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

#### A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

# Dear G.R.A.C.E. *Teams Prepare For Upcoming Walks*

Being a team member for a weekend walk is far different from participating as a pilgrim. People who are team members for the first time may feel overwhelmed when they realize the full scope of preparation necessary for a Walk. Even those who have served on several teams gain spiritual insight from each experience, they come to understand and appreciate the dynamics of team membership and the meaning of service. The team does not strive to have a walk that is better than any other. Rather its intent is to form and deepen the spirituality of each team member. Weekends are structured so that the participants have experiences that help them become better disciples and offer opportunities that encourage them to express their faith. They learn to witness to the love of Christ, not only in the Emmaus community but in their homes, workplaces, churches and world. Being a member of a team prepares people to make discipleship, proclaiming the gospel, a vocation. The attitude of team members is this: We do our best, through Christ who strengthens us, in the places where we have been called: and we trust the rest to God,

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the Israelites left Egypt, they followed a cloud by day and fire in the cloud by night. When "the cloud covered the tent of meeting...the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" (Exodus 40:34). During team meetings, we follow a great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1), servants and leaders who were called by God and have gone before us. *The fire of the* Holy Spirit and the glory of God fill the Walk to Emmaus. Decolores, Mac Young

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# GATHERINGS

September – Ore City October – Fall Walk in Gilmer November – Lane's Chapel December - TBA

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## FROM THE REGISTRAR!!

A tidbit of information concerning the pilgrim application found on the website. After clicking the button for "Pilgrim Application" there is an option to select a printable/mailable application. A change has been made to this form to include a space for the pilgrim's email address along with space for either a home or cell phone number.

We also ask that you make sure all three required signatures, pilgrim, pastor, and sponsor, are on the form and that at least a \$50.00 deposit is made. De Colores Jim and Betty Buchanan, Registrars

## SPONSORSHIP

By the time you read this newsletter the fall Walks will only be 45-60 days away. Hopefully you have been in prayer not only for successful pilgrim experiences but also for guidance as to whether or not you should be a sponsor. If you do feel led to sponsor someone, please don't pull a name out of a hat or sponsor someone just because someone else does. If you are prayerfully led to be a sponsor then it follows that the pilgrim you will sponsor was presented to you through prayer as well.

Don't forget that to be a sponsor involves more than just getting your pilgrim to and from the Walk site. As a reminder, there is send-off prayer time, Saturday night, Sunday closing, and, certainly not least, being a focal point for any special needs of the pilgrim's family members. Lastly there is the follow-up to the walk; that is, being an active Fourth-dayer and helping your pilgrim become involved in a reunion group along with attending Babe Chick training at the Gathering following the walk. For the upcoming Walk 70 and 71 this training will be in November at Lane's Chapel in Tvler.

Many prospective pilgrims are likely to search for Emmaus information on the internet. I have found that there are many negative posts and blogs concerning the movement. If your prospective pilgrims express concerns about experiencing a Walk, please assure them that everything that happens on a Walk is Godcentered so as to deepen our faith walk; that this is not an attempt at denominational conversion; and that the entire experience is based on learning about and living in God's grace. De Colores, Jim Buchanan Sponsorship Committee

Don't forget that we welcome any news articles from the community. Please submit them by the first of each month for publication in the upcoming newsletter. johnston karol@yahoo.com

But they that wait upon the LORD...



#### ... shall renew their strength

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The prayer vigils are posted for the upcoming Walks. You can access them here:

Men's Walk #70 02-05 October 2014: http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVi gil.phtml?pvid=9587&commid=76 8

Women's Walk #71 09-12 October 2014: http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVi gil.phtml?pvid=9588&commid=76 8 As you meet with your reunion groups please consider making agape gifts and baked goods for the Fall Walks. If you make agape gifts for the pilgrims only please make 36 for bed agape, 48 for dining hall agape and for the entire team, please make 72. It is also very helpful if you indicate the number of agape gifts you have made so that the servant team doesn't have to count them to know where they can best be placed.

Grace and peace to you all! De Colores! Janis Johns

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Cox. James - LD Buchanan, Jim – ALD Bewley, Mark – ALD Young, Mac – ALD Bagley, David – TL Walker, Brett – TL Walling, Mac - TL Johnston, Mike – TL Bosley, Lane – TL Carroll, Bruce - TL Wray Boyd - ATL Terry Edwards - ATL Steve Morton - ATL Ed Cozart - ATL Chuck Reed – ATL John Crow - ATL Snow Bush - Music Gil Maroney - Outside Team Shawn Heatherly -Chapel Team Herb Marlow -Spiritual Director John Whitehurst - ASD Mike Cline – ASD Jarrett Majors - ASD Tommy Burton - ASD Jay Edwards – Board Rep Pat Moser - AV

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LD – Lanett Moser ALD – Babby Carroll ALD – Allison Campbell

