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G.R.A.C.E. REGISTRARS Burton and Martel Love 10226 Aaron Ave. Eustace, TX 75124 Tyler Emmaus GRACE Community P.O. Box 132212 Tyler, TX 75713-2212 <u>2015 Remaining Gathering Schedule</u> <u>November 7th</u> Lane's Chapel UMC 4pm Babe Chick 5pm Potluck 6pm Worship <u>December 5th</u> Hallsville FUMC 11:00am Potluck Brunch	



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November Gathering

The Grand Ultreya will be Saturday, November 7 at Lanes Chapel Methodist Church in Tyler. For those of you who have never been there, it is on the Old Jacksonville Highway just before you get to Loop 49 as you travel south from Tyler.

Babe Chick and Sponsorship Training will begin at 4:00 P.M. Bubba DeBerry and Jim Buchanan will be presenting the material. If you sponsored a Pilgrim on one of the Fall Walks, you should make every effort possible to take your Pilgrim to this training session. As you know, that is one of the things you agreed to do when you became a sponsor. Also, those of us who have been around for a while could probably benefit from a “refresher” on the responsibilities of being a sponsor. If you don’t have a Sponsorship Handbook, this would also be a good time to get one.

The Potluck Supper will begin at 5:00 P.M. as soon as the training session is over. Let’s remember that Babe Chicks do not bring food to this Gathering, so the rest of us need to bring more than usual. We can expect a large turnout for this Gathering, so let’s bring lots of food.

The Fourth Dayers at Lanes Chapel will have plenty of help, but it never hurts to volunteer to help in the kitchen, set up, clean up, or whatever needs to be done. Our Community announcements and Worship Service will begin at 6:00 P.M. The results of the Board election will be announced, along with other important announcements.

Let’s all turn out to welcome all of our new Fourth Dayers ! This is one Gathering you don’t want to miss.

-Brett Walker, Gathering Coordinator

The Real Feast of Thanksgiving

In a few weeks most of us will gather with family and friends and share in an extravagant feast we call Thanksgiving. For Christians, thanksgiving is a different kind of feast. It is a feast of joy for the soul. In John 6:27 we read “Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.”

The “food that endures to eternal life” is what is most satisfying to our soul.

That is what Thanksgiving’s feast of food should be about for us. The food is not meant to be the focus; it is meant to remind us of God’s abundant grace which brings satisfaction and joy to our soul. As we enter into this season of giving thanks may we be reminded of the abundance of grace we feast on continuously and may we be truly grateful for His gift of “food that endures to eternal life.”



Sponsorship

Peace and greetings to all. The fall walks are now behind us, and many seeds of change were planted and many lives were changed. A couple of reminders as we already begin to prepare for the 2016 Spring Walks no. 76 and 77.

First, as sponsors for the new GRACE Community 4th Dayers it is your responsibility to bring your sponsoree to the Grand Ultreya Gathering on Nov 7th at Lane’s Chapel in Tyler. Please be there by 4:00 so that our new community members can receive Babe Chick and Sponsorship training, followed by a wonderful meal and worship service. Either before this gathering or immediately after it is up to YOU to make sure the pilgrim gets involved in a reunion group, even if it means starting a new one.

As a sponsor it is your responsibility for the safe arrival and pick up of pilgrims. If you are not able to complete this task yourself, please ensure that some other 4th Dayer can fill in for you to transport the pilgrim(s). In NO case should pilgrims be transporting themselves to a Walk.

Also, if you have a pilgrim who is unable to attend the Walk they sign up for, but wishes to attend a subsequent Walk, not only let the registrar know, but follow up as the time for the Walk nears. There are times when Walks are full (36 pilgrims), and it is conceivable that someone could be dropped at the last minute or not be able to attend

a Walk due to a lack of communication.

In the meantime, it is suggested that if you are considering being a sponsor in the future, please obtain the Emmaus booklet “Sponsorship” for specific guidance in many areas of sponsorship. These are available from the Upper Room Emmaus website, or at most GRACE gatherings.

Peace and De Colores,
Jim Buchanan
Board Sponsorship Representative



Prayer Request

Thank you for your continued prayers for Jaceson Browning, as he continues to battle a serious illness. Jaceson is the husband of Kemi Browning, Walk 75. They are members of 1st Methodist, Mineola. Another way we can support Jaceson during this time is to send cards and letters of encouragement. His address is:

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Upper Room Online Learning

“Upper Room Online Learning” launches this week with nine on-demand courses, including studies based on the works of Henri J.M. Nouwen and Phyllis Tickle. An online space to dig deep into spiritual formation topics and engage with others, Online Learning from Upper Room Ministries is designed for individuals seeking self-paced

experiences and online community.

