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# **NEXT GATHERING**

Saturday
November 10
St. Lukes UMC
Kilgore, TX
GRAND ULTREYA
Babe Chick, 5pm
Potluck Dinner, 6pm
Gathering at 7pm

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# Dear G.R.A.C.E.

Every successful business has a plan that is always built toward the growth of the company. Our Emmaus Community is not any different. This growth is acquired by bringing fellow Christians to participate in a Walk to Emmaus. There are two very important transactions which must occur, the invitation and sponsorship. The first is easy, everyone truly wishes all their friends could experience the fun, excitement. surprise and desire to begin a closer relationship with the Father. It is after the invitation that the real work begins and it is difficult. Who said it would be easy? Do not be discouraged or bewildered about being a sponsor. Our community is blessed with plenty of assistance to help anyone get through the process and many are more than willing to help at a moments notice. Go to the website and contact a board member, they can point you in the right direction. There are also books which will explain the entire process and will answer all your questions.

Being a sponsor creates a real feeling of success when you attend candlelight and closing, seeing your friend with the smile of a million faces. It also allows you the opportunity to reinforce your own commitment to help the community grow. The churches are also blessed with renewed leadership and actual excitement about sharing the word of God. Although this process can be accomplished, it does take time. The more time you give yourself the easier it will be and the next walks are just around the corner. Remember, doing this for someone you love can be one of the greatest gifts you ever give them.

De Colores, Harold Starkey

<u>Sponsors</u> please be sure to take the new pilgrims to the BABE CHICK Meeting at St. Lukes UMC on Nov. 10! See you there...

# PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Visit the

www.GRACEmmaus.org website to update or correct any information that we may have incorrectly input. If you have previously made the correction but know that our information is still incorrect, please repeat the process.

Thank you.

Community Calendar for Remainder of 2007 (Please note November's Change in Time)

November 10 Grand Ultreya at St. Lukes UMC Kilgore *at 7p.m.*November 15 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

December NO GATHERING;
December 13 Board Meeting at Lanes Chapel UMC – 7pm

# **2008 Gatherings**

<u>January 10</u> (Thursday) First United Methodist Church, Marshall 7pm

<u>February 14</u> (Thursday) First Christian Church, Mineola 7pm

<u>March 1 and March 8</u> (Saturday) CANDLELIGHT at Disciples Crossing, Athens 8pm

<u>April 10</u> (Thursday) First United Methodist Church, Ore City 5pm Babe Chick Mtg, 6pm Potluck Dinner, 7pm Gathering

<u>May 8</u> (Thursday) First United Methodist Church, Hallsville 7pm

<u>June 12</u> (Thursday) First United Methodist Church, Lindale 7pm

JULY - NO GATHERING

<u>August 9</u> (Saturday) St. Marks United Methodist Church, Marshall 12pm Covered Dish & Gathering

<u>September 11</u> (Thursday) Crossroads Community Church, Longview 7pm

October 11 & 18 (Saturday) **CANDLELIGHT** at Camp Gilmont Gilmer 8pm

November 8 (Saturday) GRAND **ULTREYA** at Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church 5pm Babe Chick Mtg, 6pm Potluck Dinner, 7pm Gathering

DECEMBER - NO GATHERING **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** 

# **Chrysalis**



Steering Committee (CSC) met on October 23rd @ Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church. One of the main topics was our First "HOOT". A "hoot" is a gathering for the teenagers. All are welcome. We are going to grill hamburgers and hotdogs, then spend some time with announcements and worship. After that we will load up and either go on a hay ride, go look at Christmas lights in Lindale and/or both!!!

Here are some things we need:

- Truck and trailers for hayride
- Hay for hayride
- RSVP we need to know if you are coming and how many people you are bring with you. This is so we can estimate how much food needs to be provided. Please send me an e-mail by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> with your counts. Send e-mail to elliott.teresa@gmail.com OR call 903-570-5233.
- The age group is 9<sup>th</sup> Grade to College. All adults are welcome.
- Youth do NOT need to have gone on Chrysalis in order to participate. Our GOAL is to get the word

out about Chrysalis and get the youth interested in attending and working flights.

Mark your Calendar for December the 8<sup>th</sup> to reserve the evening for the "HOOT".

The next CSC is going to be on November 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 7pm – Lanes Chapel UMC, Tyler in the youth bldg behind the church.

Teresa Elliott Chrysalis Steering Committee Chairman

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Walk Doves/GRACE Crosses, Name

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Mike Minor

BALLOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO POTLUCK AT NOVEMBER'S GATHERING. BALLOTS WILL BE COLLECTED AND TALLIED DURING THE DINNER SO THAT THEY MAY BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 10.

## **Election Time**

The following ballot contains the names of God's people that said they would be willing to serve if asked. They are each willing to make a three-year commitment if elected and serve our community to the best of their ability. So please take time to look over the ballot and help choose our next 5 G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Board Members.

As you mark your ballot, please remember to choose 5 names only! You may turn in your ballot by mailing it in to the address on the front of the newsletter or you may bring it to the next gathering or candlelight. Ballots will be available at all events between now and the end of the year.

**Board Nominees** 2008-2010 Sue Cross\_\_ **Delisa Heard** Brent Hooser (Tyler) (Tyler) (Tyler) John Norman Dan Matthews Gail Meadows (Palestine) (White Oak) (Canton) Joy Parker\_\_\_ John Teagarden\_\_\_ Rick Tetrick (Golden) (Payne Springs) (Tyler)