

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Mike Hodgson

SADNESS and JOY

This last Saturday I set in a funeral service for 10-year-old Luke. He died of leukemia. He and his family attended our church. I didn't know them very well but I did know that Luke was suffering from this disease. I felt sad for the family and friends that had gathered to say good-bye. But as the service went on I found out just how much Luke loved Jesus and how many lives he had touched. In 10 short years he literally touched hundreds of people. I was told that there was over 800 in attendance at his funeral. He had spent a lot of time and prayers for the other cancer patients that had become his priority. Even started a non-profit to continue on after he passed. I was very touched at all he had accomplished in such a short time. God used him mightily.

I'm 71 and have been a Christian for over 45 years. I know we are not supposed to compare ourselves to others but it did make me stop and think. What have I done with those 45 years? How many lives have I touched through my walk with Jesus? As I go into my final years how will I be the hands and feet of Jesus? Of course, Emmaus is the vehicle that the Lord has led me to. I am so thankful that I have become involved with this group of people. You have given so many a chance to renew their walk in Christ and revived the spirit in them (including me). What a great opportunity we have, to be the hands and feet of Jesus through Emmaus. I hope you never lose the joy and excitement of this community and always take it back to your home church and share it. Be blessed and be a blessing.

de Colores

Mike Hodgson, Community Lay Director

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G.R.A.C.E. Website:

www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2018

June 16—Fairwood UMC, Tyler

July 21—Pleasant Retreat, Tyler

August 18—Crossroads, Canton

November 10—Lane's Chapel

Fall Walks

Men's

October 4-7

Women's

October 11-14

AGAPE ITEMS for EACH WALK

PREFERRED:

72 of each item stored in Ziplock Bags & the number "72" written with permanent marker on each bag. (This gives the Outside Servant Team more options for distribution.)

OPTIONAL:

Add your REUNION GROUP NAME ON EACH ITEM (not church name). (The emphasis becomes the Reunion Group.)

ALSO OPTIONAL:

Should you "need" to provide 36 Agape items instead of 72, please label ziplock bags appropriately.

Men's

Walk #84

Lay Director

Jim Buchanan



Women's

Walk #85

Lay Director

Elizabeth Minor



Walk 86 Team

Conference Room Team

Brett Walker	LD
Wade Harman	SD
Chuck Reed	ALD
Wayne Brunt	ALD
Mike Hodgson	ALD
Danny Barrett	ASD
Richard Luna	ASD
Monty McRee	TL
Scott Catchott	TL
Patrick Owens	TL
John Epps	TL
David Bagley	TL
John Crow	TL
Ken Sides	ATL
Michael Stephenson	ATL
Ken Braswell	ATL
Phil Goodwin	ATL
Jason Owen	ATL
Troy Harley	ATL
Mac Walling	MTL
Gil Maroney	MT
Mark Jarrard	MT
Ken Duesterhoft	A/V
Mike Johnston	BR

Servant Team

Garry Mount	OTL
Martha Walker	OT
Jim Buchanan	OT
Lin Risner	OT
Brad Burton	OT
James Cox	CTL
Jerry Fowler	CT
Hank Resler	CT
Steve Morton	CT
Jeff Reed	CT

Here is the men's team as of this time. There are a couple of more folks who have expressed an interest but have not yet confirmed. We are also working to confirm two more ASD's.

Please pray for these servants, and the women of Walk 87, who have committed their resources and time to make this the "Best Walk Ever" for the Pilgrims. Also, please pray for Sponsors and the Pilgrims over the next few months. Yes, the Fall Walks are still months away, but preparation begins now.

Brett Walker

Lay Director Men's Walk #86



Work Day at Camp Gilmont

We spent Saturday, May 19, at Camp Gilmont. We arrived at 8:00 a.m. and worked until 11:30 a.m.. We cleaned cabins, cut away brush, painted and blazed trails. There is nothing better than sweat equity!. The leaders of Camp Gilmont were very grateful for the efforts we made in helping them get ready for the summer campers who will soon be arriving.

The best part of the day was the comradery, worship and fellowship with our fellow Emmaus 4th Dayers. Don't miss out, the next opportunity will be coming soon!



From the Treasurer...

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! “Thank you” seems so inadequate, but it is sincerely meant! At the five Gatherings so far in 2018 (January through May), those who attended gave generously, as offerings averaged \$453 for each Gathering. Additional donations were received for memorials in honor of Mac Young and Ray Carden, and separate community donations were made specifically for Walks #86 and #87. The community also received monthly EFT payments from 24 donors for a total of \$452.

For the spring walks, the fee charged by Disciples Crossing for spring walks is \$153 per pilgrim, \$12 less than the walk fee of \$165. However, for fall walks, Camp Gilmont charges \$175 per pilgrim, which is \$10 over what is paid by pilgrims. Remember that there are additional costs associated with each pilgrim attending (Upper Room reimbursement, “Jesus is counting on you” crosses, pilgrim candles, Worship books, table supplies, etc.), which need to come from community donations.

To help offset variations in expenses, please consider a monthly donation. It is very easy and safe. You complete the form (provided on the last page of this newsletter and available at Gatherings) with the necessary information or attach a voided check. The amount donated will show on your bank statement as “Tyler Emmaus Community.” The transaction can be stopped at any time simply by written notification. (It can even be stopped for a month or two, and then resumed.) If you are unable to attend Gatherings, please consider this alternative, which is a way to stay connected and help each of us with consistent giving to our community.

In our efforts to keep our community strong and continue our commitment, we humbly ask that you prayerfully consider where your involvement is needed. The costs are high and the financial need great, but the reward is simply priceless.

Reunion Group Information:

It is so important to be in a reunion group!!

There's a list of active groups on the Emmaus website with times and locations! If none of these work for you, it only takes two people to start one in your area and a time that works for you.

Lisa Brewer

Mules and Carts Needed for Fall Walks

As most of you know, at each Walk we provide transportation between buildings for those who have mobility issues. If you can help provide either a golf cart or mule (also known as an ATV or UTV) this Fall, please contact Brett Walker or Wynn Harle as soon as possible.

If you are looking for a way to serve but are not on a team, this might be the opportunity you have been looking for. If we have to rent these, it will come at considerable expense to the community.

Please contact Brett at 903-987-3090 or Wynn at 903-245-2701 if you can help.

ASK ME ABOUT EMMAUS

It's not too early to start conversations about Emmaus with potential pilgrims. Summer is almost here and it changes many people's schedules with vacations, changes in church times, etc. To help you start conversations, wear your "Ask me about Emmaus" buttons and have an Emmaus pamphlet available to offer them. Try to schedule a time and place to talk with both the husband and wife or individuals, as the case may be, and be ready to share your experiences and answer any questions they may have. October will be here too soon and we would love to fill both Walks.

I will have buttons, pamphlets and form letters, to send to people writing letters to pilgrims, at future Gatherings or contact me by phone or Email; (available on the graceemmaus.com website.)

Have a blessed, safe and happy Summer.

Hank Resler
Sponsor Board Rep

Approved Emmaus Vendors from the Upper Room

The following organizations sell Emmaus and Chrysalis products and donate part of their proceeds to the International Offices.

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Denali Designs produces a collection of faith-based jewelry made in the USA, created specifically for Christians, by Christians, looking for quality jewelry that reflects a strong devotion to Jesus.

Dove Inc. 270-789-6974 www.doveinc.com

Allow Dove Inc. the opportunity to print or embroider your community logo, customize a design, or add a drop name on an official Walk to Emmaus tee shirt, fleece or other garment. Contact us today for a quote.

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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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State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

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Monthly gift amount \$ _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

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