

# GRACE for TODAY

### A Word from Mike Hodgson

#### Water World

Walks 84 and 85 are over. What a great time we had. We did experience some wet time during these Walks. On the first night of the men's Walk a pipe broke and during the night thousands of gallons of water was lost. The camp made a quick recovery the next morning and all was good. The women had some rain on Sunday morning, but it did not affect the Walk events and things went on as planned. The real water works were happening with the pilgrims. The emotion that was evident throughout both walks was awesome. God was working on hearts and minds both weekends. The Holy Spirit seemed to be every where at once. Their words at closing were so powerful, it gave me goose bumps. Thank you to the Team members that tirelessly worked to make this the "Best Walk Ever"! Also, a big thanks to all the community members that took time to be at Candle Light, the Closing along with the many prayers and love shown for the Teams and the Pilgrims.

I would also like to take a moment to invite everyone that can to be at the Closing for Kairos #52 at the Michaels Unit in Tennessee Colony on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:15. You need to signup by April 1<sup>st</sup>. See their website to sign up. [www.michaelunit.org](http://www.michaelunit.org) and click on the closing link.

One more thing there will be a Kairos Benefit May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM. That will be at Norman Building in Jacksonville (next to the Tomato Bowl). "Buddy and The Flashbacks" will be playing for your enjoyment. Please come and have a great time along with helping give someone the opportunity to go on a Walk.

Big thanks again to our wonderful Emmaus Community for all you do to further Gods work. You truly are His Hands and Feet.

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Mike Hodgson, Community Lay Director

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#### **Gatherings 2018**

April 7—St. Luke's UMC, Kilgore

May 19 Camp Gilmont—Workday

June 16—Fairwood UMC, Tyler

July 21—Pleasant Retreat, Tyler

August 18—FUMC, Bullard

November 10—Lane's Chapel

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

The following publications will be brought to the April 7 Gathering in Lindale:

Worship Books	\$ 5.00
Reunion Cards	\$ 3.00
Emmaus Introduction Pamphlets	FREE
"The Group Reunion Booklet"	\$ 5.00
Sponsorship Books	\$ 5.00
Song Team Leaders Books	\$ 5.00
Walk Spiritual Directors (Clergy)	\$ 5.00

If you have any other special publications requests for working on Walks 84 and 85, please notify me at [stc.morton@gmail.com](mailto:stc.morton@gmail.com), or I can be reached most evenings at (903) 633-2717.

#### **Fall Walks**

**Men's**

**October 4-7**

**Women's**

**October 11-14**

### From the G.R.A.C.E. treasurer:

Thanks to the generosity of the G.R.A.C.E. community, we received over \$1,400 from collections taken during both worship services at the walk gatherings on 3/3/18 and 3/10/18. This represents almost 10% of the total paid to Disciples Crossing for the Men and Women Spring 2018 walks. Every dollar received goes back into the community to continue to spread the life changing experiences that an Emmaus weekend can deliver. Donated funds can also be used for pilgrim and team member scholarships, updating equipment, and the general fund of our community.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

**Betty Buchanan**

### Cost of Walk Publications

To prepare for a combined Men's and Women's Grace Emmaus Walk, it takes approximately:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Team Manual	\$ 40
Handbook on Emmaus	\$ 40
Coordinator's Manual	\$ 50
Three Day Schedule	\$ 100
Talk Outlines	\$ 120
Print evaluation Forms	\$ 80
Spiritual Director's Book	\$ 20
10 x 13 Manilla Envelopes	\$ 30
Print Current Newsletter	\$ 80
Upper Room Devotionals	\$ 200
Day Four Booklets	\$ 400
Coming Down From the Mountain	\$ 400
Fourth Day Forward Book	\$ 400
Sustaining the Spirit	\$ 400
Worship Book	\$ 700
Reunion Cards	\$ 300
Crosses and Lanyards	<u>\$ 560</u>
<b>TOTAL INVENTORY COST</b>	<b>\$3, 920 ( Not including shipping fees)</b>

These costs reflect Bulk ordering and shipping rates. These costs are provided for the Pilgrims at no cost, since their Walk fees cover only the cost of the camp where their walks are being held.

When we are working on a team for an upcoming Walk, if you have kept your material from a previous walk and do not need to replace it, then our publications costs can go down by not having to re-supply each item for every Walk.

Please note the Upper Room Ministries are currently printing new editions of some of the team materials. Once we have depleted our inventories that require the new material, we will be replacing the new teams with the latest publications.

### OUR NEXT GATHERING News from Nan

Seeing the sublime joy, a la many tears, on the faces of the pilgrims at these last candlelights adds credence to the pilgrims' frequent statements, "This has to be what heaven is like!"

I, as an old timer, still remember that first "heavenly" experience. Yet, through the years, I have experienced our Gatherings to be almost as impacting! After all, in heaven we will have quite the Emmaus experience, serving our Father together forever.

