Music Director
- Andy Christopher Music Team
- Bryan Jeanes Servant Team - Chapel
- Gene Skeen Jr. Servant Team - Chapel
- Mac Young Servant Team - Chapel
- Gil Maroney Servant Team - Chapel
- Chuck Reed Servant Team Director
- Mike Halladay Servant Team - Outside
- Larry Jones Servant Team - Outside
- Gaston Deberry Servant Team - Outside
- Art Gould Servant Team - Outside
- Burton Love Servant Team - Outside
- Dennis Gage Servant Team - Outside
- Brent Abernathy Servant Team - Outside
- Pat Thompson Servant Team - Outside
- Dan Matthews Board Rep

Team Meetings:

- August 6th at Mineola UMC
- August 27th at Lanes Chapel UMC
- September 10th at Lindale UMC
- September 24th at Fairwood UMC

David McPherson
Lay Director Walk #58



**Greetings from
Women's Walk #59!!**

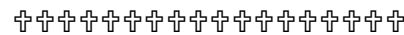
The date is set for October 27 – 30, 2011 at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, Texas, the team is in place and we are anxiously awaiting our first team meeting in August. Now we just need Pilgrims and that is up to YOU, the Community. Please remember that sponsorship is a serious responsibility so pray about those who God would have you sponsor.

Pray for the Pilgrims, that God would prepare their hearts to see Him during the weekend.

Pray for the Team, that God would make them servants and that He would put a hedge of protection around them and keep them safe and healthy during this time of preparation.

We are asking that you bathe Walk #59 in prayer for God to work in a mighty way during the weekend.

Blessings,
Cindy Hooser
Lay Director Walk #59



**THE SPIRIT OF THE
WALK TO EMMAUS**

We were all moved by our Walk, "The Best Walk Ever." One primary reason is the presence of the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 5: 22-26 Paul lists characteristics of the Holy Spirit manifested in people's attitudes and behaviors. Paul called these the "fruit of the spirit". It seems to many that the "Fruits of the Spirit" are what make the Walk to Emmaus and the Emmaus Community (GRACE Community) the vibrant manifestation of Christianity that it is.

Perhaps a word or two about the specific "fruits" would help us continue our focus on making the Emmaus experience special and to the Glory of God.

LOVE- The entire weekend is an expression of God's love delivered by

disciples of Jesus Christ. It is an open and opportune space where pilgrims can respond freely and honestly to the gospel of grace in an environment where people care. The love expressed draws attention to God , not to team members.

JOY-The Walk is filled with opportunities for pilgrims and team alike to experience the joy of singing, the joy of self-expression, the joy of laughter, the joy of insight, the joy of liberation from the chains of sin/inner hurt/anger, and most importantly the joy of God's presence in their life.

PEACE- When people learn the peace of God's love and the fact that they can have a meaningful relationship with God, they can truly enjoy the fruit of peace. Team members need to carefully assess their own relationship with God through their practice of piety, study, and action. Team members strive to be themselves as they live an authentic Christian life. By example, team members demonstrate the peace that comes from an authentic relationship with God. Team members motto should be "Let peace begin with me"

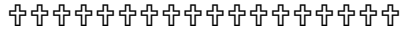
PATIENCE-Team members are called to have patience with the pilgrims as well as the process that God pursues in the life of others. We all need to remind ourselves that God's time and methods are not necessarily our own. Team members must remember that it is God's job to transform pilgrims. The team members' job is simply to love them and be open about their own faith stories/witness.

KINDNESS- Kindness is love expressed in specific acts of caring, attention, and undeserved charity. The pilgrims experience the kindness of God through the attention of the team and the Emmaus Community to the pilgrim's every need and their extraordinary care for the many details that make Emmaus so special a gift.

GOODNESS-The team and Emmaus Community should manifest the same spirit of selfless love and humble servant-hood on the walk that Jesus demonstrated during his ministry. Jesus did not pursue personal ambition but served for the glory of God. Team

membership and community support should be understood as spiritual exercises in selfless love and Christian servant-hood. Team members need to be able to serve the pilgrims during the weekend without their egos getting in the way.

Burton I. Love



**GATHERING... GATHERING...
COME ONE; COME ALL**



GRACE Emmaus Community is planning a Gathering on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at Friendly Baptist Church, 1903 E. Front Street, Tyler, Texas. Tom Perdue will provide "Sponsorship Training" at 11:30 a. Pot-luck lunch at 12:30 and worship at 1:30 pm. Please make every effort to attend and bring a friend.

If you need directions to Friendly Baptist call George Assaf @ 903-520-6699;

A big thank you to Gary Mount and crew for coordinating the June gathering at Kilgore. It was well organized and well attended.

DeColores,
George Assaf
Community Gathering coordinator



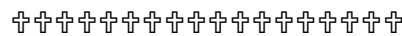
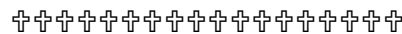
BABE CHICK TRAINING

Hey, all of you old and new Babe Chicks! If you missed the last Babe Chick training in April, this is your lucky day! There will be another Babe Chick training session in the Fall after the Men's and Women's Walk (dates will be posted at a later date). The training is open to all Pilgrims

(old and new ones) but is focused on answering questions that you may have after your Walk. Questions will be answered like....how can I work a Walk team? How did all of the work behind-the-scenes get done while I was listening to the Talks? Who did all of the behind-the-scenes work? What time did everything happen and how did all of the team learn to do all of this? Are some of the myths that I've heard about Emmaus true? These are just some of the many questions that will be answered at a Babe Chick training.

Remember that you do not have to have just attended a Walk to come to the training. Even those who attended Walks several years ago may still have unanswered questions. Please join us for the next Babe Chick training this Fall!!!

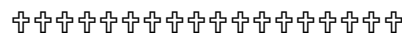
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**LAY DIRECTORS FOR
UPCOMING WALKS**

Men's Walk #58
Camp Gilmont
September 29-October 2, 2011
Lay Director: **David McPherson**

Women's Walk #59
Camp Gilmont
October 27-30, 2011
Lay Director: **Cindy Hooser**



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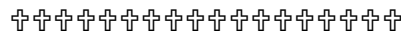


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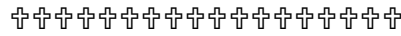
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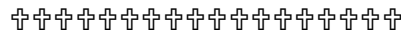
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GRACE EMMAUS

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

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Address: _____

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