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DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE **GRACEMMAUS.ORG WEBSITE** 

YA'LL COME!!

# DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

Greeting Brothers and Sisters of GRACE,

Wow, what a busy time of the year! We usually think of the holiday season in the ladder part of the year as being the busiest, but personally for me, May and June rivals the holiday season. Cupid always sees to several weddings being scheduled in Spring and early Summer. And of course, graduations galore. With a rapidly approaching Fall and Fall Emmaus Walks on the horizon, there are teams to be selected, so that Walk Team meetings may commence soon. And, being a United Methodist and the Lay delegate from my denomination, Annual Conference always takes a bite out of the last week of May for me. Then we come back from Annual Conference jumping right into Summer Ministries for the youth including VBS, Summer Camps, and Mission trips which always seems to be compacted into the month of June. Sounds as though I'm complaining??? Well no, only making a plea for your prayers for all of us that we may stay focused in making daily decisions in keeping with God's plans for us. I find that the daily busyness I've myself mired in sometimes is busyness that I allow to take me from the work of being His Disciple. What's a body to do? Lean on the Father. Lean on His Everlasting Arms.

> God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters foam and mountains quake with their surging. Psalm 46; 1-3 NIV

And when I'm tempted to fall astray, in temptation's face, I will not be moved!

> He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:8 NIV

May the Spring and early summer be a joyous time for you and yours as we bask in His Glory and proclaim Him Lord of All. DeColores, Dan Matthews \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### From the Spiritual Director

Nobody told me that being part of a church would be HARD WORK. When I joined the church I was asked if I accepted Jesus Christ as the Son of God and as my personal savior. I don't remember any statements about church work. Since then I have discovered being a Christian is hard work.

I cannot count the number of times I have heard someone say, "But they can't ." Feel free to fill in the blank with your current irritation. After one such conversation it eventually worked its way around to forgiveness. As they were walking off I heard thirty seven. I said, thirty seven, what is thirty seven, thinking it had something to do with the task currently before us. Thirty seven, that's how many times I have already forgiven them.

Why is that important I asked? Well, you know, came the reply. Matthew 18:22 Jesus said I had to forgive seventy-seven times so I am keeping a record. Oh, I said and paused a moment. Then I asked, what does it say in Luke? I don't know – what, came the reply. Well, Jesus was teaching the disciples and told them they must forgive seven times a day.

In fact, I continued, I think Peter heard Jesus giving those instructions and felt he must have heard it wrong. Peter must have thought, surely not seven times a day so he went and asked Jesus. Master, how many times do we have to forgive – SEVEN TIMES! And Jesus said, not seven but seventy-seven times. So if we are really talking about numbers, which I think we are not, you would have to forgive seventy-seven times a day.

Are you already at thirty seven just for today? He hung his head down, nah, that's for a whole lifetime. Guess I can quit keeping track. That will be easier anyway. It will be a lot less work trying to remember where I am in the count. I really didn't know what I would do if I reached seventy-seven anyway. Besides, I may have been wrong some of those times. I just don't want to admit it.

I know what you mean. We don't really need all that hard work do we. No, guess not.

Can you relate to this conversation? Being a Christian is about living life to the fullest. Sometimes, life is full of mistakes or at least to us they were mistakes. I think Jesus wants us to find ways to get along with each other and that means that sometimes we have to look beyond what we consider to be mistakes. Maybe they are opportunities for ministry.

De Colores David Mays Spiritual Director. Editor's Note: Our Spiritual Director, David Mays, has resigned due to a new pastorate and obligations that he has committed to. We wish him the very best and will continue to pray for him, his family and his new church. Former Community Spiritual Director, Mike Cline, Pastor of Troup FUMC, has graciously agreed to finish out this year as our Spiritual Director with Ricky Ricks, Pastor of Henderson FUMC, serving as the Assistant Spiritual Director. This will make Bro. Ricky our Spiritual Director for 2011. Please keep both of these men in your prayers. Their contact information is listed below in the section entitled "Grace Board for 2010."



