

Grace for Today

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NEXT GATHERING

July 22

Holly Springs UMC
3939 FM 1653 Canton, TX
Pot Luck 12:00
Worship 1:00

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COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It's summertime again, and many of us are spending extra time with our families and friends on either vacations or 'stay-cations'. These moments are precious, and are so important as we take a break from our regular routines. As we know, recreation is really a 're-

creation', and it should be a time for us to become renewed in all aspects of our lives.

Our Fall Walks are rapidly approaching: Oct.5-8 for Men and Oct. 12-15 for Women, and it is time for us to be working on sponsoring those in our churches who are ready for a renewal of their spiritual journey. Sometimes it takes multiple discussions with a prospective Pilgrim before he or she commits to going on a Walk. My sponsor worked on me for nearly four years before I finally agreed to go. Perseverance can be the key to successful sponsorship.

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We all know the wonderful things possible for anyone who attends a Walk, and that is why we feel the desire to have them experience it for themselves.

So, while we are enjoying our own re-creation this summer, let's keep in mind the re-creation possible for those we tell about the Walk to Emmaus.

De Colores,

Brett

Agape Gifts

On your Walk to Emmaus, you experienced love and blessings poured out on your pillow and at your place at the dining table in the form of Agape Gifts. Each Agape Gift is meant to draw us closer to Jesus and make our hearts smile with His love and provision. Those gifts

were provided by members of the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community – members just like YOU!

Please consider beginning the making of Agape Gifts for our upcoming G.R.A.C.E. EMMAUS Walks #82 & #83 for Fall 2017.

If you need someone to take these Agape Gifts to either of the walks, just let me know.

Pam Martin

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Prayer Vigil Corner!!

As we are going into the summer months don't forget that it is time to be praying for our men's and women's teams that are forming, and pilgrims for our fall walk in October.

Team meetings for the fall walks start in August.

Thank you for your prayers,

Garry Mount

SPONSORSHIP

Attention Fellow Emmaus Walkers, do you know a Christian in your church or in your life somewhere that you might consider a "tired" Christian; a person who doesn't seem to have any drive, enthusiasm, or interest in furthering their Life in Christ? There is no Red Bull or other energy drink to fix this. But, we all know of an elixir that is virtually guaranteed to reengage that person; a Walk to Emmaus. We want you to approach that person and offer them the opportunity to get exited again in the Lord. Applications are available online at GRACEEMMAUS.com; brochures should also be available in your church. CAUTION: the

effects of this elixir are extremely addictive and will last for all Eternity

Hank Resler

Reunion Group

Get Connected

Reach out or Rise

To all 4th Dayers, it is so important to stay connected with your family Emmaus!!

Reach out and find a reunion group to get involved in and if one is not available or it does not work with your schedule, Rise up and create a new group.

If you have not or if you form a new please contact Lisa Brewer.

Lisa Brewer

Food for Thought

This summer our minister, Ricky Ricks, is giving a sermon series called, I'm Glad You Asked. He has asked

the congregation to submit questions so that some of them can be discussed during the sermons. We have learned about different translations and versions of the Bible and the differences in them. Today we talked about sin. This is not really the easiest sermon to hear. We don't like to think of ourselves as sinners. But, Romans 3: 23 Paul writes

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

This makes it seem that there is no way that we as sinners will ever be good enough.

Praise God, that the next verse states

"and (we) are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

I am so thankful that this is the theme of the

Emmaus weekend. So many people still believe that they need to earn their way into heaven, even though the Bible says that we are not capable of accomplishing this. ONLY through the free gift of grace are we found worthy.

Do you know someone who needs to hear this good news? Pray about sponsoring that person on an Emmaus Walk. They will be blessed.

Lisa Palomaria

Newsletter Editor

Did you know???

De Colores (pronounced *day kuh-lor'-ess*) is a Spanish song that is also used as a greeting. In Spanish, it simply means "the colors". There are several different versions of the story which inspired this song, one of which goes like this: One Spring a group of men were returning home from a Cursillo retreat. The bus they were in broke down in

the middle of farm country. While waiting for help to arrive the passengers noticed the brightly colored feathers of roosters in the barnyard bordering the road. Inspired, they came up with a 100-verse song which was later titled "De Colores".

On a personal note: Have you ever left a walk to Emmaus and not seen things a little differently? Maybe the colors around you seem a little brighter? Maybe the trees sway with the wind in a way you never noticed before? Maybe the air smells sweeter?

No matter if you are a pilgrim or someone returning to serve, Emmaus changes you. It changed me. It changed my heart.

I say with great pride and praise to our Lord, De Colores!
Talia Epps

References:
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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cursillo>
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Mark Your Calendars

On November 11th Sharon Garrison, our Upper Room representative will be giving a training session. This is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about how to run our weekends. It will be held at Van UMC. More

information will follow in the next few months.

Emmaus Board

Nominations are being taken for the 2018 board. Each person will serve for 3 years. For more information contact Mike Hodgson

Music Trailer

After the fall walks we will need someone new to store the trailer at their home. If you have extra space, please contact Jerri Lykins

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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.
DeColores

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