

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Wynn Harle Community Lay Director

"The best walks ever!" Friends, I have it on good authority that G.R.A.C.E. Men's Walk #88 and Women's Walk #89 were just that! Our community has 32 Babe Chicks who have laughed, cried, rejoiced, comforted and communed together all in the spirit of the Walk to Emmaus. Their experiences were made possible due to all of you and your efforts. Thank you G.R.A.C.E. community.

So many of you devoted 72 hours of your own time to serve as Christ's hands and feet by serving on the teams. You were present for send off and for Sponsor's Hour. Your prayers filled the chapel at Disciples Crossing. You spent hours making some GREAT agape gifts. And the food agape was abundant. Some of you travelled long distances for Candlelight on Saturday night and the pilgrims were moved as they recognized the names of towns represented that night. On Sunday you came back to share in our closing ceremonies. Thank you to all who participated through prayer or your presence. It is because of your efforts that our Spring Walks were the best walks ever.

And now we begin preparation for our Fall Walks. Please prayerfully consider working on one of the teams. Speaking from experience, working a walk can give you blessings you never imagined. You might consider sponsoring a pilgrim. Our website's Pilgrim Application has good information for sponsors and you are welcome to attend our Babe Chick meeting on April 13th at 4p.m. to learn more.

It's never too late to begin making agape gifts. If making for the pilgrims only, please make 36. If you wish to make for the entire team we ask that you make 72.

Please keep our Fall Lay Directors, Lisa Brewer and Mike Hodgson, in your prayers as they begin planning the next "*best walks ever!*"

De Colores!

Wynn Harle

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Music Team Information

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

www.graceemmaus.com

Upcoming Events:

**Saturday, April 13th
Crossroads, Canton, TX
Babe Chick and Sponsorship Training 4 p.m.
Potluck 5 p.m.
Worship 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 18th
First United Methodist Church, Lindale, TX
Gathering 12 noon**



Emmaus 4th Dayers - you are invited:

Kairos Outside "Walking in Love" service

Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ Disciples Crossing Camp

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The Walking in Love service provides a powerful opportunity for Weekend Guests to experience God's love for them through the singing presence of the Christian community. It also gives the 4th Day Christian Community an opportunity to "be the hands and feet of Christ" and be a part of the Kairos Outside Weekend experience.

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Please arrive at the camp at 8:15 p.m. The community will gather in the cafeteria to pray for the guests, hear a short testimonial and learn the song. The service will start around 9:15. You will be through by 9:30. You are also invited to our closing service at 2:30 on Sunday, April 7th.

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Jerri Lykins

KOET #11 Weekend Leader

Howdy GRACE Emmaus members!

Let's talk Sponsorship! A sponsor is the most important job we have in our community. We need to share this walk with those in our church who are looking for a better walk with Jesus.

The 1st step is **Pray!** Ask God for His guidance in your desire to be a sponsor. Ask God to guide you to the right person to sponsor.

Then ask to meet them and share with them the Walk to Emmaus. You can share what the walk meant to you and the purpose of the walk.

Let them know that as their sponsor that you would be helping them through the whole process.

Answer any of their questions they may have.

Pray with them and let them know you will be praying for them to have God's guidance in this decision.

Schedule a follow up time with them to answer any more of their questions.

The Spring walks are finished, and we can look forward to the upcoming Fall walks. It's not too early to start conversations about Emmaus with potential pilgrims. Summer is almost here, and many people get busy with vacations, kids sports, and church mission work.

If you have any questions, my contact information is located in this newsletter.

De Colores
Garry Mount

New G.R.A.C.E. Community Training Committee

Hello, my name is Brett Walker, I went on Walk 66 at Camp Gilmont, and my wife and I worship and serve at FUMC Longview.

The G.R.A.C.E. Board has recently appointed me to be the Community Trainer, in compliance with a new requirement by the Upper Room. All Communities must now have a designated person to hold training sessions throughout the year on various aspects of Emmaus.

The purpose of this training will be to help all Community members learn more about the Upper Room's methods for holding our Walks. There will also be general information concerning sponsorship, our board, and much more. This will not take the place of our Babe Chick and Sponsorship training that occurs twice per year. Rather, the training sessions will be focused on supplementing the things we are already doing.

Though we haven't yet received all the training material from the Upper Room, I am seeking a few Community members who would like to be on the training committee.

If you might be interested, please contact me by phone or email to learn more. I especially encourage new Fourth Dayers to consider serving in this capacity, but any Community member is invited.

Thank you,

Brett Walker
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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

Welcome to our newest G.R.A.C.E Community Members

Men of Walk #88

Derek Blackmon
David Carroll
Jeremy Dick
Merritt Hines
Bill Lawrence
Todd Morgan
Trae Murphy
Bobby Niccum
Kevin Reeves
Ernest Rodriquez
Stuart Thomas
Bob Wade

Women of Walk #89

Tay Brown-Byars
Doris Clayton
Karen Erickson
Melissa Green
Pris Greene
Jessica Hallett
Luisa Jamerson
Tammy Lancaster
Ann Lee
Charlene Mason
Ann May
Tabitha Morgan
April Murphy
Linda Payne
Traci Pierce
Heather Rodriquez
Dru Steadman
Lisa Webb
Adrianna Welch
Kim Whipkey



ATTENTION GRACE COMMUNITY!!!

If you can sing or play an instrument and want to help at gatherings or walks. We want to hear from you!!! Hear is your chance to give back to your Lord and your community and have fun sharing your talent.

Please fill out the form below and return it so we can get our list of musical folks updated. Our goal for 2019 is to make sure we have ladies and gentlemen in place at all gatherings to lead music without leaving anyone out that wants to participate.

Name_____

Contact Information Phone_____ email_____

Sing_____ Play_____ if so what instruments_____

If possible, is there someone you preferer playing/singing with? Yes___ No___

Who? _____

Any question or comments please contact John Crow @ (903) 288-1881 or jwcrow56@gmail.com. Call, text, or email

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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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PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

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: _____

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