Chrysalis

Mark You Calendars for these Dates:

Girls Chrysalis Flight Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 (Saturday, Sunday & Monday)

Gathering / Candlelight (Sunday 8:00 p.m.) @ Lindale UMC

**Team Meetings:** 

Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. to 3:30ish p.m.) @ Lindale UMC

<u>Friday August 6<sup>th</sup></u> (7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) Lock-In @ the church....

Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> (Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 3:30ish) @ Lindale UMC

Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> (9:00 a.m. to 3:30ish p.m.) @ Lindale UMC

It is time to Dare to Make a Difference. We need to get ready for our Chrysalis Experience. What does Chrysalis do for our youth? I am glad you asked... Chrysalis = Change. During the Chrysalis experience your youth will have a chance for growth, impact, change and building friendships. We will spend these three days with young people in Worship, Prayer, Fellowship, Creative Expressions, Singing and Discussion. As we do this we will be building a deeper relationship with Christ, with our new best friends, learning to make lasting relationships, we will be disciples making more disciples and we will be developing leaders for our future.

Who Chrysalis is for: The age is for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Students and Young Adults between the ages of 19 – 24. These Butterflies (is what we call them on day 1) can be Friends from Church, Friends from School and Friends from College. Anyone who desires a deeper relationship with God and others are welcome.

There is a copy of the Chrysalis application attached at the end of this newsletter. This application as well as team and clergy applications can also be found on the website.

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#### LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Community,

I am going to put this out on the table. We have a group of adults in this community who have worked very hard to bring this event to GRACE. The summer of 2008 we had Flight #1. There were 9 girls on that weekend. We did not have enough girls for the weekend to make but we felt that God was telling us to go forward and the weekend was wonderful. Please note: We should have a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 36 for a flight to make. Last summer we worked so hard to have Flight 2 ready to go. The week before the flight we cancelled the

event due to only 2 applicants registered to attend. This is very hard and sad for a team to work all these weeks to prepare, write talks, preview and be in prayer to have a weekend fail.

Well we are back again to try this. BUT I want you to understand the only way we will ever get a Chrysalis Community going in full swing is with the support of our community. A handful of dedicated servants are not going to pull this together. We need members of the community willing and ready to serve in any and all areas for team; we need participation for the candlelight AND closing; we need help with meals (as this is not a campsite and food must be provided) we need PRAYER!!! And last but most important we need youth to attend.

Chrysalis is a function of the Upper Room and falls under the same requirements of the Walk to Emmaus. Our community is large enough to support and maintain a Chrysalis Community within Emmaus – but it takes a village to make it happen. Are you with us? Do you want to see our youth experience a closer relationship with God? If you answer yes... then please call to sign up to work in some capacity. Don't assume someone else will do this for you. Don't wait on a call to come to you... Christ is Counting on You.

Because the program is so new to the community and we are all learning; we do ask that all team members come to all the team meetings. This includes the background team. As this gives us a time to learn the program, expectations and get to bond with each other. Under the - *Mark You* 

## Calendars for these

**Dates.** You will see the dates for all the team meetings. The Chrysalis weekend and all team meetings are set to be held @ Lindale UMC.

Please contact myself or Leah Huffstetter <u>leah\_belle@hotmail.com</u> 903-360-1017 if you would like to work this walk and/or help in some way. This is your team, your community and your youth,
DeColores and Fly with Christ
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Prayer Vigil
There are walks going on all over the world almost every week. You may pray for these whenever you like or go to <a href="https://www.3dayol.org/Vigil">www.3dayol.org/Vigil</a> to sign up for a specific time on their 72 hour prayer vigil.
Thank you and DeColores!
Judy Hawn

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# GATHERINGS for GRACE(2010)

June 19, 2010, FUMC Troup; Fellowship 5:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:30 p.m.