Saturday, April 7, at St. Luke's UMC in Kilgore, will be our next time to share a Gathering. Sponsors, please bring your pilgrims there to the Babe Chick meeting at 4pm. This meeting is of utmost importance to a meaningful Fourth Day for them.

Then, at 5pm, we will share a covered-dish supper. Fourth Day, please bring enough food for yourself and a Babe Chick.

At 6pm, we will join in sweet worship and communion with the Blessed Person who made all this available to us! Looking forward to being together April 7! Nan Haygood

**Bless you all, Nan Haygood**

### WORKDAY GATHERING Saturday May 19

P.S. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19, when we will bless Gilmont with Agape by helping them at the camp. We will also have a covered-dish lunch and then join together in Worship. Please join us for a fun filled day of fellowship!

### DO YOU WANT TO WORK THE FALL WALK?

Go to the GRACE Emmaus website and fill out a Team application. Team selection for the fall Men's and Women's Walks is scheduled for Thursday, May 17 at 6 p.m.

## **G.R.A.C.E. WALK #84**

G.R.A.C.E. Walk 84 was enveloped by God's grace from team formation thru the closing worship service. There were several new team members, and several members in positions they had not previously filled, be it at a table, as part of the chapel team, or on the outside team.

The Walk began with 19 pilgrims, ending with 18 as one pilgrim left on Saturday night after candlelight. The good news is that this departure did not seem to put a damper on the rest of the table involved or anyone else in the conference room. All pilgrims were excited and engaged beginning with arrival and New Best Friends, continuing thereafter in table discussions and artistic presentations. It was evident from the vigorous discussions beginning with the first talk that these pilgrims were excited and looking forward to getting something out of the weekend.

There were several visits with spiritual directors: one pilgrim who was coming to a final decision about going into the ministry (at last word he's going); another pilgrim who had been dealing with some personal issues departed on Sunday in a more positive frame of mind and feeling the love of a whole new support group; lastly, another pilgrim who had been struggling with some issues since childhood learned that God is on his side and will help him find peace and healing.

Overall, G.R.A.C.E. Walk #84 was absolutely "THE BEST WALK EVER"! **Jim Buchanan Men's Lay Director**

## **Women's Walk 85 Report**

### **NEW G.R.A.C.E. Walk 85 4th Dayers**

Meredith Bland  
Kathy Bradshaw  
Charlene Burton  
Alice Clegg  
Shirley Davis  
Carla McRee  
Lavern Goss  
Mary Murphy  
Dora Edwards  
Leta Thomas  
Joanna Goodwin  
Raven Lyons  
Rebekka Wall  
Lisa Remde

## **Men's Walk 84 Report**

### **NEW G.R.A.C.E. Walk 84 4th Dayers**

Jeff Reed	Max Evans
Jake Rasberry	Michael Thompson
Lee Lyons	Curtis Lewis
Michael Stephenson	
Bryan Dunavant	
Jason Morris	
Larry Rosemond	
Michael Miles	
Phil Goodwin	
Brad Burton	
Elliott Patterson	
Rob Daniels	
Seaborn Nesbett	
Ken Sides	
Daniel Barnett	

## **Reunion Group Information:**

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

There's a list if 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

## New 4th Dayers

Do you like Music?

Are you a good organizer?

In your studies, have you found resources others might like?

Did you know that the G.R.A.C.E. community has board members that chair committees that work together to strengthen our community and bring others to the Walk to Emmaus.

These are listed on our website.

As we have been taught in 1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup> Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

## New Babe Chicks and 4th Dayers

I am so proud to be a part of the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus community and I am also proud of the community where I took my original walk. There is only one Walk to Emmaus that is the organization that we represent when we talk about the walk, but each one of us also represent a certain community. We have so many people in the G.R.A.C.E. Community that have gone on their walk in other communities.

How do I know this? They tell me every time they give their traditional Emmaus greeting. The traditional greeting includes this information.

Your name

The community where you took your original walk

The walk number

You table

Where you attend Church

So, my greeting will go like this.

Hi, my name is Lisa Palomaria. I went on Central Alabama walk #45 and sat at the table of Ruth. I (may include spouse or family) attend (worship, serve, etc.) Greggton United Methodist Church in Longview.

In addition to this general information you can add where you went and when you went on your walk.

If I forgot to tell you that I went on my walk with the Central Alabama Community and just told you that I took my walk at Camp Alamisco, I would be telling you that the name of my community is the Camp Alamisco Community, a community that does not exist. Be proud of our community, tell them that you went on the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus walk (your original community) before you say which camp you were at when you took your walk.

**Lisa Palomaria**

Board Representative in charge of Baby Chick Training for the G.R.A.C.E Emmaus Community

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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.

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Monthly gift amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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