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<u>NEXT</u> GATHERING

Saturday, May 21, 2011 11:30 AM Pot Luck 1:00 PM Worship First United Methodist Church Longview, TX

DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE GRACEMMAUS.ORG WEBSITE

YA'LL COME!!

DEAR G.R.A.C.E.,

Love Notes from the Community Lay Director - May 2011

Team selection for walks 58 and 59 will be completed prior to the May 19 Board Meeting.

It would make life a lot easier if you would file a team application. They are easily done on line at our web site www.gracemmaus.org. In fact our Team Selection Coordinator, Ken Braswell says they get to him within seconds

You are asking yourself and you want to ask me "Why do I need to file an application? I have told one or more people that I want to work a walk." I encourage you to continue to make personal contacts. understand that those folks may or may not remember your conversation. As I have gotten older, I have noticed that we all forget (at least I do). However, if we have your application, we have several critical pieces of information which we might not otherwise have. We know that you have prayed about it, realize the time commitment and have cleared your calendar for the identified walk. Perhaps more importantly, we have current contact information on your application. We immediately know how to contact you and confirm your willingness to serve. I have noticed that e-mails, cell numbers, addresses, fax numbers, etc. change frequently. Maybe yours haven't but many have since they were entered into our data base. As you can see, it is a real help for the selection committee to have current applications available.

Some folks have asked why we don't limit service to those who submit an application. Frankly, we have not conditioned the community sufficiently to file these forms yet. If we only picked from the applications we have been receiving, we would not have a team.

Please volunteer to serve by using the application process available on line. If you don't routinely use the internet,

get someone who does to download an application for you. Send the application to G.R.A.C.E. Registrar P.O. Box 56 Diana, Texas 75640.



You too can have this much fun!!!

It is already time to begin to pray about those you would like to sponsor for the fall walks. If you are unsure about the duties or sponsorship or you have some specific questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Any of the Board Members would be pleased to help.

Speaking of help, you can be of great service to the Community and our pilgrims if you would work to make sure that our pilgrims better understand the need to leave watches, cell phones, smart phones, laptops, etc. at home. As you know, we are trying to create a protected environment for the pilgrims to reconnect with their spiritual life. That includes being free from contact with the outside world except in the case of emergency. We will also work to make sure there are clearer means for sponsors and families to get in touch with team personnel in case of an emergency.

Thanks to everyone who worked to make the Gathering at Lanes Chapel UMC on Sat. night 4/16 such a great time. Feedback from the Babe Chick meeting was excellent. It appeared to me that there were about 40 people in attendance. Patti Jones, the presenter for the training, did a great job. Our thanks, as always, goes to our Gathering Coordinator, George Assaf, who is responsible for setting up these events. Our thanks should also go to the folks (Sandy Perdue, David McPherson, et al) who, although unfamiliar with the kitchen, made our pot luck run smoothly. The music by the Lykens family was superb as usual. I'm not sure about you, but when I attended the Palm Sunday service at our church, I still had a vision of Rev. Ricky Ricks leading our worship devotional with waving song books rather than palms. What a wonderful worship.

The next Gathering will be Saturday May 21, 2011 at Longview 1st UMC. 11:30 AM. Pot Luck lunch 1:00 PM Worship

Finally, thanks to the entire GRACEmmaus Community for continuing to work as the Body of Christ.

DeColores

Burton I. Love

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

I'd like to challenge you today. I'd like to challenge you to take Jesus seriously in your everyday, ordinary living. But the truth is, if I did that, I'd forget about first taking the log out of my own eye (Matthew 7). So, today, I'll start with me.

I'd like to challenge me to believe that we have all we need for the living of these days in his resurrection power and hope. The victory is won in Christ Jesus.

I'd like to challenge me that when Jesus said to love God, love your neighbors, and love your enemies, he meant it. There are no asterisks excluding anyone from his words or that kind of love.

I'd like to challenge me that when he said he came to save the world, not to condemn it, that we ought to follow the same pattern- offering salvation rather than condemnation.

I'd like to challenge me to remember that all of us have and do and will fall short of the glory of God. We are sinners all, who need the love of Jesus to flow over us. We are sinners all, called to share the love and joy of Christ with every single person until that day when every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I'm going to challenge myself today. Ouch. I've messed things up. Lord Jesus, I believe. Help my unbelief!

DeColores, Ricky Ricks

Reunion Group Listings

Thanks to all who have contacted me on the reunion group listings, we have listed on our web page, to update your reunion group information. However we are not yet there.

A special call out to the Longview groups...We have 7 groups listed, but I'm not having any luck contacting any of these groups.

I'm asking everyone to take a look at your listing, call me or email (preferred way), and give me a name of someone who might know someone... etc.

I sure don't want to delete any group that is active. But the information we have is not any good if our Babe Chicks, and people moving to the area can't use it.

Thanks in advance for any and all of your help. DeColores!

Frank Copeland



GATHERING NEWS

We had a wonderful gathering in April at Lanes Chapel Church. It was well attended with over eighty community members including eighteen new "4th Dayers". Many of us were blessed by the remarks made by those "babe chicks" regarding their experiences during and since their walk. I wonder if veteran Community members were asked to answer the two standard questions (What did their walk mean to them? And, what have they done

about it) would they be as motivated and ready for action as they were at their first gathering!

The next gathering is scheduled for May 21, 20011 at First United Methodist Church in Longview. This will be a noon gathering from 11:00 am till 2:30 pm. The church is located at 400 North Fredonia St. at Fredonia and W. Whaley St. Please come in through the Faith Center off the Whaley St. entrance. We will gather and socialize after 11 am. A Covered dish lunch is scheduled for 12 pm, and worship is scheduled for 1:15 pm. Debbie Hays, Snow Bush and their "crew" will no doubt make this a wonderful get together for the whole community.

So you all in Longview.

DeColores, George Assaf



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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.

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