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Men's Walk # 68 Disciples Crossing, Athens March 13-16, 2014 Tom McDonald

Women's Walk # 69 Disciples Crossing, Athens March 20-23, 2014 Karol Johnston

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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Mac Young and I have the honor of serving as your Community Lay Director for 2014. I went on Walk #56 at Disciple's Crossing in Athens, TX. I was seated at the table of St. Paul. I serve and worship at Payne Springs UMC in Payne Springs, TX.

Walk #68 and Walk #69 are about to occur. A great big thank you to both Tom McDonald and Karol Johnston the walk directors for making these walks the "Best Ever". Also, thank yous are in order for all the servants who made these walks possible by working as inside and outside team members. The Pilgrims as usual were fantastic and came to know that they are loved more than they ever knew.

These Pilgrims like the Disciple's took a leap of FAITH by attending these walks. The Pilgrims in most instances had no idea what to expect on these walks. Like the Disciples that Jesus told "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people", the disciples immediately left their homes and their jobs to follow Jesus. The Pilgrims also dropped everything and attended these walks and their reward was great. The Pilgrims now have the opportunity to become leaders in their home churches and keep the spiritual fire that they currently feel burning.

We have Walks #70 and #71 coming, and we are already at work on these walks and we need sponsors to bring more Pilgrims to Jesus. But wait, many sponsors seem to think that they find a Pilgrim, take him to dinner on the way to the walk, dump him at the camp, pick him up Sunday and their work is done. Wrong, their work has just begun. Sponsors need to have a personal relationship with their Pilgrim and help with their spiritual well-being. Sponsors are responsible to see that their Pilgrims find a Reunion Group, attend the Baby Chick meeting, Sponsorship meetings and gatherings. Make sure you can perform all of the requirements of a Sponsor before taking the responsibility of the job. There are Sponsorship training sessions at least twice a year, attend one even if you have been to one before, it will do you good. Plan to attend the Gathering in April as we will have the Baby Chick and a Sponsorship session at this Gathering.

If you want to work a walk go to our new web site graceemmaus.com.

Please check this new site and register to receive your newsletter. We need your email and home address as we are building a new distribution list.

Decolores, Mac Young Community Lay Director

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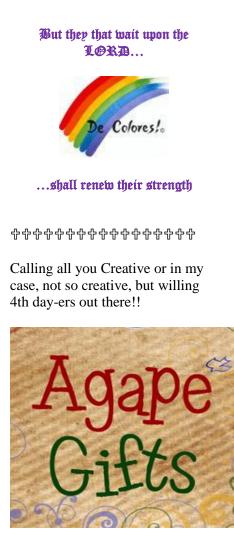
GATHERINGS

March 15 – Candlelight at the men's walk (Athens)

March 22 – Candlelight at the women's walk (Athens)

April – Hallsville UMC Babe Chick meeting Potluck Dinner Praise/worship

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You have all experienced your own personal walk, now I need you to reflect back for a moment.....

Think about how much the little gifts you got all weekend meant to <u>you</u>, the ones left on your bed, the ones on the table when you went to breakfast, lunch or dinner! Even the special place mats you ate off of....

Well, now comes the fun! We need you to make agape for the men and women on the next walks! You can get together with your reunion group and make some place mats or any agape gift you can think of. Or you can just do it on your own.

If you are like me and just draw a blank when I try to think on my own, you can google "agape for walks" and you will get all kinds of ideas!!! My daughter loves to help make them, so get the kids involved.

How many? For everyone make about 75, if you just want them to go to the pilgrims, make 36. Also, don't put your name on them; we want God to get the credit!

When you get your agape ready for the walk, give me a call and I will be more than happy to pick them up!! My number is 903-445-0295. Or you can email me at <u>damonandcarol@mail4me.com</u>, Or, if you are bringing a pilgrim or if you are coming some time during the weekend, you are welcome to bring them then, discreetly, find a member of the team to give them to.

Agape Dinner:

Another way to show your love for the pilgrim is to serve at the **Agape dinner**; If you can serve, Women will serve the men and need to be at Disciples Crossing Camp outside of Athens Texas, on Sat. March 15, 2014. We will set up the tables and serve at 5:30 p.m. (try to arrive around 4:30) Please wear black pants and a white shirt.

Men will serve the women at Disciples Crossing on Sat. March 22^{nd} , 2014. We will set up the tables and serve at 5:30 p.m. (try to arrive around 4:30) Please wear black pants and a white shirt.

