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Next Gathering

Saturday May 12th

Babe Chick at 5pm

Potluck at 6pm

Gathering at 7pm

First UMC, Lindale

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Dear G.R.A.C.E.

Greetings GRACE Community! What a blessing it was to attend the Candlelight and Closing ceremonies for our Spring Walks. The Pilgrims were ALL filled to overflowing and their faces glowed with the love of Christ. During my early involvement in Emmaus, my oldest daughter would always tell me that I "glowed" whenever I would come back from any kind of Emmaus function--gathering, team meeting, Candlelight--it didn't matter. I have come to know that the glow comes from being in the very presence of God, through the fellowship of other believers. I sometimes think we could have Candlelight with out any candles! There is a song I have heard often recently that always brings to mind the GRACE community. It's called "The Face of Love". That's what I see when I look into the faces of my brothers and sisters in Christ at any community gathering. I can hardly wait to join in worship and fellowship with our new (and old) friends in Christ at May's gathering, and glory in the glow once again. Won't you join us? De Colores
God Bless You!

Susan Stallings
2007 Community Lay Director

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Treasurer's Report

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! ... to all those who attended the recent Gatherings and gave so generously. Walk # 40's offering was \$396. Due to the HUGE crowd at #41, the offering was \$1230.

It takes a LOT of money to provide these Walks. Thank you seems so inadequate but it is sincerely meant!

The EFT's are up to 12 donors now. Each month \$185 is coming in through this process. You know who you are. Bless you for taking this extra step in giving.

Laquita Showen
GRACE Community Treasurer

On Saturday April the 14th we held our first official Chrysalis Steering Committee Meeting. The Emmaus Board has decided that we want to start a Chrysalis Community here in GRACE. This is so exciting for our community. Now we can share what the Emmaus Weekend has meant to all of us to our youth and young adults.

The Chrysalis movement believes that the high school and college years are the most critical time in a person's spiritual formation. During this time young people make many major decisions about religion, lifestyle, vocation, and lifelong partnerships. During these years they also face the greatest temptation to forget about God and to abandon the church altogether. Chrysalis exists to help young people meet this challenge. Chrysalis provides spiritual support for youth and young adults during these years of such dynamic growth. Chrysalis challenges them to grow not only in mind and body but also in spirit and truth.

What can you do to be involved?

1. Pray for this program, the Steering Committee, the Board and the butterflies that will be coming to GRACE.
2. Volunteer to be part of the Chrysalis Steering Committee. If interested contact Teresa Elliott.
3. Sponsorship is important to any program. As we bring this to the GRACE Community we will need youth and adults to work this event. Now is the time to sponsor youth this summer at a Chrysalis Flight so that they will be able to sponsor and work as team on the flights we plan to hold in the future.
4. Continue to learn more about what Chrysalis is and what it means.

Stay tuned for more information to come in the next newsletter.

Teresa Elliott

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Community Calendar for Remainder of 2007

May 12 Gathering Lindale FUMC – 6 p.m. POTLUCK

May 17 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

June 14 Gathering 1st Christian Church, Mineola – 7p.m.

June 21 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

July NO GATHERING; NO BOARD MEETING

August 11 Gathering St. Marks UMC, Marshall NOON meal bring vegetable dish or dessert (Meats provided)

August 16 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

September 13 Gathering Crossroads Community, Longview – 7 p.m.

September 20 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

October 13 Candlelight at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer–8 p.m.

October 18 Candlelight at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer–8 p.m.

November 10 Grand Ultreya at St. Lukes UMC Kilgore at NOON

November 15 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

December NO GATHERING; NO BOARD MEETING

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*You, O Lord, keep my lamp
burning; my God turns my
darkness into light. Psalm 18:28
(NIV)*

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4th Day

I started out in the Dallas Emmaus Community in the fall of 1992 by attending a Chrysalis Flight. Attending that flight changed my life. What I got out of the Chrysalis flight was unconditional love and acceptance. I can truly say that if it wasn't for that weekend, I probably wouldn't be here today writing you this letter. Because of what the Holy Spirit did for me on my walk, I know that Christ has called me to work with youth and help them see the unconditional love I have experienced. Christ reminds me daily that I may be the only Bible some kids see.

For those who don't know about Chrysalis let me fill you in. Chrysalis is

the youth version to the Walk to Emmaus. It is for youth age 15-18 for the Chrysalis flight and ages 19-24 for the Chrysalis Journey. It based around the same principles as the Walk to Emmaus.

We here in the G.R.A.C.E. community have a great opportunity approaching us. We are in the process of getting the Chrysalis started here in G.R.A.C.E. What an awesome way to show our youth that there is unconditional love and acceptance out there for them – no matter what they've done or where they've been.

I ask that you be in prayer for our community as we start this wonderful challenge and blessing. If you want to be truly blessed, prayerfully consider working an upcoming Chrysalis flight. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me anytime.
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DeColores! And Fly with Christ!

Leah Huffstetter

KAIROS #30 AT THE MICHAEL UNIT



What an awesome spirit led weekend we had. There were 42 candidates brought to our care by the Lord. I believe the Team did their very best to exhibit God's love to the candidates and the payoff was at the closing when we had quite a few professions of faith in Christ and all of the men had the chance to speak and quite a few did. The Fourth day Talk by "Pineapple" was very inspiring. We had a few special guests stop by to help with the outside team, and it was great to see and visit with these old friends. Hayden Haby, and his gracious wife Kandi, from Granbury have accepted the scepter from Terry Beck and his wife Lona, to lead Michael 31, and now is the time for us

to start praying for that weekend and the moving of the Lord to prompt you to become a part of His work inside the prison or on the support team. To download an application or learn more about Kairos, visit our website at our unit website www.michaelunit.org or click on this link for the application [KAIROS Team 31 Application](#)

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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? Our goal is to one day provide enough scholarships so that we can help those that cannot afford to go to be able to attend an Emmaus weekend.

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 \$ _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

Depository Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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