

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from our Community Lay Director

Dear GRACE Community,

We learned in the Christian Action talk that we are called to share Christ in word and deed in all that we do. Saturday, June 15th is a wonderful opportunity for us to do just this.

G.R.A.C.E is having its annual work day at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer.

Some of you may have taken your walks at this beautiful camp. Some have had the blessing of working walks here. The camp needs our help – and we as a community have the chance to do good deeds and help our fellow Christians:

Help is needed to clean up downed trees, clear pathways and cleaning cabins after a long winter and spring of harsh weather.

Planning for an event like this is a group effort. The bumper sticker “It Takes a Village” is so true. It will take all of us working together to get the camp camp-ready. In giving back, the blessings will be ours.

And it takes an Emmaus community to prepare walk teams, to make agape, to send off pilgrims as they begin their Walks to Emmaus, to serve pilgrims at the walk agape dinners, to share in the experience of candlelight and to help pilgrims face reality after closing.

When we become Christians in Action we become the hands and feet of Christ right here in East Texas.

Hope to see you soon.

De Colores!

Wynn Harle,
G.R.A.C.E. Community Lay Director

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

www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2019

June 15 , Work Day at Camp Gilmont Tyler, TX. Gather at 8:00 AM 12:30 potluck lunch, Worship following

July 20 Winona FUMC, Winona, TX 12 noon potluck 1:00 PM Worship

August 10, FUMC Henderson, Tx. 12 noon potluck, 1:00 PM Worship

Fall Walks

Camp Gilmont, Gilmer, TX

Men's Walk #90

October 3-6

Women's Walk #91

October 10-13

Howdy GRACE Emmaus members!

Can you believe it is already June? Before you know it, October will be here! I know we are busy with summer plans. As you enjoy your summer, keep an ear and eye out for whom God wants you to sponsor for the GRACE Fall walks.

Be in prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide you to the people to sponsor.
Then be in prayer for these folks.
Then ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to give the invitation.

Jesus invited each of us through our sponsors, so we being God's hand and feet need to invite others to go on the Walk to Emmaus.

We look forward to seeing you Sponsors this October.

De Colores
Garry Mount

Share your Favorite Emmaus Experience with us!

Have you been waiting for just the right time to share your Emmaus experience? Would you like to share what your walk meant to you even after all these years? Or do you have a question about Emmaus.

We want to invite you to share your reflections and questions for consideration in future newsletters.

Simply email our Newsletter board rep Debbie Hays at dhays55@yahoo.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Agape is

noun, plural a·ga·pae [ah-gah-pahy, ah-guh-pahy, -pee]

means for

the love of God or Christ for humankind.

the love of Christians for other persons, corresponding to the love of God for humankind.

One way we can express Agape is in the giving of physical gifts during the G.R.A.C.E. Walks.

Table & Pillow Agape - Items that are made and provided by churches, reunion groups, and individual Fourth Day members. (Please refrain from labeling agape provided by individuals. Church and reunion group labels are permitted.)

If making for the pilgrims only, please make 36. For the team, please make 72.

Snack Agape - Food and beverages given for the pilgrims and team members are always appreciated.

Men's Walk #90 Team

LD	Mike Hodgson	CT-L	Brett Walker
ALD	Jerry Fowler	CT	Zack Young
ALD	John Crow	CT	John Epps
ALD	Scott Catchot	CT	Todd Morgan
SD	Herb Marlow	CT	Gary Laliberte
ASD	Tom Haygood	CT	John Webb
ASD	Doug Smith		
ASD	Dwain Smith	OT-L	Garry Mount
ASD	Adam Muckleroy	OT	Martha Walker
TL	Jimmy Peterson	OT	Nancy Edwards
TL	Michael Stevenson	OT	Ben Craig
TL	Troy Harley	OT	Sandy Craig
TL	Ken Sides	OT	Richard Rundquist
TL	Dennis Gage	OT	Bob Wade
TL	Hank Resler	OT	Joe Vick
ATL	Roger Mann	OT	Ken Braswell
ATL	John Berry	OT	Lin Risner
ATL	Robert Niccum		
ATL	Michael West		
ATL	Brad Burton		
ATL	Scott Snyder		
MT-L	Mac Walling		
MT	Mark Jarrard		
MT	Gil Maroney		
AV	Ken Duesterhoft		
BR	Jim Buchanan		

Women's Walk #91 Team

Conference Team

Lisa Brewer LD
Joe Hall SD
Julia Alexander ALD
Anita Duesterhoft ALD
Diane Smith ALD
Jim Pickens ASD
Richard Luna ASD
Mary Smith ASD
Kim Brooks TL
Charlene Burton TL
Sandra Grash TL
Mary Lewis TL
Pamella McAdams TL
Regina Shafer TL
Rhydonia Clem ATL
Tabitha Morgan ATL
Heather Rodriguez ATL
Kathy Pruitt ATL
Deborah Wade ATL
Liz Webb ATL
Jerri Lykins MT-L
Babby Carroll MT
Lisa Greer MT
Robin Gillian AV
Wynn Harle BR

Servant Team

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Jerri Hodgson CT
Yaneth Mann CT
Katie Niccum CT
Allyson Penny CT
Marion Freeman CT
Paula West CT

Nancy Edwards OT Leader
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Betty Buchanan OT
Sandy Craig OT
Nicole Duncan OT
Jay Edwards OT
Angie Fitzgerald OT
Rhonda Gorrell OT
Mike Johnston OT
Tracie Oden OT
Laura Resler OT
Rebecca Shank OT
Brett Walker OT
Martha Walker OT
Dawn Woods OT

What a blessing it is to serve G.R.A.C.E. community as Lay Director for Walk #91. God definitely has a plan for this walk and His presence has been felt during team selection.

