





...shall renew their strength



THE BOARD IS TRYING TO UPDATE OUR REUNION GROUP LIST. PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST WITH YOUR REUNION GROUP INFORMATION. WE NEED TO KNOW:

- REUNION GROUP NAME
- TYPE OF GROUP (MEN, WOMEN, MIXED)
- LOCATION
- TOWN
- TIME
- DAY
- CONTACT NAME
- CONTACT E-MAIL
- CONTACT PHONE

IF YOU KNOW OF A GROUP THAT NO LONGER MEETS, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO THAT THEY CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST. THIS LIST NEEDS TO BE CURRENT FOR OUR NEW PILGRIMS AND A WAY OF CONTACTING GROUPS FOR FUTURE NEEDS AND ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE SEND THIS INFORMATION TO CHUCK REED, JOE TEW. OR JAY EDWARDS

GATHERING NEWS

January 19, 2013
Gregton United Methodist Church
Longview
5:00 Potluck Meal
6:00 Worship

February 16, 2013
Troup United Methodist Church
Additional information to come

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"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19

As believers in Christ Jesus, we have a responsibility to be "rich in good deeds". This does not come from obligation, but from the overflowing love that comes from Jesus. We are richly provided for by God who is the author of any kind of wealth. When our hope rests upon God, "we may take hold of the life that is truly life." Do not hold back! Let your heart be generous and fully dependent on our God who is worthy and faithful. Cry out to God with a heart of gratitude and thanksgiving! He is our mighty rock and holds us securely in His hands.

My name is Diana Frachiseur and I have had the privilege to serve on your board for the past three years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you in the community for this honor. To be an active member in a community such as GRACE has been life changing while changing lives, and it just doesn't get any better than this! Although my service on the board is ending, my role in this community continues....for I choose to "take hold of the life that is truly life".

DeColores~



KAIROS OUTSIDE OF EAST TEXAS

Sandee Perdue, Team Leader

KOET #1-WOW WEEKEND-Kairos Outside of East Texas

Okay Lord I will come along side of You and start Your Kairos Outside here in East Texas. The rest is God moments, after God moments making it all come together and happen on Sept 21-23, 2012.

Just over one year from the day He called me. Green Acres (largest Baptist church in Tyler) came along side of God and gave us their beautiful retreat center on Lake Tyler free of charge to hold the weekend. As I started speaking to ladies about starting KO, God had already talked to their hearts and they too stepped up and wanted to serve on God's ministry.

Even the State Kairos start up committee said we should not have it any earlier then 18 months out but God had given me the Sept date when Green Acres Church said their center was available and after holding an information meeting with the community on Jan 21, 2012 and having over 50 people there and each one wanting to be involved in some area of KO, whether it was as a guest or team member or on the ad hoc Council. GOD WAS MOVING and nothing was going to get in His way, this was His ministry and we were all privileged to be a part of it. He had everything in place, one month out we had 39 guests signed up (retreat center would hold tops 30 guests!) We decided to start a waitlist and wait to see if the # got below the 30 mark. Well low and behold Wed before the weekend we had 30 confirmed guests still wanting to come (amen that was the # WE WANTED).

Well as you veterans know that is never the final figure. Come Friday morning by 12:00 noon, I had received 8 calls from team contacts with guests dropping due to a variety of reasons. Well we went into the weekend with 22 guests (GOD's #) WHAT AN AWESOME WEEKEND RIGHT OVER THE TOP. Someone said (Audrey Rivera) putting on a weekend was like giving birth to a child. Totally right! These wonderful ladies bonded on Friday evening. THE ENTIRE TEAM were SERVANTS above and beyond what I could have imagined, because I believe they had ALL been

