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Men's Walk # 74 Camp Gilmont - Gilmer October 1-4, 2015 Mike Johnston

Women's Walk # 75 Camp Gilmont - Gilmer October 8-11, 2015 Diana Frachiseur

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When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

-Luke 24:30-31

Communique from Community Lay Director, Mark Bewley

Hello GRACE Community!

How many Jimmy Buffet fans are out there? I was thinking on this newsletter and one of my favorite Buffet songs came into mind as it speaks of this time of year. It is called "When The Coast is Clear." If you haven't heard it, the words are about a man who finally is not so busy to be able to talk to himself. A good message. This summer has been a blur for me whereas we have travelled a large amount but were blessed to make it home safely and had a great time! The reason I am including these thoughts is because it is my nature to compartmentalize things. For example it is time for the Fall Walks and I know I look forward

to them and feel I need to get my "Emmaus brain" in gear. I always get closer to Christ at these times and I not only talk to myself more, I talk to God more. That sounds like a good thing and it may be, but what I'm thinking is, "shame on me for not staying closer to Christ all year long." I need to take more time to pray every day. He shouldn't have to wait for me....even though He does.

Now, speaking of the fall walks I am so happy that Diana Frachiseur is leading the Fall Ladies Walk at Camp Gilmont. She has seen some amazing things already on this journey and more will come I am sure. Mike Johnston has total faith in God as always, and you can see it in his team coming together.

If you have someone you have been thinking about asking to go on a Walk, but haven't done so yet it is God's voice talking to you to do so. Christ is counting on you.

Reunion groups... please start planning ahead to your fundraisers or agape gifts. We need all of you and it takes a community to get this done.

Kudos to the folks like Cindy Kelly. Her Emmaus group are trying to get the fire rolling in her church. Let's keep them in our prayers

See you all in October if not sooner. Enough of my randomness this month. Thanks for listening

DeColores 2015!

Mark Bewley

Walk 74 Team Roster

Mike Johnston -LD

Richard Luna - SD

Tommy Burton -ASD

Tom Haygood - ASD

Gary Hayes - ASD

Mark McClannahan - ASD

David Bagley - ALD

David Barnard - ALD

Brett Walker - ALD

Steve Morton - TL

Mike Hodgson - TL

Chuck Reed -TL

C.J. Cox - TL

Jay Edwards - TL

Philip McKanna - TL

Dan Mathews- ATL

Ken Braswell - ATL

Richard Smith - ATL

Jerry Fowler - ATL

Bill Plunkett - ATL

Vernon Hargrave -ATL

Jim Buchanan - Chapel Team Lead

Bruce Carroll - Chapel Team

Gene Skeen - Chapel Team

James Cox - Chapel Team

Mac Walling - MT Lead

Mark Jarrard - MT

Gil Maroney - MT

Garry Mount - OT Lead

Nancy Edwards - OT

Pat Eubanks - OT

James Henderson -OT

Chuck Lowery - OT

Calvin Nicholson - OT

John Sommer - OT

Pat Thompson - OT

Mac Young - OT

Tom McDonald -Audio Visual

Mark Bewley - Board Representative

Walk 75 Team Roster

Diana Frachiseur - LD

Mike Cline - SD

Susan Smith - ASD

Jim Pickens - ASD

Bill Holda - ASD

Judy Hawn - ALD

Betty Buchanan - ALD

Julia Alexander – ALD

Rhydonia Clem - TL

Elizabeth Deverell – TL

Boni Demaree – TL

Betty Hunt – TL

Dawn Woods - TL

Cindy Kelly – ATL

Janet Bagley - ATL

Wynn Harle - ATL

Lisa Brewer - ATL

Kay McCann – ATL

Jessica Fain - ATL

Toyia Urbaniak - CT Lead

Angela Thompson – CT

Jerri Lykins – MT Lead

Lindy Lykins - MT

Stacy Boyer - MT

Chuck Reed – OT Lead

Jay Edwards - OT

Nancy Edwards – OT

Gary Mount - OT

Cathy Mount - OT

Candace Buell - OT

Judy Bayless - OT

Karol Johnston - Audio Visual

Janis Johns – Board Representative

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Sponsorship

Peace and greetings to all. The purpose of this article is to remind sponsors of some of the things to be aware of to give your pilgrim the best experience possible, and is prepared from notes made after the recent walks.

It is the sponsor's responsibility to ensure that applications are completed and mailed to the registrar, not the pilgrim. You as the sponsor are the quality control for the application, so be proactive in ensuring that the process is done correctly.

As a sponsor you need to (MUST) include in your plans to be available for sponsor's hour. This occurs right after the pilgrims exit to participate in meeting their new best friend. The purpose of this short service is for EACH sponsor to pray over the cross that their pilgrim will receive on Sunday afternoon. When the pilgrims are told on Sunday that their cross was prayed over by their sponsor, were you there to pray? Likewise, time must be planned to attend Saturday night candlelight. This is the first time the pilgrims realize anything about community support and agape love. When pilgrims start seeing faces, you are conspicuous by your absence.

The next point pertains to agape letters. Three things here: (1) please make sure that each letter writer signs their letter, even if it is a typed signature...very agonizing to read a letter and not know who sent it; (2) ensure that the envelope for each letter indicates in the upper right hand corner whether it is from a friend or family member; make sure that the envelope has both the first and last names of the pilgrim.

When you are delivering a pilgrim for their walk, the gates open and registration starts at 7:00p.m.. If you have things you want or need to do at the camp and it is

convenient to just bring your pilgrim with you because it will be "OKAY", please rethink the timing of your day. When pilgrims arrive at 5:45, 6:00, 6:15 preparations are still ongoing and the pilgrim could see or hear things that will impact the weekend, and it could be a negative impact. So, even if there is no one at the gate to prevent early entry, DO NOT ENTER under the assumption that the gate opened early. The 7:00 opening is a vital part of the structure of the entire weekend. Please do your part to help maintain the integrity of the entire weekend experience.

Finally, please ensure that your pilgrim doesn't bring ANY of the following: radios, clocks, cameras (help them avoid embarrassment of having to be told they can't take pictures), cell phones, and pagers. It's very important that they are free from any outside distractions to get the whole Walk **Emmaus** to experience.

Whether this was your first time as a sponsor or you have done it several times, I highly recommend purchase the pamphlet vou "SPONSORSHIP" (\$5), prepared by the Upper Room Emmaus Please use it to offices. familiarize, re-familiarize, yourself with all of the facets of being a sponsor. Doing so can only serve to make the experience better for both you and your pilgrim.

Jim and Betty Buchanan - Registrars

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Prayer Vigils

The Prayer Vigils for Walks 74 and 75 have been posted. You can access them from the GRACE website www.graceemmaus.com (there is a Prayer Vigil tab at the top of the page) or you can click the links here:

Walk 74:

http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=11083&commid=768

Walk 75:

http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=11084&commid=768

After Glow

If you or your Reunion Group would be interested in sponsoring the ice cream & soda's for the After Glow get together, please contact Babby Carroll at (903) 424-1641 or bearroll259@yahoo.com --- funds donated will be given to the Outside Team Leader to purchase the supplies needed on one of their trips to town.

After Glow is that time when the Pilgrims have attended the Christ Meal; Walked Through Candlelight & spent a few moments with the Lord in Chapel – once Chapel is concluded, many of the Pilgrim's are so filled up they can't even think about sleep -- After Glow is a time to sit and share an ice cream float and visit with their sisters/brothers and just BE for a few moments – to bask in the After Glow of the His love and acceptance. Such a special time.

The total cost of supplies averages about \$50. Contributions of any amount are gratefully appreciated – any money left over will go in to the Outside Team coffers and used

at the discretion of the OTL to purchase additional items needed for the success of the weekend. For those of you unfamiliar, the OTL is given an allowance to purchase items needed by Pilgrims or Team Members over the weekend. IF there is any left over, the funds are deposited back in to the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community's general checking account over seen by the Treasurer.

Please prayerfully consider assisting with this special time.

DeColores, Babby Carroll Agape BRC

Agape Gifts

On our Walk (best Walk ever) each of us experienced love and blessings poured out on our pillows & places at the dining table in the form of Agape Gifts. Each gift carefully prayed over and prepared to draw us closer to Jesus and make our hearts smile with His love and provision. Those gifts were provided by members of the G.R.A.C.E. Community – members just like YOU!

Thinkin' you can't do anything creative? Think again – check out the ideas that can be found on the North Indiana Emmaus Community's website at https://www.niemmaus.com/agape/..... some great ideas can be found here (and many that require zero skill – my kinda creativity)!

Another need for each Walk is place mats for the dining hall -3 meals a day x 3 days x 72 = a whole lotta place mat consumption - if you or your Reunion group would like to provide place mats for a meal, please send at least 72 so that all in the dining hall may be blessed with your kindness.

Agape Gift Quantities – One for Everyone – send 72 pieces; one for Pilgrims Only – send 36 pieces Please place in a baggie or sack with the Quantity Enclosed written on the outside of the bag to save the Outside Team a bit of time. Please contact Babby Carroll at (903) 424-1641 or bcarroll259@yahoo.com if you have Agape Gifts for pick up or feel free to bring your contributions Thursday evening and give to the Outside Team after send off.

And finally, another way to share the love of Jesus Christ with the Pilgrims is to participate in the Agape Dinner. Men escort at the Women's Walk and Women escort at the Men's Walk. Set up begins at 4:00pm Saturday evening; Meal begins at 5:30pm. Your assistance in setting up the Christ Meal would be most appreciated. To serve as escort, please arrive in or bring to change in to: a white dress shirt and black slacks (bow tie optional, insert smile here). After the Dining Hall is prepared, we will hold an instructional hands on training for all escorts to familiarize each with his/her duties (if you have never done this because you weren't sure what to do, please don't let that hold you back this time - you will be blessed to be a blessing, I promise).

The Men's Walk Agape Dinner will be Saturday, October 3rd and the Women's Walk Agape Dinner will be Saturday, October 10th – please contact Babby Carroll at (903) 424-1641 or bcarroll259@yahoo.com to get your name added to the Escort List – I will need your name, phone number or email address so that I can send you a reminder a couple days before the big day.

Thank you very kindly for your

willing hearts and hands!

Blessings, Babby Carroll Agape BRC

***************** September Gathering

We had another great Gathering in August at Ore City FUMC on the 19th. Thanks to FUMC Pastor Doug Smith and all the Ore City 4th Dayers who made this possible for us. After we had our usual copious lunch, we gathered for our service in the sanctuary. Jerri Lykins gave us a great 4th Day talk, and Doug Smith told us about WTW....wait to worry. Jesus reminded us many times not to worry. As Doug told us, if we keep putting off worrying, we eventually realize that worrying would not have changed any outcome and would have also been a serious waste of energy. WTW....something great to remember.....

Our September Gathering will be at Cheatham Memorial Methodist Church in Edgewood. This one will also be a Noon potluck lunch with worship and communion afterwards at about 1:00 P.M. This will be our last time to gather as a community before the Fall Walks, so please try to attend as we anticipate and pray for what the Lord is going to do on the Walks in October.

I'm still looking for host churches for our Gatherings next year, so if you and your church would like to be a host, please contact me at either brettfcall@gmail.com or 903-987-3090.

Hope to see everyone in Edgewood.

Brett Walker, Gathering Coordinator

September 19th Cheatham Memorial in Edgewood (please note location change from previous newsletters) 12noon Potluck

October 3rd & 10th Camp Gilmont 7:00pm Candlelight

November 7th Lane's Chapel UMC 4pm Babe Chick 5pm Potluck 6pm Worship

December 5th Hallsville FUMC 11:00am Potluck Brunch

It's that time of the year. Five (5) men and five (5) women nominees are needed for election time.

Please send a 4-5-sentence paragraph to Karol Johnston – Assistant Community Lay Director by September 16, 2015. Start with your name and normal GRACE introduction (Walk #, Table of ..., Church). Please state why you would like to serve on the board.

REMINDER: When elected, you serve for 3 years. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Tyler, Texas. The board meets 9 times each year and only 3 absences are allowed each year. This requires commitment to the GRACE Community as a way to serve.

If I don't receive some additional submissions, I'll be calling and pleading. This is a great way to serve and learn about the "goings on" of Emmaus. I have learned so much by serving that I would never have know without serving in this capacity.

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Tips for Writing Agape Letters

When requesting letters for your Pilgrims, or when writing your own letter as a sponsor, here are a few things that might help. There is no specific format, ideal length, or requirement that you write anything in particular. However, if you need them, here are some general ideas that might help:

- •Express your appreciation or love for the Pilgrim
- •Recall one or more special memories
- •Describe what your relationship with the Pilgrim meant or means to you now
- •Encourage or uplift the Pilgrim by describing how he or she has been an inspiration to you or demonstrated Christ's love
- •Anything the Holy Spirit guides you to write through prayer





Sponsorship Refresher Checklist

While you are prayerfully considering becoming a Sponsor for the Fall Walks, here are a few things to remember.

- 1. Be available for Sponsor's Hour to pray over your Pilgrim's cross.
- 2. Attend Candlelight
- 3. Ensure all Agape letters are signed. (For help writing your Agape letters or in guiding others in their letter writing see article on page 2)
- 4. In the upper right corner of all Agape letters indicate whether the letter is from friend or family.
- 5. Write the first and last name of the Pilgrim on each Agape letter envelope.
- 6. Do not bring your Pilgrim prior to 7pm, even if the gate is open.
- 7. Ensure your Pilgrim does not bring any electronic device to the Walk. This includes cameras, radios, cell phones, and pagers.

Agape Gifts

Stumped for Agape ideas? Here are several great websites to help:

http://powerfulpalanca.com/

Another great resource is: https://www.niemmaus.com/agape/

Also search "agape" or "palanca" on Pinterest.



Have you signed the Prayer Vigil yet? Once the Pilgrim roster has been finalized a "Suggested Prayer Guide" that includes the names of the Pilgrims will be distributed to assist you in your time of prayer. As 4th Dayers we recognize the importance of the Prayer Vigil to the Walks. Someone did it for all of us, and now is the time to reciprocate this act of agape love.

Click on the links here to access the sign-up list.

Walk 74:

http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVi gil.phtml?pvid=11083&commid=7 68

Walk 75:

http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVi gil.phtml?pvid=11084&commid=7

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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. DeColores

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