

Grace For Today

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Gathering

Thursday

May 11th

At

7:00PM,

1st UMC,

Grand Saline

G.R.A.C.E.
REGISTRAR

P.O. Box 132212

Tyler TX.

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Greetings and Blessings
GRACE Community!

March saw God fully at work at Disciples Crossing as the Men's and Women's Walks

encountered Christ in all of his glory and grace. Each Walk was, of course, "The best Walk ever!" Thank you for your prayerful support and for your physical attendance at the Send Off, Candlelight and Closing. Our physical presence as an act of agape speaks louder than our words to the hearts of the pilgrims.

At the April Board meeting, we were met with some of life's realities when discussing our bank balance and how many bills were due. G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus has expenses just like all of us do and the hard fact is that the Walk fees do not cover what it costs to put on an Emmaus Walk. Collections at Gatherings and the Candlelight's help immensely and we would not have gotten as far as we have without them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Besides the expenses of the Walks - craft supplies, decorations, Upper Room (\$10 per pilgrim), candles, name tags, crosses, pilgrim's guides . . . , we also have to put down deposits to hold our dates for the next Walks in October (\$500 for Disciples Crossing, \$2,400 for Camp Gilmont). The point I'm trying to make is that we need your help! I know with the price of gas being so high and all of life's other needs that we all experience short falls from time to time. Ideally, \$2 or \$3 from each of the 1000 members of GRACE would go along way toward providing a safe cushion in our bank

account. Some can do more; others of you need the money worse than we do. The Board does not want anyone to be burdened, but if everyone contributes what they can, GRACE Emmaus will be able to continue to provide the quality Walks that have been such a blessing to so many.

We have not raised our Walk fees for at least 3 years, if not longer, but are in serious discussion about what the fees will be for 2007. Just like everything else, our costs have increased. We will make every effort to keep costs as low as we can, but we cannot function in the red. We are doing our best to be good stewards of all that God has blessed us with and we know that you are all doing the same.

If you are able to help, you may make your tax deductible contribution to GRACE Emmaus and mail it to **P.O. Box 132212, Tyler, TX 75713-2212** or you can just give it to any Board member at a Gathering. The next Gathering will be at the United Methodist Church in Grand Saline on Thursday evening May 11 at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see you all there!

Your servant in Christ,

Bob Meyers
GRACE Emmaus Community Lay
Director





KAIROS No. 28 MICHAEL Unit

Please pray for the 42 men that were greatly blessed this last weekend. What an awesome weekend it was and thank you for all your support, cookies, and prayers, I know that the hearts of those 42 men and the power of the Holy Spirit in them will help to influence many more behind those barbwire fences of the Michael Unit.

**DeColores,
Jim Born
G.R.A.C.E. Walk No. 25
Team Leader Kairos No. 28**

Boy's Epiphany No. 8 at CRTC

The team for the Boy's Epiphany No. 8 is now forming and volunteers are needed. The mission of Epiphany Ministry of Texas is to facilitate change in the lives of young men and women incarcerated in Juvenile Justice Facilities. God's Love is manifested through a three day short course in Christianity and an

on-going follow-up process to those incarcerated youth known as "Stars." If you would like to become involved you can download a Team Application at

<http://www.crtc.homestead.com/> and send it to Tom Perdue, the address is on the application.

**DeColores,
Tom Perdue
G.R.A.C.E. Walk No. 1
Lay Director Boys No. 8**

Yes, it's almost that time again.

**Girl's Chrysalis Flight #17
Wed, June 7-Sat. June 10**

**Boy's Chrysalis Flight # 18
Wed. June 14-Sat. June 17**

This is a slight change in format. We will start on Wed. night. Candlelight will be on Fri. night and closing on Sat. afternoon.

The flights will be at First United Methodist Church in Lufkin.

The cost is only \$50 per caterpillar.

There are still openings on both flights. You may get the application by going to www.etemmaus.com Scroll down to community and click, and you will find the applications. Fill it out completely and mail to the address on the form.

If you need more information please call Debbie Nicholson at 903-984-9526

Or email me at dnicholson@cablelynx.com

Hope to see many of you at the flights. Looking forward to seeing your caterpillars.

**DeColores,
Debbie Nicholson**