called by GOD to be a part of HIS ministry. We had such fun theme meals and everyone seemed to be childlike during those meal times. The amount of agape was also over the top! All the Flowers at Dawn (roses) were donated by Tyler Rose Co. and some of the guests had to have two vases to take their flowers home. A brother in Christ and close friend (Doug Kirkpatrick) in KI made us a KO cross, (which is breathe taking) plus the name plates for the tables and Christ Chair sign. Again over the top but this is something that will be a part of KOET until the end of time! The talks were outstanding, the core team chose the speakers but in two cases God stepped in and chose who He thought should be doing them. Again it is His ministry and we are all honored to be a part of it. The prayer chain wrapped the community room several times, and the colored shields and agape from all over the world covered all four walls of the community room. Closing seemed to come off without a hitch as some 19 of the 22 ladies got up and shared from their hearts about what the weekend had meant to them and what their plan was going forward. Several talked about coming back to be on the team and more talked about getting other family members to come and be a part of the healing process that they had begun. We all know the weekend can be fabulous but it is what happens after, is what really counts. The guests with the help of several team members are committed to getting support groups going in the different East Texas areas. One to be in Gladewater, one to be in Tyler, one in Palestine and one in Athens. We have team member in each one of these locations that will help see that they get off on the right foot. Plus the Council has plans on having quarterly get-together bringing the guests and team members back together for either a Sat. afternoon or Sunday afternoon and the church which has already agreed to host this is 1st United Methodist of Whitehouse, Texas. So as all can see each one of us involved can do nothing but marvel at the GOODNESS OF GOD and all He has begun to do through His ministry where He has allowed us all here in East Texas to be a part of! Thanks again for all the prayer support, green agape, and other agape pieces that came from the entire Kairos and Emmaus community. Our next weekend will be May 3-5, 2013 – Go to our website if you would like to be on the team.

www.michaelunit.org/koet.html  
Find out more about us.

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### REUNION GROUPS – HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR MONEY????

The board reviewed the feedback from the community in regards to the possible fee increase for 2013. \$3000.00 is needed annually to offset the cost for the four walks each year. It was voted that the fees would remain at \$155.00 with each reunion group being responsible for **AT LEAST \$25.00 each year**. Currently we have about 400.00 in this fund.

Remember – you can ALWAYS donate/raise more than the minimum \$25.00.

Please mail this money to the GRACE post office box noted on the first page of the newsletter.

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### FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you are interested in serving on a walk, you must submit an application for each walk you would like to serve on. The applications are not saved year after year. Persons must reapply each time they would like to serve on a team. Applications for teams are on our website.

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### AGAPE

Now is the time to be working on agape for the Spring walks. These winter months are a good time to work on items when you stay inside more!! Remember that pilgrims realize that homemade items took more time and are more personal. Please do not make/send an item that was just sent to the last walk. The newer pilgrims may have thought that item was special and replicate it. Remember how you felt on your own walk when you found agape on your bed or at the dinner table. I saved mine and get it out every once in a while for encouragement.

This can be something reunion groups can work on or a personal project. Get busy and be creative!!

### Kayla Hamm

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### BANQUETS SET-UP FOR WALKS

If you are interested in serving with a group of fellow Emmaus members to set up the banquet room tables, chairs, and decorations for the upcoming walks, please contact KAYLA HAMM.

Escorts are needed for these dinners as well. If you sponsor someone for the walk or your spouse is on the walk, you will not be able to serve as an escort.

Women are needed for the Men's Walk and men are needed for the Women's Walk.

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### Calling All Golfers!!!

I am trying to determine if there are enough of us interested in a GRACE EMMAUS golf tournament. We could play the Peach Tree or the Oak Hurst course here in Bullard as a 4 person scramble. I figure we would have an entry fee of like \$75.00 per person with any proceeds going towards making up the difference between what the Gilmont camp will be charging in 2013. If you are interested, please contact me a [dtmold26@embarqmail.com](mailto:dtmold26@embarqmail.com) Please tell me your average score or handicap so that I can tell if we can put together some decent teams. We would hold the tournament sometime in the spring.

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### BOOK DONATIONS FOR WALKS !!

Please remember that you can donate books for the walks for pilgrims to read.

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### SPONSORSHIP TRAINING INFORMATION – APPLICATIONS

Check the website for information to print off.

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### BIDDING FARWELL And a WARM WELCOME

It is hard to say good-bye to these members who have given of their time freely for the last 2-3 years as members of the board. We say thank you for your service: Ken Braswell, Diana Frachiseur, Burton Love, Chuck Reed, and Elizabeth Minor.

We welcome with open arms these newly elected members: Babby Carroll, Robin Gillian, Janis Johns, Chuck Reed, and Mark Bewley.

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The year 2012 has been a good one for GRACE Emmaus. We have been blessed with four great walks and a large number of pilgrims. Several of the new fourth dayers have already become workers and more will be working the Spring walks. There have been 4 babe chick meetings



## 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.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### BANK INFORMATION

I (We) hereby authorize GRACE Emmaus to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below. The amount will be charged monthly. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until GRACE Emmaus receives written notification of its termination.

Monthly gift amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out information below or attach voided check

Depository Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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