

Grace for Today

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community Newsletter

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Coming Events

Saturday, Oct 18, Pollard Methodist Church, Tyler, Babe Chick Training at 11am, Potluck at noon (bring extra food for the Babe Chicks!) followed by Worship

Saturday, Nov 8, Henry's Chapel, Troup, Potluck at noon and Worship after

Saturday, Dec 6, Pleasant Retreat, Tyler, Potluck at noon and Worship after



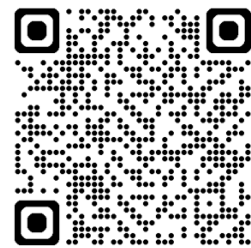
"Never let the things of this world distract you from the things that truly matter— your relationship with God."—Billy Graham



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Community Lay Director's Corner

I went on Walk #49. That was over 60 Walks ago! I don't even know how that's possible. The GRACE Emmaus community has been such a meaningful part of my life for the past 15 years, and I'm incredibly grateful for the growth I've experienced and the deep friendships I've made along the way.

These last two Walks held a special place in my heart, as my husband and our twin sons attended the Men's Walk, and my sister attended the Women's Walk. What a blessing to share this experience with the people I love most! God is so good, and my heart is overflowing with joy.

One of the things I love most about being involved in Emmaus is watching how powerfully God moves in the hearts of the Pilgrims. I've witnessed marriages restored, shy individuals step into leadership, career paths redirected—including those called into ministry—and entire families transformed. When believers come together in the Name of Jesus, there's no limit to what God can do through them!

**Surround yourself
with friends who
will tear a hole in
the roof, lift you up,
and carry you down
to the feet of Jesus.**



De Colores! 💜
Sandra Grasch
Community Lay Director

...And They've Off to the Races!

And to you, 'former Pilgrims', you are now 'out of the gate' and ready to round the bend to see what is next in this life adventure called 'Serving the Lord'. Hopefully the love of God has stirred you through the hands of feet of Jesus, represented by the Walk To Emmaus Community.

If so, come worship with your fellow Fourth Day'ers and share your experience at our next Gathering. Many of us will be there to welcome you with a potluck lunch, followed by a Communion Worship Service. Lunch is on us older Fourth Day'ers, so no need to bring any food this time, just your name tag and worship guide.

Keep a strong pace towards the finish line and be there **Saturday, October 18 at Pollard Methodist church in Tyler** to encourage each other. **'Babe chick' training is planned for 11:00am, followed by the noon lunch and Communion service.**

DeColores, Paul Breedlove
Community Gathering Coordinator



Men's Walk #110

The men of Grace Emmaus Walk #110 gathered this September at Camp Gilmont, and what a truly blessed weekend it was! From the very first moment, hearts were open and ready to receive the presence of the Lord. Together we laughed, worshipped, praised, and shared in the deep love that only comes through God's grace.



It is always amazing to witness how God shows up in these moments—His love is never stale or routine, but always fresh and new, filling us with joy and strength. The fellowship was rich, the worship was powerful, and the Spirit of the Lord moved freely among us.

Each man walked away renewed, uplifted, and grateful for the time spent in God's presence. Truly, a good time was had by all, and the memories of this weekend will continue to bless us in the days to come.

DeColores!

CJ Cox

Walk #110 Lay Director

Women's Walk #111

As I sit here thinking about all the things that have happened in the last year to prepare for Walk #111, I am amazed and so thankful. God had His hand in all the details from the color of our folders to each song we sang. He orchestrated each Talk and each chapel visit. He even had His hands in the preparation of all the food we managed to consume. It has been a humbling experience to lead this Walk hand in hand with such a mighty God.

When the Team came together to start our training, it was exciting to see how we all had the same goal in mind. To have the 'Best Walk Ever'! Our Team was the 'Best Team Ever'!

The Pilgrim applications started coming in, and I read through each one to start getting to know each person we would be serving

on the Walk. As I prayed for each of them, I felt closer to them and was so excited about the journey they were taking to grow closer to God and to better serve Him.

Now that Walk #111 has come and gone, I have to say, it was most certainly the 'Best Walk Ever'! It was such a pleasure to serve with each one of you that participated and to serve our God together. This is an experience I will always remember and cherish. Thank you for the opportunity.



Love you all

Pam McAdams

Walk #111 Lay Director

Welcome to the Fourth Day

Greetings to our G.R.A.C.E. (Greater Rose Area Community of Emmaus) Fourth Day'ers, and a hearty welcome to the pilgrims of Walk 110 and Walk 111. Many of you may have breathed a sigh of relief at the end of your 3-day journey and thought "Whew, I'm glad to have experienced such a fun weekend". Others may have thought that the fun was over after closing, but, nope, my friends, the fun is just beginning! As you learned in the Fourth Day talk, the "Fourth Day" refers to the succession of days following your weekend Walk, your walk with the Lord everyday hereafter.

Why do I say the fun is just beginning? The Emmaus program is designed to give you multiple opportunities to stay involved through the many Community programs available. Reunion Groups are available to create some of the most authentic and spiritual relationships. They are often known as "accountability groups" when you have a partner in prayer to help keep your spiritual walk in line. "What's shared in the group, stays in the group"! We also have monthly Gatherings at different churches throughout the Community. Of course, food is provided at the carry-in luncheons before some Emmaus music, a scripture lesson and communion. This is an excellent opportunity to see old friends and meet some new ones. You also have the opportunity to serve on the Team to bring God's love to His chosen Pilgrims on future Emmaus Walks or to sign up on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil and be in prayer for those attending.



