

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Mike Hodgson

SUMMER IS HERE! WE WILL SEE YOU AT CAMP GILMONT

Yes, it's here. We wait for it to arrive with great expectations. Some of us love the heat and some don't. But either way it's here. I must confess that it's the best part of the year for me. Garden time, the pool and just not being cold. Though since I have become part of the Emmaus Community, it has become one of the best seasons for me. The prayer and preparation for the Walks is exuberating and filled with so much joy. I am always looking for someone to share this awesome experience with. We have such a great opportunity through Emmaus to bring new life to so many. So, keep your hearts and eyes open for the next pilgrim.

God bless you all and see you on Saturday at Gilmont.

de Colores

Mike Hodgson, Community Lay Director

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G.R.A.C.E. Website:
www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2018

May 19 Camp Gilmont—Workday

June 16—Fairwood UMC, Tyler

July 21—Pleasant Retreat, Tyler

August 18—Crossroads, Canton

November 10—Lane's Chapel

Fall Walks

Men's

October 4-7

Women's

October 11-14

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SATURDAY GATHERING

Just another reminder that our May Gathering will be a combination work day and Gathering next Saturday, May 19th at Camp Gilmont .

We will gather at 8:00 A.M. in the cafeteria parking lot for our assignments, then disperse as we work as a team on different projects.

Bruce Carroll and Garry Mount went to the camp recently to discuss what projects needed to be done. Here is what they learned:

- Deep clean the cabins and bathrooms (bring tools and supplies for this)
- Trail maintenance (bring tools for this)
- If the weather is good, there is some outside painting to do. (They have the paint and a few painting tools. Also, bring more tools for this)
- Demo some cabinets in the dining hall building. (Bring hand tools for this)
- Build a wall in the dining hallway to separate the washer and dryer from the dish return station. (all framing wood, door, and sheet rock provided, but bring tools)

All are welcome regardless of skill level, as there will be a variety of projects to choose from.

We will work during the morning, then stop for our potluck lunch at noon, followed by a worship service. We will then be dismissed.

Those who participated in this work day last year received a special blessing of fellowship as we worked together as His "hands and feet". Please join us for a special day.

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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 reps 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)
- ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

**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.

Reunion Group Information:

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

There's a list of 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

WON'T YOU BE A SPONSOR!

Attention potential sponsors for the Fall 2018 Walks. The Community would appreciate your help to address a few problems we have experienced recently. When hand-written applications are submitted please make sure that all items answered are easily legible. When any application is submitted, please make sure that at least the deposit amount for the Walk is included. Pilgrims will not be considered included in the Walk until that deposit is received.

Please keep in regular verbal contact with your applicant to insure that there are no concerns or worries on his/her part about the Walk. Remember there are no secrets about our Walks. You can share anything with the applicant to assure him/her that the experience will be nothing but positive. We also know that sharing some specifics about the weekend would be like telling them what their Christmas presents are before they get a chance to open them. And last, please let us know about any medical or health issues we may have to address. We can deal with most issues; it's the surprises that can cause us problems. Thank you. De Colores

Hank Resler
Sponsorship Chairman

COME JOIN US ON THE FALL WALK-TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

Have you considered working on Emmaus team, but just didn't think you could. We are taught that God equips the called. Even those who think they can't work an Emmaus weekend.

When you serve on an Emmaus team you become a Christian in action, doing good works for others. You are blessed in more ways than you can imagine and you are able to feel God's grace and love throughout the weekend.

Prayerfully consider working on a team this fall.

Team applications are available online at www.graceemmaus.com.

If you have questions, you can reach me at cowboycentral@suddenlink.net or my cell 903-245-2701.

De Colores!

Wynn Harle

WELCOME TO OUR

New Board Member

Biography of Kenneth W. Duesterhoft

I attended G.R.A.C.E Community Walk #72 at Disciple's Crossing in Athens, Texas in March of 2015. I sat at the table of St. Matthew. My wife and I attend the United Methodist Church of Frankston.

Currently I serve as the audio/visual technician and as a member of the Committee on Lay Leadership. For the past four years I have attended the Texas Annual Conference as a voting district delegate and will be serving in that capacity again this year. In the past I have served as chairperson of the Administrative Church Council, SPPRC, and Stewardship Committee. I have also been a member of the and the local Board of Trustees. I was also a Sunday School teacher and Scout Master.

I worked G.R.A.C.E Community Walk #76 as an Assistant Table Leader, Walk #78 as a Table Leader, Walk #80 as an Assistant Table Leader, walk #82 as an Assistant Table Leader, and Walk #84 as a Table Leader.

My wife, Anita, and I were high school sweethearts and have been married for 43 years. WE have been blessed with three children and four grandsons.

I ended my career in education when I retired in 2015 as a school counselor of a maximum-security state prison.

Approved Vendors

The following organizations sell Emmaus and Chrysalis products and donate part of their proceeds to the International Offices.

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Denali Designs produces a collection of faith-based jewelry made in the USA, created specifically for Christians, by Christians, looking for quality jewelry that reflects a strong devotion to Jesus.

Dove Inc. 270-789-6974 www.doveinc.com

Allow Dove Inc. the opportunity to print or embroider your community logo, customize a design, or add a drop name on an official Walk to Emmaus tee shirt, fleece or other garment. Contact us today for a quote.

Swanson's 1-800-251-1402 www.swansoninc.com

Emmaus Painting www.emmauspainting.com

From the Treasurer...

As you may know, each Walk that occurs causes expenses to the G.R.A.C.E. community. You may remember in Steve Morton's article in April, which listed several items needed and required along with their costs in order to prepare for each Walk. Our main sources of financial support to cover these costs are from pilgrims and servant team member fees, monthly donations, and offerings taken at Gatherings. Current records show another donation category that was introduced a few years ago but is seldom used -- **Donation Reunion Groups**.

This category was created via suggestions at a time when the community was facing camp fee and walk expense increases, and \$3,000 was needed annually to offset the costs of four walks. A September 2012 newsletter article relates how the decision was made by the board to maintain the fee level at that time and to request each Reunion Group to forward/donate at least \$25 twice yearly to help offset raising fees.

Why do I bring this up? The Community incurs expenses that aren't included in the Walk fees. There are annual and periodic computer software fees and upgrades; renewal of the CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International) music fees; vehicle licensing fees for both the supply and music trailers; shipping fees from The Upper Room; babysitting at Gatherings; etc. etc. Extra donations are needed to keep us in good financial position and with the status of a viable organization.

So, bottom line, this is a request for Reunion Groups to prayerfully consider and discuss the possibilities of regular donations, even if it is once a year. The last Reunion Group donation was March 2017. Rather than simply dig into your own pockets, you may want to get creative and try bake sales, meals with a donation, a silent auction, bingo or other game night, or even collect spare change.

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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.

De Colores

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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