ALD – Janis Johns TL - Sandy Collins TL – Diane Smith TL – Diane Frachiseur TL – Julia Alexander TL – Rhydonia Clem TL – Lisa Palomaria ATL – Tiffany Clendening ATL – Jeanne Hanssen ATL - Dawn Woods ATL – Barbara Richards ATL – Hughlene DeBerry ATL – Debbie Bewley Music – Stacey Boyer Outside Team Leader - Talia Groce Chapel Leader – Sherry Morgan Spiritual Director – Virginia Wall ASD – Debby Brown ASD – Beverly Tunes ASD – Amy Hodges ASD – Sara Barbaree Board Rep – Cindy Hooser AV – Robin Gillian

lt's never too early to begin to put aside your used Christian books for donation on the Walks! We have had such a great response to offering both new and gently used books. Thanks to each of you who have committed to providing those books you no longer need! If you would like to donate books for the upcoming walks, they can be given to any board member for transport to the walks in October. Thank you so much for continuing to support the pilgrims that God will be sending to us this fall.

ln Christ, Robin Gillian

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Do you want to work on a Walk? Go to the website and apply NOW. There are places for service on the outside team as well as conference room teams.

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CALLING ALL SPONSORS!! Please get those applications in for your pilgrims. Make sure all signatures are on the form and a deposit is sent with the application to hold a spot. An e-mail is needed as well.

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Disciple Crossing Walks for Spring of 2015 will be held:

Men: March 12-15 Burton Love

Women: March 19-22 Babby Carroll

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After completing Walk #60 at Mount Gilmont, I began to look around for ways to serve God. Partially because of a feeling of obligation to repay Him for what He had done in my life at the Walk I did this. Partially because late one Saturday night in a candle-lit chapel at Disciples Crossing, I gave my sin, my burdens, and my way of life to Him. After my confession, cleansing, and salvation. He built a fire in my heart for Jesus the Christ. My every motivation from that moment on was for service to Him. After praying that night following Chapel, into the early morning asking for an indication from God as to what my Day-Four obligation was, I received a thought from God. He, in brevity, informed me that He had prepared me all my life with experiences, education, and training for this moment in my life. Then, rather than answers (as God sometimes does), He simply informed me, "You have not used your gifts to My Glory, now go to work." This revelation gave me more questions than answers.

Taking Him at His word, I talked to my Pastor about endeavors at my church and beyond. My Pastor was receptive and "put me to work for the Lord" in our church. A few of those jobs are:

- Leading a "new brand" of Sunday School class
- Participating in a "new" kind of prayer meeting before our first church service Sundays
- Occasionally speaking at one of the Sunday Services
- Acting as assistant money counter after church Sundays
- Unlocking part of the facility early Sundays
- Serving on the Vibrant Church Initiative steering committee
- Serving on the Youth and Child Ministry committee
- Serving on the Administrative Council of the church
- Serving as Prayer Advocacy chairman for the church
- Serving on the nomination committee for church officers
- Occasionally assisting with serving the elements of communion
- Recruiting pilgrims for Emmaus Walks
- Seeking election to the Emmaus Board
- Making original agape gifts for pilgrims
- Volunteering for work at Emmaus Walks
- Serving as research person for new writings for church application
- Assisting with announcements and readings at Sunday services
- Other jobs as assigned by the pastor

These jobs are listed to give you examples of jobs that new fourthdayers can and should perform if so directed.

Our need is to list any jobs at your church or otherwise as examples.

Appropriate jobs "Serving the Lord" will help keep recent graduates of Emmaus Walk engaged and "In Christ". If you will submit suggestions to me by email or pony express, I will compile these and publish them in a future Newsletter. Part of our obligation is to keep the "fire burning in the Emmaus fourthdayers for the Lord"; fulfillment of a church job or two will add fuel to this holy flame.

Respectfully, Tommy Ferguson tloys@hotmail.com P.O. Box 2 Ore City, Texas 75683 903-256-7296

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Did you know there are opportunities to pray for other Emmaus walks in the USA? Check and pray for them as well.

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#### **Priorities!**

As I was reading through my talk for the fall ladies walk on Priorities, I was taken back to my own Walk to Emmaus in 2002. Two of my sisters, April & Debra, attended this walk with me. It was a special, special time for me. Beginning with the Priorities talk, I knew that God was speaking to my heart and into my life. I had some terrible habits and ideals and He began the lengthy process of washing the ugly out and filling me back up with His "good stuff." It's a daily process one that I feel very fortunate to be part of. He didn't have to choose me but He did. He died for me long before I was ever a thought to my parents. He has loved me steadily and unconditionally. I am very thankful for my sponsors and the love they showed to me by introducing me to the Walk to

Emmaus. My life, my family, my worship, my ministry, my work, my ideals and of course my PRIORTIES have changed over the last 12 years. I have learned who my Savior is and have learned to articulate my faith and trust in Jesus Christ. My commitment to Jesus and the sharing of him are the leading PRIORITIES of my life today. As you pray and consider sponsoring a Pilgrim for the upcoming Walks to Emmaus, I urge you to examine or re-examine your priorities, remember Whose you are and share this life changing experience with the one He puts on your heart.

DeColores! Babby Carroll ትዮትዮትዮትዮትዮትዮትዮትዮት

#### 2014 BOARD MEMBERS

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**Cindy Hooser** 

# **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, 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. DeColores

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