Now, this is where I get my plug in. The first Gathering following Walk #110 and Walk #111 will be held on **Saturday, October 18th at Pollard Methodist Church in Tyler**. Every new Fourth Day member is invited and encouraged to attend the BABE/CHICK and SPONSORSHIP training classes beginning at 11:00 AM. Remind your Sponsor that they have agreed "to get you to the church on time" for these training sessions. We will learn more about the GRACE Community activities, the information available on the web page and contact information for anything you might want to know about Emmaus and then some guidelines-for-sponsors training which will take us up to lunchtime.

You are not required to bring food to this gathering. This luncheon is on us and will be our treat. Just come and enjoy and experience the joys of good food, good music and group fellowship and worship at your first community gathering.

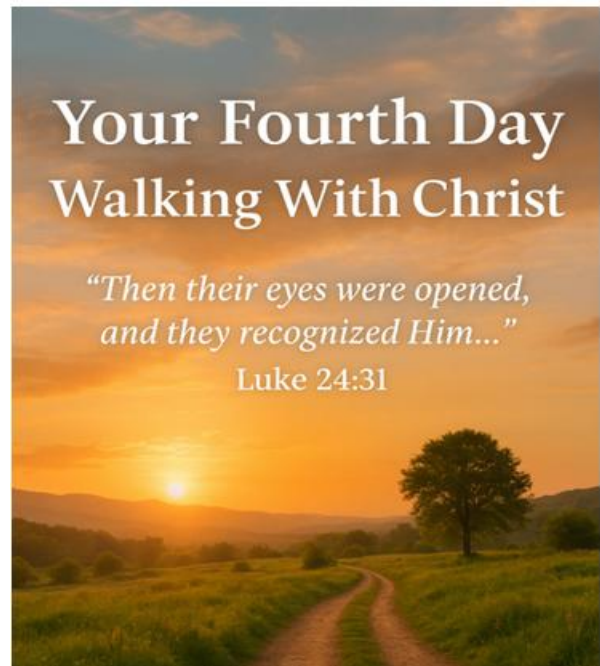
DeColores!
Rich Smith
Community Babe Chick Trainer

Dear New Fourth Dayers:

“Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him...” Luke 24:31

The Emmaus weekend is a beautiful gift—three days filled with prayer, worship, teaching, and the warmth of God’s love poured out through His people. But as rich as those days are, they are not the destination. They are preparation.

The real journey begins the moment you step back into everyday life on your Fourth Day.



On the Emmaus Road, the disciples didn’t realize Jesus was walking beside them. They felt their hearts burning within them, but it wasn’t until the breaking of the bread that their eyes were opened. In the same way, your Fourth Day is about living with open eyes, recognizing Christ in the ordinary moments of life.

- When you serve someone quietly, you are walking your Fourth Day.
- When you forgive and extend grace, you are walking your Fourth Day.
- When you return to Scripture and let it stir your heart, you are walking your Fourth Day.
- When you gather with others in accountability, prayer, and fellowship, you are walking your Fourth Day.

The Fourth Day is not about holding on to the mountaintop feeling of the weekend. It’s about living faithfully in the valleys of daily life, with Christ by your side.

Take time today to ask: Where did I see Jesus? How did I walk with Him? Let that simple reflection shape your days.

The weekend has ended, but the journey has just begun. Step into your Fourth Day with courage, with joy, and with your eyes wide open to the presence of Christ.

“Lord Jesus, thank You for walking with me, not just on the mountain, but on the everyday road of life. Open my eyes to see You, warm my heart with Your Word, and guide my steps so that my Fourth Day may bring glory to You. Amen.”

De Colores!
Charlene Burton
Community Registrar

The Music That Moves Us: Reflections on Emmaus

When my sister returned from her Walk to Emmaus in 1994, I remember our conversation vividly—though she was careful not to reveal too much since I had not gone on a Walk yet. What she did say stuck with me: “I’m not sure it’s something for you to participate in... there’s a lot of singing.”

Now, if you know me, you know that my tone deafness has been the punchline of many family jokes. But here’s the twist—I absolutely love music. And thankfully, her gentle warning didn’t deter me from becoming a pilgrim myself.

I LOVE THE SONGS WE SING AT EMMAUS.

They’re more than melodies—they’re memory markers.

Think back to your own Walk. Can you hear the songs that carried you through? Emmaus music has a way of transporting us:

- 🎵 One Bread, One Body — back to a sacred moment of unity
- 🎵 Give Me Jesus — back to a talk that pierced the heart
- 🎵 Happy Day — back to laughter shared with brand-new best friends
- 🎵 DeColores! — back to joyful singing en route to meals
- 🎵 Lord I Need You — back to a moment of deep healing
- 🎵 Shout to the Lord — back to the instant everything changed

Each note, each lyric, is a thread in the tapestry of our Emmaus experience.



So, to the gifted musicians in our G.R.A.C.E. community—thank you. Your voices, your instruments, your presence make every Walk unforgettable and every gathering a celebration. You help us sing our way into transformation.

Wynn Harle
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SUPPORT FOR THE GRACE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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 donating \$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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