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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.,

Love Notes from the Community Lay Director - October 2011

As I sit down to write this column, it is the 25th of Sept. 2011. Please forgive me if I make note of the fact that my wife has put up with me for 53 years as of this date. We often congratulate folks who have reached a milestone like this. I suppose that's but I wonder if our okay congratulations are at least partially misplaced. The honor and glory should go to God since the love of God is more often the reason unions of men and women survive. It is not necessarily our love for God (although it should be) but rather God's love for us that helps these relationships survive. He not only gave his only son but he loves us enough to provide a wonderful partner and workmate for these many years. The Emmaus experience is a demonstration of God's love and marriage can also be a "Means of Grace" in our quest for a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God.

Okay, I'll get off my soap box about longevity in marriage (clearly not a blessing for everyone) and move on to things Emmaus.

We are in the process of electing 5 new Board Members. A list of 9 people (4 men and 5 women) is included at the end of this newsletter. Each of these folks have agreed to have their names put forward and recognize that their election will mean a three year commitment to the GRACEmmaus Community. The GRACEmmaus Board is a "working board" with each Board member taking on a task to support the Community. If your name isn't on this list then it is your responsibility to make sure that you participate in the process by voting. This is not Chicago so we only recommend that you vote early, not often. Send your ballots to the GRACEmmaus P.O. Box or bring them to the Women's Candlelight or the Gathering in November. Ballots will be available at each of these occasions.

Reminder: You still have time to get your Sponsor/Pilgrim material in for the Women's Walk Oct. 27-30. That's the good news. The rest of the story is that by this time all the slots may be taken and your pilgrim may have to be on a waiting list for Disciples Crossing.

It isn't too early to begin to think about volunteering for service at one of the walks in the spring at Disciples Crossing, Athens, Texas. The easiest way is to go to the GRACEmmaus.org web site and fill out the on line form. Men's Walk March 15-18, 2012 will be led by John Norman. Women's Walk April 19-22, 2012 will be led by Kathy Kapka.

As we think about service to the Emmaus Community and to Pilgrims, we know that, Anonymous Servanthood, has always been a critical part of the Emmaus Experience. And well it should be since that is what Jesus taught. It is fundamental to the Christian Faith. As usual, humans routinely muddy this up. It for that reason that I thought a reminder (as much for myself as anyone else) was in order. As Bob Brandt said, "If we are truly serving God and the Pilgrims as we are called to serve, it shouldn't matter whether our servant-hood is recognized by Pilgrims, team or community". The only recognition that counts is that God recognizes our response to the call to servant-hoodin whatever form it may come to us.

DeColores

Burton I. Love

Ask, and it shall be given you...



Seek, and ye shall find....

WOMEN'S WALK #59 Oct 27, 2011 – Oct 30, 2011 CAMP GILMONT

All the beds will be occupied -Women's Walk #59 is full with a waiting list. That means extra effort by everyone (teams, prayer vigils, sponsors, and the Emmaus Community) will be needed. Let's show our support by making the Pilgrim's Walk to Emmaus Weekend the best ever.

WALK #59 PILGRIMS

Elissa Allen - Palestine, TX Jamie Berryhill - Kilgore, TX Debra Bewley - Longview, TX Linda Brown - Eustace, TX Brenda Callahan - Longview, TX Deborah Carder - Mineola, TX Beverly Carter - Whitehouse, TX Roxanne Curbo - Palestine, TX Betty Dearmore - Alba, TX Jennifer Geddie - Tyler, TX Tammy Gray - Ore City, TX Patricia Grindele-Cordell - Tyler, TX Mary Hagler - Longview, TX Dina Harger - Fruitvale, TX Dorothy Harp - Tyler, TX Kayla Hartman - Gladewater, TX Sharon Henning - Longview, TX Peggy Honeycutt - Tyler, TX Megan Hooser - Austin, TX Melody Hughes - Tyler, TX Nancy Jones - Mineola, TX Linda Mabrey - Lindale, TX Nicolle Martinez - Canton, TX Shonna Mattiza - Whitehouse, TX Betty McMurrey - Tyler, TX Marilynn Minor - Ore City, TX Bettie Morgan - , TX Melissa Nichols - Elkhart, TX Leslie Nychka - Canton, TX Linda Payne - Gilmer, TX Barbara Roberson - Tyler, TX Pat Smiley - Mineola, TX Jean Smith - Big Sandy, TX Leticia Stone - Tyler, TX

Donna Travis - Tyler, TX Julie Tucker - Longview, TX

ТЕАМ #59

Cindy Hooser - LD Cynthia Bellar - ALD Kathy Kapka - ALD Elizabeth Minor - ALD John Gondol - ASD Amy Hodge - ASD Bill Holda - ASD Susan Smith - ASD Jerri Lykins - MD Stacy Boyer - AMD Carol DeRieux - TL Jeannie Hanssen - TL Susan Jeanes - TL Karol Johnston - TL Margie McPherson - TL Jana Russell - TL Frances Ayres - ATL Talia Groce - ATL Lorraine Haley - ATL Kayla Hamm - ATL Lanett Moser - ATL Berna Younger - ATL Robin Gillian - STD Edwina Huddleston -STMC Dot Love - STMC Nima West - STMC JoAnne Skeen - BREP



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Your life is God's gift to you... What you make of it is your gift to God.