Then come back or stay for candlelight at 8 pm.

DeColores!! Carol DeRieux

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Sponsor/Registration Info: Greetings to all!

Just a couple of notes about sponsorship and registration and how they work together. By now, most of you know that we have a new community website (www.graceemaus.com). An important part of this website is a new application. There are two versions: one which can be sent electronically, and one which can be printed and sent through regular mail. You will notice that both applications have space for the necessary sponsor information, meaning that only one application has to be forwarded to the registrar. Also you will notice on the application that can be printed and mailed, that there are three signatures required in order for the application to be complete pilgrim, pastor and sponsor. If all three signatures are not on the application when received by the registrar, it will be returned to the sponsor for completion, thus delaying registration.

All applications must be accompanied by at least a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit of the \$155.00 fee. If an application is sent electronically, it will not be entered onto the roster until at least the deposit has been received.

The above information is basically about procedures for getting a pilgrim registered. The most important thing that a sponsor must do is to PRAY—pray for yourself as a sponsor and for the person you are led to invite to a walk. There are other mechanics and logistics to being a sponsor, but none is more important than the prayer that leads you to be a sponsor.

Once a pilgrim has been placed on a walk roster, a notice of acceptance will be mailed to both the pilgrim and sponsor with additional information for both. Sponsors, especially first-time sponsors, pay close attention to the instructions that are contained in the letter. These can have a major impact on the success of a pilgrim's walk.

If anyone has questions, please email us (jimbet@cobridge.tv) or catch one of us at the next gathering.

Peace and DeColores, Jim and Betty Buchanan, GRACE registrars

MEN'S WALK 68 Conference Team Members

LD - Tom McDonald ALD - Jim Buchanan - Conference room ALD - Mark Bewely - Speaker ALD - Jay Edwards - Time Keeper

SD - Richard Luna ASD - Jarrett Major ASD - Jon Thornsbury ASD - Tommy Earl Burton ASD - Tom Haygood

MD - Loren Lykins AMD - Mark Jarrard

Board Rep - Mac Young

A/V - Andy Scott

TABLE LEADERS AND ASST. TABLE LEADERS:

TL - Ken Braswell ATL - Brett Walker

TL - Mac Walling ATL - David Bagley

TL - Shaun Heatherly. ATL - Gill Maroney

TL - CJ Cox ATL - Philip Kelly TL - David Barnard. ATL - Tom Corn

TL - Bruce Carroll. ATL - Burton Love

Outside Team Leader - Chuck Reed

Chapel Team Leader - Bubba DeBerry

WOMEN'S WALK 69 Conference Team Members

LD - Karol Johnston

ALD's: Cynthia Bellar (Time Keeper) Jeannie Hanssen (Conference Room) Debbie Hays (Speaker Escort)

Table Leaders: Carol DeRieux Lisa Palomaria Talia Epps Betty Buchanan Ann Connor Janis Johns

Assistant Table Leaders: Rhydonia Clem Pam Barron Diane Frachiseur Laquita Showen Tiffany Clendening Wanda Weaver

Music Team: Pam Martin Nan Haygood

Spiritual Director: Pam Jackson

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Doug Smith Susan Smith Stephanie Hughes Jim Pickens

Outside Servant Team Leader: Joy Parker Chapel Team Leader: Lanett Moser

Board Representative: Robin Gillian

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Gilmer Walks for 2014 will be held: Men: October 2-5 James Cox

> Women: October 9-12 Lanett Moser

Please consider donating to the scholarship fund for future walks. This fund is used by many and funded by a few. Can you help with this funding??

Have you signed up to pray for the walks? Go to the website and sign up today. There are still openings available.

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2014 BOARD MEMBERS

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Agape (wall letters, etc.): Janis Johns Cell: 817-714-8208

Babe Chick Training: Bubba DeBerry Cell: 903-256-7080 Book Table (Scroll consignments): <u>Robin Gillian</u> *Cell: 903-574-0829*

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Walk Crosses/Dove Nametags: Elizabeth Minor Home: 903-657-8112 Cell: 903-720-1740

Reunion Groups: <u>Tommy Ferguson</u> *Cell: 903-256-7296*

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Webmaster: Mark Bewley Cell: 903-522-0782

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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 Emmau DeColores	is community.			
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