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**Men's Walk # 62**  
**Camp Gilmont, Gilmer**  
**September 20-23, 2012**

**Women's Walk # 63**  
**Camp Gilmont, Gilmer**  
**October 11- 14, 2012**

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

**Community Lay Director**  
**May, 2012**

Walks 60 & 61 are done. They are now part of our GRACE history. Now we turn to the next walks and it seems we hardly have time to catch our collective breath before it is time to start planning for them.

If you are interested in working either of these walks, now is the time to get your team applications in. I have had several people tell me they sent their application in only to find that they were sent in after team selection. So now is the time!

These walks were wonderful and lives were changed for both team members and pilgrims. I am always amazed at how lists of names chosen during team selection become these wonderful teams. God takes these servants, some of them strangers to each other, and molds them into wonderful and caring teams with the singular purpose of making the pilgrims have the best possible walk. This goes for both the inside and the outside teams.

The pilgrims, how they quickly become friends and then family, is truly amazing. I look forward to working with them in the future.

Please be in prayer for David Barnes, Walk #62 Lay Leader and Kathy Kapka, Walk #63 Lay Leader, as well as their teams and pilgrims.

DeColores!

Jo Anne Skeen

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## A Few Thoughts for the Community Picked up During Send Off, Candlelight and Closing

The entire walk team has been meeting and praying for weeks. It is unlikely that they need for you to drop by to give them hints about how to make the walk “like yours” during these crucial and spiritual times. We all need to remind ourselves that the walk is not about us. The walk is about providing a time for pilgrims to come face to face with God. That does not require the nuances of the walk be exactly like yours. Most of you realize that the Board is charged with assuring that the standards set by Upper Room Emmaus are met. This guidance is provided on site by the Board through the attendance of the Board Representative during the entire 72 hours. The Board Representative knows the context of what is going on, while it is unlikely that you do.

There is a long list of things that Community members can do to support the pilgrims. We need not go into that list here. Suffice it to say, the list does not include ambush suggestions at critical points in the weekend. Many of you have ideas about how we might support Fourth Days in more meaningful ways. It would be very helpful for you to let your thoughts be known to the GRACEmmaus Board.

As the former CLD for GRACE, I would be happy to hear from any of you who would like to share ideas. I will put them together for presentation to the Board [burtonlove@embarqmail.com](mailto:burtonlove@embarqmail.com)

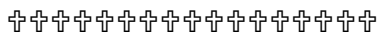
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*But they that wait upon the  
LORD...*



*...shall renew their strength*



**GATHERING NEWS**

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Pollard UMC, Tyler, TX  
This will be a quarterly gathering. Please mark your calendar now. The schedule will begin at 4:00 with a Babe Chick & Sponsorship Training, 5:00 Potluck Dinner, and 6:00 Praise and worship.

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

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**LAY DIRECTORS FOR UPCOMING WALKS**

**Men's Walk #62**

Camp Gilmont

September 20-23, 2012

Lay Director: **David Barnes**

**Women's Walk #63**

Camp Gilmont

October 11-14, 2012

Lay Director: **Kathy Kapka**

**\*\*There will be an increase in the fees for the upcoming walks in order to meet the increased cost of the facility use and meals. More information will follow in the June newsletter. \*\*\***



IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK

WALK #60 AND WALK #61 ARE HISTORY. THEY WERE TWO OF THE BEST WALKS EVER. 22 MEN AND 30 WOMEN JUST BECAME PART OF THE GREATER ROSE AREA COMMUNITY EMMAUS (G.R.A.C.E.) THE MENS WALK WAS IN MARCH AND

THE WOMENS WAS IN APRIL. THERE WILL BE A BABE CHICK MEETING AT THE MAY GATHERING HOSTED BY VAN FUMC, VAN, TX. ANYONE WHO HAS NOT MEETING SHOULD TRY TO MAKE THIS ONE. IT IS OPEN TO ANY FOURTH DAYER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REFRESH WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT, BE THERE.

SCHEDULE – SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

- 4:00 PM BABE CHICK MEETING
- 4:00 PM SPONSORS MEETING
- 5:00 PM DINNER POT LUCK (BRING A DISH)
- 6:00 PM DEVOTIONAL / PRAISE & WORSHIP

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KEN BRASWELL  
G.R.A.C.E. BOARD

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Dear GRACE Community:

On behalf of Team Awesome and all the pilgrims of Walk 61, please let me say thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and agape toward this walk!

Your prayers were felt, and the pilgrims knew without doubt that they were loved in your anonymous servitude on their behalf. God moved so surely among the group there – and often without fanfare – but surely and certainly to change the lives of the 30 pilgrims who were blessed by your gifts.

I was personally awed by your show of support at all the fourth day gatherings, and lifted up by your prayers without ceasing during our 72 hours at Disciples Crossing!

Our prayers now are that God will continue to bless the pilgrims of Walk 61, but also that God will bless each of our community individually for their faithfulness in serving Him whenever the call goes out. Thank you for your support, and...

DeColores!  
Robin Gillian, LD Walk 61



In case you always wanted to know how Lay Directors are chosen ..... here is a bit of information from the Emmaus Handbook and GRACEmmaus By- laws.

**Qualifications for Weekend Lay Directors**

The Board of Directors selects the Lay Director on the basis of his or her spiritual and technical readiness for the role of forming a team and acting as the public leader of the Walk.

The Lay Director's experience should include serving Emmaus in the background roles and on the Conference Room Teams in a variety of positions. The Lay Director should have served as an Assistant Lay Director more than once.

A Lay Director is responsible for leading the team and pilgrims through the three days according to The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus model and under the authority of the board.

Obviously, the Lay Director must be willing and available to commit the time to plan and lead team meetings, the three-day event, and to attend a Fourth-Day Follow-Up Meeting with the Assistant Lay Directors.

The GRACEmmaus By-laws say further that:

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall choose a Lay Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus weekend. Eligibility requirements for Walk Lay Directors are:

A. He/she shall have attended the Walk to Emmaus, or a similar, three-day spiritual retreat recognized by a majority of the Board as sufficiently similar to The Walk to Emmaus.

B. He/she shall have participated in previous GRACE weekends serving on the servant team, as table leader, speaker and at least twice as Assistant Lay Director.

C. He/she must be willing to conduct the Emmaus Walk as written in the Lay Director and Spiritual Director manuals of The Upper Room in Nashville, Tennessee.

D. He/she must be willing to follow the guidelines of the GRACE Board of Directors.

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**KAIROS #40 AT THE  
MICHAEL UNIT**

You can find all the information about the Kairos prison ministry at <http://www.michaelunit.org>. Contact Tom Perdue at [tomdue@gmail.com](mailto:tomdue@gmail.com) for more information. We are all prospecting for men's souls, some free world and some imprisoned.



**KAIROS OUTSIDE of EAST  
TEXAS**

Interested in a ministry that is designed to support and encourage women with family members or relatives who are incarcerated?

If you have any question please email Emmaus sister Sandee Perdue at [KOET.2011@gmail.com](mailto:KOET.2011@gmail.com)

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.  
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