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

Community Lay Director  
July, 2012

**Walks, fees, and emails**

The Conference room teams for the walks have been chosen and team meetings will begin soon! There are so many other ways for you to serve if you're not on one of the teams. Prayers, servant team, agape gifts, attending candlelight are just some other ways to be a part of the walks this fall. These will be the best walks ever!!!

**Fees:**

The GRACE Board recently decided to increase walk fees for 2013 to \$200.00. This increase is due to the rising costs associated with the walks (camp fees, walk supplies, etc.).

Some have expressed concern that this increase will keep pilgrims and team members from attending the walks.

During the June Board meeting several alternative ways of handling this situation were discussed.

One of those ideas was to raise the fees to \$175 for 2013 and maybe increase the fees again in 2014.

Another idea was to have the active reunion groups donate at least \$25 a year and the walk fees would remain \$155. If the groups can donate more, great!

The Board needs to hear from you on this fee increase. Can the reunion groups donate funds to keep the fee at \$155 or raise it to \$175 or???

What are your thoughts? Please let me know by one of these ways:

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Or contact one of the other Board members.

**Speaking of email!!!**

On the GRACEmmaus.org web page is the option to join our community prayer praise group. This is the place to sign up to receive prayer requests, Gathering information, Walk updates and newsletters. If you don't want to receive these emails there is the "remove me from the mailing list button". Click this button and you will be removed from the email group.

Please be very careful when replying to one of these emails. Select the "reply" button and only the sender will receive your response. If you click reply to all then all 1500+ members of the group will see your response! If you have problems with the email, please contact me at the above email and I will correct it for you.

I hope to see you at the July Gathering in Whitehouse on July 21 at Whitehouse UMC.

Decolores!  
Joanne



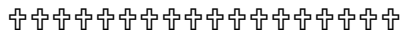
Greetings from GRACE Walk #63!

The walk is growing closer and planning is well underway for the Fall Women's Walk. Team building is almost complete, and the team roster will be included in the next newsletter. Our first meeting will be August 18th at Pollard United Methodist Church, and this will be our only joint meeting with the Men's. The dates for the walk are October 11-14 (not

Oct. 4-7 as stated in previous newsletter), so it is time to be thinking about who you might sponsor for this walk. Sponsorship is the key to the mission of Emmaus, so even if you are not working the walk, your participation as a sponsor is crucial. If you are interested in working the outside team, please let me know. You may email me at [kkapka@uttyler.edu](mailto:kkapka@uttyler.edu). At this time, I ask for your prayers of support and protection for the women who have committed their time and their hearts to this walk. We are counting on you!

May God continue to bless us,

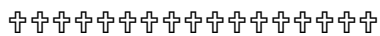
Kathy Kapka  
Lay Director



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



*...shall renew their strength*



### GATHERING NEWS

July 21st – Whitehouse UMC,  
Whitehouse, TX  
5:00 Potluck Dinner  
6:00 Praise and worship.

Directions are on the website at:  
[gracemmaus.org](http://gracemmaus.org)

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God's Special Time



### LAY DIRECTORS FOR UPCOMING WALKS

#### Men's Walk #62

Camp Gilmont

September 20-23, 2012

Lay Director: **David Barnes**

#### Women's Walk #63

Camp Gilmont

October 11-14, 2012

Lay Director: **Kathy Kapka**



Christ Is Calling All of Us to Act Like  
Christians

Putting denominational traditions aside, just what does Christ expect of us? He expects us to act like we understand what being his followers mean. Christ was very clear about how we should treat other people, with Love. How does that get lost when we are talking about political positions and people with opposing views? During this season of "silliness" we should all ask--At what point did anyone think that demonizing people with different views of how our government should work would make sense if you are following Christ? Perhaps we should remind ourselves just what the Fruits of the Spirit are— Love, Joy, Peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control) Galatians 5:22. I don't recall Christ having a political litmus test for his disciples. Maybe if we let the Holy Spirit guide us a bit more, we will find that people with opposite views have value to us and to God. As members of the Emmaus Community let us model the way.

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#### OUR NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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Please do NOT respond through this email sight. If you need to respond to information sent to you, respond directly to Tom Perdue at [tomdue@gmail.com](mailto:tomdue@gmail.com). He is our web servant.

### SCHOLARSHIPS !!

Many pilgrims are asking how they can support the walks if they cannot participate as a servant team member. Each month a form is attached as a draft to complete for monies needed to support our community. When pilgrims go on a walk, the money only covers their housing and food. All the extras come out of donations. If you would like to help in sponsoring pilgrims who cannot afford the cost to attend the walk, please consider this opportunity.



#### WALK 62

The team members have been selected and will begin meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the upcoming walk in September. Pray for the team as they prepare for the walk as well as for the "unknown" pilgrims that will attend.

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### KAIROS #41 AT THE MICHAEL UNIT

You can find all the information about the Kairos prison ministry at <http://www.michaelunit.org>. It costs around \$7,000 to conduct a weekend and we depend on the support of our community and volunteers for that money. Contact Tom Perdue at [tomdue@gmail.com](mailto:tomdue@gmail.com) for more information. We are all prospecting for men's souls, some free world and some imprisoned.



### KAIROS OUTSIDE OF EAST TEXAS

Interested in a ministry that is designed to support and encourage women with family members or relatives who are incarcerated?

If you have any question please email Emmaus sister Sandee Perdue at [KOET.2011@gmail.com](mailto:KOET.2011@gmail.com)



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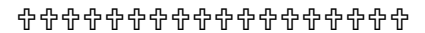
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# GRACE EMMAUS

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.  
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