Since 2011, Upper Room eLearning has offered virtual events—webinars, call-in seminars, and select eCourses with other partners. Now, Upper Room Online Learning offers a way for participants to access content anytime, from anywhere, and with any device. Laptop, desktop, tablet, and mobile-device friendly, Upper Room Online Learning eCourses include video and audio recordings, readings, prompts for reflection and a place for community discussion.

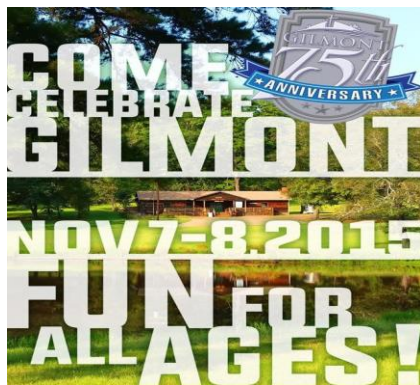
“The intent of these eCourses is to offer people an accessible and reasonably-priced means of supporting personal spiritual growth,” said Sharon Conley Cottingham, director of eLearning design for The Upper Room, “and to have conversation and learn with others who they might not meet in their local church setting.”

Nine eCourses are currently available from Upper Room Online Learning, including two based on best-selling books in The Henri Nouwen Spirituality Series.

Special, customizable classroom experiences for this Advent and the coming Lent season will be available soon for churches and small groups looking for private, closed-group online interaction.

To view a list of available eCourses, visit <http://urelearning.upperroom.org/>





**CAMP GILMONT'S
75TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

November 7-8, 2015

Fun for all ages!

The event is free, but there are many ways to support Gilmont throughout the weekend.

SCHEDULE

Saturday November 7, 2015

11:00 am - Kick Off - Brunch Served - O'Neal Dining Hall
Silent Auction Opens – let us know if you have an item to donate (suggested starting bids at \$25)

Afternoon full of camp activities – high and low mobility choices; zipline, canoeing, fishing, hiking, games, biking, board games, dominoes, trolley rides and knitting.

4:00 pm - Celebration Service and Dedication of The Rev. Bill and Dot O'Neal Center - Crain Center

5:30 pm - Annual Visioning Dinner (fundraising dinner/dress is outdoor camp casual) – Pavilion

After Dinner Campfire Sing Along - Fire Circle

Sunday November 8, 2015

8:00 am - Breakfast - O'Neal Dining Hall

Individual and Small Group Prayer Options at Various Camp Locations - Chapel in the Sky, Tabernacle and Chapel by the Lake
Camp Activities to choose from. Depart at your leisure.
Commemorative 75th Anniversary items available throughout the weekend.

PLEASE RSVP;

www.campgilmont.org

903-797-6400

info@gilmont.org

Accommodations are available for overnight stay. Assistance is available for low mobility guests.

In the event of inclement weather, the celebration and activities will be moved indoors.



**THE COMING KING
SCULPTURE PRAYER
GARDEN**

-Tommy Ferguson, GRACE Walk #60

Recently during a labor-day trek, my wife, Anita, and I went through parts of the "Hill Country", specifically Kerrville, Texas and visited the Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden. Location is easily found on the west side of Kerrville; the entrance is just one block, on the south service road, west of the intersection of IH 10 and State Highway 16. The main sculpture, the open cross, is easily seen for miles. The entire garden is a work in progress; however, the main sculptures and walkways are already in place.

Not since my rebirth on March 17, 2012 in the chapel at Disciples

Crossing on Emmaus Walk # 60 have I been so spiritually moved. This visit profoundly moved me spiritually and touched my life in a most intimate way that words cannot adequately explain. The open cross itself dominates the garden at 77feet-7inches in height and can be seen from all points of the garden. One cannot look at the cross without having the urge to stop and pray for the worthiness of one's life, as well as service to others. The stone prayer collection is very moving in that these personal prayers are written on limestone rocks and piled in designated places; the personal prayers of people in pain (both spiritual and physical) will move a follower to tears. The entire garden is about the life of Christ and his supreme sacrifice for humans who did not and do not deserve the honor. One cannot feel but unworthy to even be in the presence of so many reminders of Christ's short, sainted life.

If there is someone out there who needs a little nudge from God to give it all up for Christ, then the "Garden" is the place to visit and be inspired to do so. Others, who have already given it up will be inspired to take a deep breath and renew their vows to Christ and service for Him. Believe me, if you are seen on your knees emotionally giving all your baggage to Christ, no one will notice (not that it matters). The trip to Kerrville is long and worth it.

FREE ADMISSION

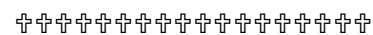
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The G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community wishes to continue to spread the life changing experience that an Emmaus weekend can deliver. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both Pilgrims and team members, or the general fund of our community?

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.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.
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