July 24, 2010, FUMC Canton; Fellowship 5:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 28, 2010, location to be determined; Sponsor training 4:30PM; Potluck Dinner 5:45PM; Worship 6:45PM

September 18, 2010, FUMC Athens; Fellowship 5:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 20 2010 Grand Ultreya; Green Acres Baptist Church; Babe Chick training 4:30PM; Potluck Dinner 5:45PM; Worship 6:45PM

December 11, 2010, Golden United Methodist Church, Fellowship 5:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner 5:45 p.m., Worship 6:45 p.m.

#### **GATHERING NEWS**

Our thanks to the Fisherman's Reunion Group of Payne Springs UMC for all their work hosting the Local Gathering on May 22. Introductions were handled by Burton Love who was standing in for Dan Mathews, our Community Lay Director.

Rev. David Diller, former Community Spiritual Director, provided guidance for our worship service. Martel Love provided an excellent witness with her Fourth Day Talk. Our sincere thanks go to the group from Mineola, lead by Mike Engleman, who handled the music so well. Great fellowship, great food, and spirited worship. God is good, all the time!

Our next Local Gathering on June 19<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church in Troup.

We still need for someone to step up and host a local Gathering in Dec. Sounds like a tough time but what a wonderful time to gather and celebrate the reason for the season. Worshiping together to praise and honor the birth of Christ actually sounds like a pretty good idea to me. We can't have too many Gatherings. We still have not heard from the Longview/ Marshall area. There is nothing wrong with having more than one Gathering in a month. Our target is still to have them geographically separated to assure more community members have a chance to participate.

If you would like to plan a Gathering, contact Burton Love at 903 425 3864(h) 903 880 5462(cell) or burtonlove@embarqmail.com. You can also get guidance from any of the other board members. Keep in mind, it is not difficult and there is a lot of help available to make it a success. It is a true blessing when it all comes together.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the GRACEmmaus Gatherings in 2010. DeColores

Editor's Note: Since submission of this article, Golden United Methodist Church has agreed to host the December gathering.



# Lay Directors for upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #54, Camp Gilmont October 7-10, 2010 Lay Director: Mike Minor

Women's Walk #55, Camp Gilmont October 14-17, 2010 Lay Director: Scotti Wood

Men's Walk #56, Disciples Crossing March 3-6, 2011 Lay Director: Bill Durr

Women's Walk #57, Disciples Crossing March 10-13, 2011 Lay Director: Toyia Urbaniak

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

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 1. The Board of Directors consists of three classes of five persons, a new class being elected each year, the oldest class rotating off. Therefore, being on the board is a three-year commitment.
- 2. The Emmaus community elects the board by voting each year on members of a new class from among nominees selected by a nominating committee and approved by the board. Voting is usually done through a mail ballot in the newsletter.
- 3. Each person on the board chairs one of the suggested committees needed to support the Walks and follow-up. These committees serve many functions, one of the most fundamental being leadership development.
- 4. Board meetings are held once a month.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact a current board member for more information.

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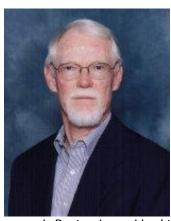
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#### MEET YOUR BOARD...



My name is Burton Love. I had the blessing of being on walk # 38 in Oct. 2006 at Camp Gilmont and sitting at the table of St. Paul. My wife, Martel, and I attend Payne Springs United Methodist Church where we participate in the Fisherman's Reunion Group. We have two children and six grandchildren. We have lived near Cedar Creek Lake since I retired from the Food and Drug Administration in Chicago, III. in 1996 after 30 years of service. Between 1967 and 1996 we lived in Oklahoma City, Okla.; Fairmont, W.Va.; Woodbridge, Va; Vienna, Va.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Fairfax, Va.; and Wheaton, III.