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GATHERING NEWS



Next Gathering

Saturday October 29th, 2011 8:00PM Camp Gilmont Gilmer, Texas

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REUNION GROUPS

Why are Reunion Groups important? Because they help us to extend our Emmaus experience and provide accountability in our journey with God. Reunion Groups are especially important at this time of year, when Walks are being conducted.

Please take time to update your Reunion Groups, so we can help the new 4th Dayers find their Reunion Group home. Just login to the <u>GRACE</u> <u>Emmaus</u> Website and click on the <u>Reunion Group Update</u> link.

Please let me know if I can do anything to help.

Chuck Reed <u>chuck.reed@ymail.com</u> Reunion Group Coordinator

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LAY DIRECTORS FOR UPCOMING WALKS

Women's Walk #59 Camp Gilmont October 27-30, 2011 Lay Director: **Cindy Hooser**

Men's Walk #60 Disciples Crossing March 15-18, 2012 Lay Director: John Norman

Women's Walk #61 Disciples Crossing April 19-22, 2012 Lay Director: **Kathy Kapka**

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ELECTION TIME

The following ballot contains the names of God's people that have said they would be willing to serve on the GRACEmmaus Board of Directors, if asked. They are each willing to make a three-year commitment if elected and serve our community to the best of their ability. Please take time to look over the ballot and **select the 5 that you choose by** circling their name. You may turn in your ballot by mailing it to:

Tyler Emmaus GRACE Community P.O. Box 132212 Tyler, TX 75713-2212

Or, you may bring it to the next Gathering or Candlelight. Ballots will be available at all events between now and the Gathering in November.

BALLOT FOR BOARD NOMINEES 2012-2015

INDICATE YOUR VOTE BY CIRCLING NO MORE THAN 5 NAMES

C J Cox - Grace 52

Carol DeRieux – Grace 29

Elizabeth Deverell - Grace 57

Kayla Hamm - Grace 55

Karol Johnston - Grace 49

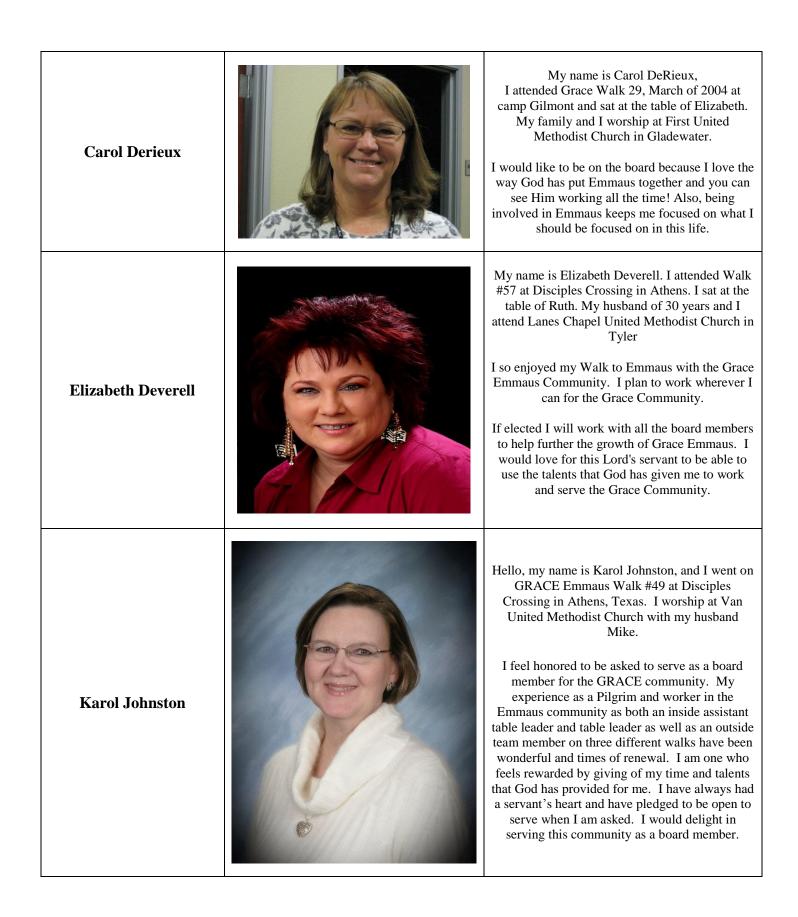
David McPherson - Grace 3

Pat Moser - Grace 54

Shirley Starkey - North East Texas 1997

Mac Young - Grace 56





| David McPherson | My name is David McPherson. I attended GRACE Walk #3 at Timberline. I sat at the table of Luke. I attend Lanes Chapel UMC. I want to be on the board so I can provide feedback to the <u>Upperroom.org</u> on what works and what doesn't work at our local walks so they may make better decisions on any future changes to the walk structure. As the most recent lay director, I want to stay active in the Emmaus movement and the best way I can do that is to serve on the board. |
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| Mac Young | Payne Springs UMC has a long tradition of supporting and working hard to serve the GRACE community, I would like to carry on this tradition. Walk 56 was a life changing experience in my life and I would like to show my appreciation by serving and working to give this same experience to another Pilgrim. Working Walk 58 was almost as great an experience as my first Walk. I would be honored to serve on the board. |

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 15th of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

DeColores 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.

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