I am looking forward to working with these amazing women and men. We ask that you keep us in your prayers. Keep our pilgrims known and unknown in your prayers.

De Colores!
Lisa Brewer



What the Walk meant to me....

How do I explain the most wonderful 72 hours with God! AMAZING, LOVING, AND SPIRITUAL!

Never in my wildest dreams did I know what I would experience during my WALK to Emmaus #89. Not knowing, I was a bit nervous. My daughter (my sponsor) had told me nothing. Which as I look back, I am so glad that she didn't. The memories of those 72 hours will be with me forever.

I felt love from the moment I arrived. The nervousness gone!

You had no watch, no cell phone. Never a concept of what time it was. Just 72 hours with God.

We worshiped, were taught and lives (including mine) were changed. I knew that I would never be the same. The Lord's Supper, would never be the same, serving other's, for Christ, would never be the same.

It's hard not to go into detail about what the whole experience was like. But there were moments when I had no words to speak. I was just in awe of what I was feeling and experiencing.

The Walk to Emmaus taught me just what a Christian should be like. I was humbled beyond belief. Amazed at the love of other Christians, who didn't know me, but who cared so much. It has showed me that I need to study God's word more, pray more, be God's hands and feet, show compassion and love to all. That being a Christian, I can never really do enough! That I am saved by Grace!

Everyone needs to experience the "Walk to Emmaus" it will change your life.

Linda Payne

Walk #89, Disciples Crossing

DISCOVERYWEEKEND

THE UPPER ROOM®

WHAT IS IT?

Discovery Weekend is a spiritual formation retreat for middle school youth that engages high school youth in leadership. Held in the local church, Discovery invites the entire church family to live out the baptismal promise to create a community of love and forgiveness. In this environment, middle school youth will be encouraged to strengthen their faith with foundational Christian teachings and experiences.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Discovery Weekend is for the entire church family. Middle school youth, no matter where they are on their faith journey, are invited to attend. High school youth lead small groups and worship. Parents share gifts of love, presence, and prayer. Youth leaders provide overall leadership, direction, and supervision of the weekend. Church parishioners serve on the Discovery team. Sunday school classes and small groups provide prayer support, meals, and snacks. Clergy help with teaching, provide spiritual guidance, and, with parental involvement, celebrate baptism.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE WEEKEND?

Worship

Singing, praising, and worshiping as one body.

Engagement

Skits, short videos, and meaningful talks about faith and God.

Love

Congregational care and love.

Fun

Free time, serious time, and fun time.

Fellowship

Mentoring, small-group sharing, Bible reading, and prayer.

Interested in Discovery but aren't sure if its right for your church?

Visit discovery.upperroom.org to learn more about Discovery Weekend (including a short video) and to download a manual sampler, connect via email with the Discovery Weekend Team at discovery@upperroom.org, or call 615.340.7088 (or toll-free 877.899.2780, ext. 7088)

ATTENTION...Past Walk Lay Directors!!!!

Remember when you served as the Lay Director for a Men's or Women's Walk? Remember all the details that you wanted to be just right in order to glorify God on this walk? Mine was just last spring, Walk #89, so the planning is still fresh on my mine.



One of the many things that made the walk unique was the book cover for the Worship Book used throughout the weekend. To ensure that enough were made for everyone involved, the total number was estimated based on the attendees and team: pilgrims, table leaders, assistant table leaders, music team, spiritual director, assistant spiritual directors, assistant lay directors, and lay director. Of course, an exact number was unknown until the walk actually started on Thursday night.

After the book covers were distributed on Friday, there were some leftover, plus material remnants leftover. What was I was going to do with them? I came up with an idea. As a fundraiser for the community, a quilt could be made and auctioned off as a fundraiser for the community. Also, this would be a great reminder of previous walks when you served on a team. A quilt is a very usable memento of the walks in our community.

If you think this could be done, please let me know by email (jimbet85@gmail.com) or phone (903-930-2678). There are quite a few quilters in the community, so labor is not a problem. You provide the material; we will make it!

Betty Buchanan

Reunion groups allow us to stay connected.

Are you looking for a reunion group? Check out our website for locations and times or start your own group. It takes two people to start a group and I'll be more than happy to help you get connected.

Our Emmaus website has a list of times, locations, and contact people. If you are currently part of a reunion group, please take a minute to review the information about your group. Then let me know if there are any corrections so we can keep the website up to date.

Paula West

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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.

De Colores

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Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

BANK INFORMATION

I (We) hereby authorize GRACE Emmaus to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below. The amount will be charged monthly. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until GRACE Emmaus receives written notification of its termination.

Monthly gift amount \$ _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

Depository Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Account #: _____ Transit/ABA #: _____

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