My wife and I were born and raised in the Ft. Worth/Dallas area and both graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas. We have been married 51 years. My grandchildren think we are "retarded" while our son-in-law just thinks that we have lots of leisure time. I am privileged to serve you on the GRACEmmaus Board as your Gathering Coordinator. The rest of my "leisure" time is spent in service to PSUMC, facilitating a parenting course called Love and Logic with my wife for our local primary school, and the Kairos prison ministry.

One of the greatest gifts God has given us is the opportunity to participate with other Christians in the Emmaus movement.

**DeColores** 

**Burton Love** 



My name is Patti Jones. I took my Walk to Emmaus in April 1995 at Lone Star with the North East Texas Emmaus Community. My husband, Shellie, and I worship at FUMC-Athens. I sing with the FUMC Praise Team. We have a blended family of 5 beautiful daughters, 4 granddaughters and 1 grandson. We live in Murchison, Texas and love living in the country. I enjoy reading, scrapbooking, singing and watching movies. I am a hospice nurse and I'm very passionate about my job. I have served on the Emmaus board for a year and a half and hope that I am able to make a difference for the G.R.A.C.E. community.

G.R.A.C.E. <u>REGISTRAR</u> P.O. Box 132212 Tyler TX. 75713-2212

# G.R.A.C.E. Chrysalis Application for Registration

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE

Candidate Name	Sex	Date of Birth
Preferred Name	T-shirt Size	
Grade currently in or just completed	School attended	
Street Address		
CityState	_Zip Email address	
Church	Pastor's Name	
We would like for your pastor to know the and obtain his/her signature (see below). A parents have any questions you would like	After the Chrysalis weekend was ex	xplained by your sponsor, do you or you
SPONSOR INFORMATION- TO BE	COMPLETED BY THE SPONS	<u>OR</u>
Sponsor's Name	I	Phone ()
Address		
CityState	Zip Email address	
Church Sponsor attends	Relati	on to candidate
What Walk/Flight did you attend? Comm Have you informed the candidate that the the case of an emergency? Will you personally bring the candidate t Are you praying for your candidate? Are you able and willing to assist the can Have you explained the post-flight follow As sponsor, I say "Yes to Christ" and will revealed to this candidate through my Ch this high calling of servanthood.	ey should expect to have NO outside to the Flight site? didate in getting into a reunion grow-up meeting? ll fulfill my responsibilities in such	e contact during the weekend except in  up?  a way that His grace and love are
Candidate's signature	D	ate
Sponsor's signature	Σ	Date
Pastor's signature	I	Date

#### BE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE!

We must have your signature, sponsor's signature, and pastor's signature.

Candidate must be 15-18 years old and have finished the 9th grade and not started college prior to the weekend. For the journey table they must be ages 18-24.

The medical release form (on the reverse side) must be complete and signed by a notary.

#### **RETURN APPLICATION TO:**

#### GRACE Chrysalis Registrar. PO BOX 6291 Tyler, Texas 75711

The cost for the weekend is \$50; make checks payable to GRACE Chrysalis. If you have other Questions? You may reach the steering committee at <a href="mailto:gracechrysalis@yahoo.com">gracechrysalis@yahoo.com</a>. You will receive a confirmation letter that will include a list of things to bring to the weekend once your application has been processed.

# Medical Authorization This information must be filled out to attend the Chrysalis weekend.

I,	, am the parent/guardian of for his/her attendance at the GRACE Chrysalis weekend beginning	
and give my permission f		GRACE Chrysalis weekend beginning
During this time, I may b	e reached at (home)	(cell)
Emergency contact and n	umber	
Candidate's Physician:		Phone:
Insurance Provider:		Policy Number:
Date of last tetanus shot _		
Are there any medication	s, prescription or other, to be	e taken during the weekend?
		the-counter) in the original container.
List ANY allergies		
List ANY special dietary	needs or restrictions	
Does the candidate have a	any health or physical needs	that require special attention?
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Signature of parent/guard	ian	Date
Subscribed sworn before day of _		County, Texas this the
Signature of Notary Publi	c	
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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.

DeColores
PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip: