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#### **Community Lay Director March, 2012**

The men's walk team training is finished and the women have started their team meetings. It is amazing how many people are involved with each walk: the walk lay director, spiritual director, assistant spiritual directors, assistant lay directors, table leaders, assistant table leaders, music team, outside servant team. Whew!! That's a lot of people!!! You may be thinking there is nothing left to do. WRONG!

There are so many ways that we can all be involved during the walk weekend. These ways are just as important and vital to the success of the weekend as those mentioned above.

Here are a just a few ways to help:

# **Prayer Vigils**

Go to the website

(www.gracemmaus.org), find the 72 hour prayer vigil signup and select your time. If there aren't any slots available for the GRACE walks, choose one of the other walks. I remember how pleased I was to see people I knew on the prayer vigil but I was amazed at the people from other places also praying during the weekend.

## Help with set up and tear down

These two areas are really good places to help if you can't stay the whole weekend. Help with unloading the trailer and getting the camp ready for the walk (covering windows, setting up chairs, organizing agape are just a few things that need to be done for each walk). On Sunday help with packing the supplies and loading the trailer.

# **Agape Gifts**

We all remember the fun of finding gifts on our beds and in the dining room. And the snacks!!! Especially the homemade snacks!

## **Agape Letters**

Write a letter for your pilgrim, of course, but also write letters for the other pilgrims and let them know you are thinking about them.

## **Agape Dinner**

Help transform the cafeteria into a Banquet Hall. Helping serve the agape dinner is a real blessing and a chance for you to briefly interact with the pilgrims. The men serve the women and the women serve the men.

# Gathering and Candlelight

What better way to show your love and support than to attend the Saturday night gathering and candlelight - even if you don't know any of the pilgrims. You will be blessed by being there and you bless the pilgrims and show them true agape love by being there for them.

# Prayer

Offer prayers for the pilgrims, their families, and the team not only during your assigned time but whenever, all weekend long. Prayer is the one thing that can be done anywhere, anytime and from any place.

I'm sure I have missed other ways to be involved with a walk weekend if you are not a part of the conference room team or the outside servant team. These are just the ones that come to mind immediately. It takes all this and more to make the weekend a meaningful experience for the pilgrims – and for us, too!

DeColores!

Jo Anne Skeen

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Walk #60 Team Members

Name	Walk Job	
John Norman	LD	
Ricky Ricks	SD	
Scott Stewart	ASD	
Jon Thornsbury	ASD	
Mark Robertson	ASD	
Joe Hall	ASD	
David Barnard	ALD	
Ken Brawell	ALD	
Jay Edwards	ALD	
Michael Johnston	TL	
Bill Lute	TL	
Shawn Heatherly	TL	
C J Cox	TL	
Burton Love	TL	
Mac Young	TL	
M H (Jim) Burcham	ATL	
Jerry Symns	ATL	
Derek Hamm	ATL	
Gene Skeen	ATL	
Mark Jarrard	ATL	
Pat Moser	ATL	
Loren Lykins	Music	
Mike Tucker	Music	
Charlie Sharpe	Music	
Chuck Reed	OT	
Pat Eubanks	OT	
Dave Calhoun	ОТ	
Tom McDonald	ОТ	
Tommy Morrison	Chapel	
Ed Cozart	Chapel	
Dave Barnes	BR	

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## Walk #60 Pilgrims

	First	
Last Name	Name	
Belden	Paul	
Воусе	Jason	
Boyd	Timothy	
Chavanne	Christian	
Chudej	Kevin	
Dickard	Stanley	
Ferguson	Tommy	
Foster	William	
Hart	William	
Kelly	Phillip	
Martinez	James	
Owens	James	
Peikert	William	
Permenter	Bobby	
Permenter	Jason	
Rudd	Justin	
Smith	Timothy	
Symns	Philip	
Trimble	Warren	
White	J.C.	

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Greetings fellow 4<sup>th</sup> day pilgrims:

May the Grace of our Lord be with you. My name is Pat Moser, and I want to share some thoughts on what is considered to be one of the most important areas in our Emmaus community, and that is SPONSORSHIP. Why put it in all capital letters? Quite simply put it is **that important**. Sponsorship is vital to the Emmaus movement, and has far reaching implications, and it has direct bearing on the health of the community and the churches affected by Emmaus as well.

The sponsor's first responsibility is to spend concentrated time in prayer, and then move into a time of presentation, waiting for a decision, and then the sponsor begins to work actively to support the pilgrim. If the perspective sponsor does not approach their duties in a prayerful attitude, and with a servant's heart, and a certain level of seriousness, things may not be revealed to the pilgrim that the walk is designed to accomplish. Sponsorship can be either Wise or Unwise in nature.

Remember, the aim of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It is NOT a vehicle for mending relationships or for healing emotional wounds. Prospective Pilgrims must be able to set everything aside during the Emmaus weekend and focus on their relationship with Jesus Christ in order to receive fully what God will offer.

We are all responsible for sponsorship and when properly conducted it will result in growing our community by leaps and bounds.

Further information can be found at the Grace Emmaus website <u>www.gracemmaus.org</u>. Click on the Grace files tab in the upper left corner and you can open, or print the sponsorship package. You can also contact me anytime at <u>prbmoser@etex.net</u>, or feel free to call me @ (903) 968-4377 home or (903) 720-0050. De Colores

## **GATHERING NEWS!!**

If your church would like to host a Gathering in 2012, please contact me.

David McPherson GRACE Walk #3 903-894-3547 home 903-316-4272 cell dtmold26@embarqmail.com

The Candlelight service for Walk #60 -- the Men at Disciples Crossing in Athens, Texas is the next opportunity to meet for a gathering. Please make plans to attend. The gathering begins at 8:00 p.m. on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to wear some green!!!

# MARCH 31, 2012 Lane's Chapel UMC Tyler, Texas Gathering

4:00 Babe Chick Training / Sponsorship Training

5:00 Potluck Dinner (New pilgrims do not have to bring any food).

6:00 Praise and Worship

Sponsors, remember it is YOUR responsibility to get the pilgrim(s) there that you sponsor. If you sponsored someone last fall and they have not attended a meeting, this is a GREAT starting place.

"Food for the Soul" from the community spiritual director

#### Friends,

I met a new friend yesterday. His name is Sam. He was a guest at our church and we went out to

lunch and as we were talking, we discovered that both of us were part of Emmaus, he in a group in Alabama and me, well, I am as East Texas as it gets. We talked about working walks and the importance of our reunion groups. He asked about our community and I told him how wonderful you all are and how loving and graceful my experience of this community has been. As I thought about our conversation later in the evening, it dawned on me that what Emmaus offers to us is not only a walk, or an experience, but it offers to us a rich identity that we live out in our local neighborhoods and local churches. It is the wonderful reminder that we are first and foremost, followers of Jesustouched by his grace and called to his service. I am praying that for each of the pilgrims and teams on the upcoming walks. I am thankful that you are living out that grace in all the places we call home.

DeColores. Ricky Ricks

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## LAY DIRECTOR FOR UPCOMING WALK

Women's Walk #61 Disciples Crossing April 19-22, 2012 Lay Director: Robin Gillian

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Don't forget – beginning in October 2011, the Walk Fee was increased from \$150 to \$155. Please make sure, as a sponsor, you communicate this change.

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Please do not let cost keep someone from attending a Walk to Emmaus. G.R.A.C.E. can assist with the registration fee for anyone needing financial assistance.

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# KAIROS #40 AT THE MICHAEL UNIT

WOW!!! What an awesome GOD we serve!!! THIS Spring is the 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the Kairos Prison Ministry in the MICHAEL **UNIT**. We would ask that you pray for the team that the Lord has assembled and is still assembling, to carry the message of our Lord and Savior into the Michael Unit on April 12-15, 2012. If you feel called to serve God in one of the most rewarding ministries we have available in this community please contact David Powell, Team Leader, give him a call at 972-567-3886, he would be more than happy to help you find the opportunity serve God in this You can find all the ministry. information about our ministry at http://www.michaelunit.org. We need your prayers, your cookies (recipes available on web), and your financial support. It costs us around \$7.000 to conduct a weekend and we depend on the support of our community and volunteers for that money. If your Church is interested, we do a prayer chain (similar to the Emmaus prayer chain) that we use to make a chain and display in our meeting place during the weekend. Contact Tom Perdue at tomdue@gmail.com to obtain a copy. We are



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prospecting for men's souls, some free world and some imprisoned.





EAST TEXAS

Interested in a ministry that is designed to support and encourage

women with family members or relatives who are incarcerated? If you want to have more information on how you can help this ministry please email Emmaus sister Sandee Perdue at KOET.2011@gmail.com

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### **PRAYER VIGILS**

Brothers and Sisters of the Grace Community, the prayer vigils have been posted to the web site. The Men's Walk is underway and the Women's Walk is about a month away. Several people can pray at the same time!!! **Please, please** take the time to find a spot to support the upcoming Walks with your prayers for the Pilgrims and the Team.

DeColores, Jay Edwards

PS—Here are links if you would like to do it right now...

http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/Get Vigil.phtml?pvid=6472&commid =768 -- Men's Walk

http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/Get Vigil.phtml?pvid=6473&commid =768 – Women's Walk

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# Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis and Airports

The Upper Room	FAA
The Upper Room	FAA Flight Plan
Model	
Local Board of	Airline
Directors	
Conference Room	Cockpit and cabin crew
Team	
Behind the Scenes	Tower
Coordinator	
Board Rep	Black Box
Behind the Scenes	Ground crew
Servants	
Conference Room	Airplane
Pilgrims/ Caterpillars	Passengers - ALL FIRST CLASS
Sponsor	Person who drops you off at the airport
	and picks you up

- All training is done the same way following standard policies
- Behind the Scenes takes care of all passenger needs; luggage, food, aircraft before, during and after the flight (at take-off, during flight and at landing)
- When the door is closed, the flight (weekend) starts and the plane is cloistered there is no relationship with the ground crew.
- Flight Crew must follow model (FAA rules)
- Only flight crew takes care of passengers during the flight
- All passenger needs are taken care of by the Flight Crew
- EVERYONE is asked to turn off their cell phones for the entire flight
- You'll go on the flight you like best; when you're ready to go
- Airline can and does cancel flights if there are too few passengers
- The Holy Spirit is The Holy Spirit

# **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 donating \$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 Emmau	s community.			
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