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Men's Walk # 70 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer October 2-5, 2014 James Cox

Women's Walk # 71 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer October 9-12 Lanett Moser

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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

The lesson of Emmaus is a life in Grace. Before my walk I thought that my salvation was merely an event to be followed by a life of doing things for God. I knew that I was saved, what was on the "to do" list, and what was on the "not to do" list. I knew I was to study, pray, do church, and serve by doing; yet I was bugged instead of blessed. I tried to understand why I was bugged, to figure out what God wanted me to do, to find the answers to all my questions, and to find assurance of my salvation. I studied, but I did not study with a surrendered heart. This was not a life in grace.

I was reading this morning about Grace. There was a picture of a gift and the author told a story of how children so often are more interested in playing with the box rather than the toy that was intended to be the gift. We are like that as well.

Grace is a gift and yet there are times when we merely skirt the edges of receiving the gift in full. I guess you would say we would rather play with the box. When our thoughts, our actions, our everyday essence becomes so that we want what only pleases God then Grace touches our lives in unfathomable ways. We are given the ability to live the way God intends us to live. We recognize things that cause sin and we want no more to do with such. We see through eyes and hearts that overflow with love and we attach importance to "God in Us."

Grace is the most exuberant celebration ever. We will never want is to end. It is always fresh and never boring. It will consume us. We celebrate with songs that will never grow old. Listen, the songs have already begun.

DeColores, Mac Young

"However, I consider my worth nothing to me, my only aim is to finish the race and finish the task that the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20-24

GATHERINGS

June 21st – Canton UMC 5:00 Potluck 6:00 Praise/Worship

July 26th – Van UMC 3:00 Ice Cream (provided) 4:00 Praise/Worship

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

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.

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But they that wait upon the LORD...



...shall renew their strength

Need a new 4th Day Service Card? Need a new purple Worship Book? To obtain either of these items. please look for the Grace Emmaus Publications table set up at each Grace Gathering. I try to have a supply of each of these and more for your convenience.

Ever His Servant. Babby Carroll, Publications Rep.

What a blessing it is to Pilgrims when the 72 hour Prayer Vigil is presented during their walk. Many thanks to all of you for faithfully serving God through your commitment to pray. Did you know that you can sign up to pray for the Walks of other communities around the World? The website www.3dayol.org has all the current listings of walks and other 3-day events that need our help. So inbetween our walks, or anytime, take a look at this listing and bless another community through prayer. I know it is appreciated, especially to walks that are about to take place and haven't filled up yet.

DeColores! Janis Johns

It'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.

> In Christ, Robin Gillian

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.

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.

Disciple Crossing Walks for Spring of 2015 will be held:

> Men: March 12-15 **TBA**

Women: March 19-22 TBA

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Paid in Full

I stood before the judgment seat And bowed my trembling head And said, "Dear Lord, forgive me please For all I've done and said."

No answer came, and I looked up And saw His eyes on mine, And felt a 'whelming wave of guilt And terror down my spine.

I said, "My Christ, I've no excuse For breaking Thy commands." (I knew my life was in the book He held within His hands).

"What little good I've tried to do Could ne'er repay the grief I've caused Thy perfect heart to bear, Of sinners I am chief."

I fell down then before His throne,

Recumbent at His feet, Afraid to know how great my debt Upon His balance sheet.

I heard His pen upon the page And then the word, "Arise." I stood and raised my head and saw Great mercy in His eyes.

"Fear no," He said, "I've searched thy And found that deep within There is abiding love for Me That's greater than thy sin."

I said, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest all, I love Thee much, and yet, Thy perfect justice must demand That I repay my debt."

He said, "Dost thou remember not The cross of Calvary? I suffered agony and death And went to hell for thee."

I've paid the debt for every sin Thou ever did or thought. Raise up thy head, therefore, and come. Thy sins all count for naught."

And as I went with tear-filled eye, Not scarlet, but as wool, I saw across my balance sheet Three words: "Paid in Full."

Submitted by Janis Johns Penned by her father: Richard A. Johns

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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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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