

GRACE for TODAY

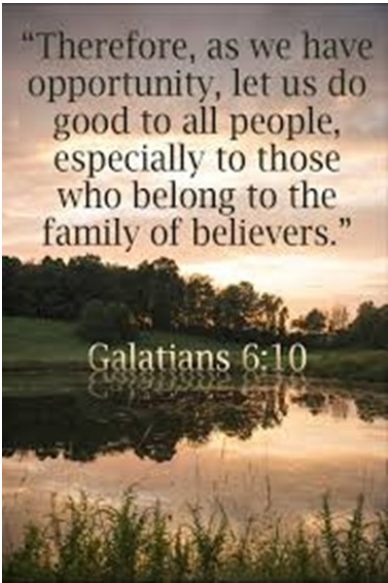
September Newsletter 2019

A Word from Wynn Harle Community Lay Director

Dear Emmaus Community,

A few days ago, after a very long afternoon and night of playing softball, my granddaughter announced she loves the sport but doesn't think God wanted her to spend so much time sweating. Truth be told I imagine many of us at the ballpark were thinking the same thing. I spent time pondering her perception of what God wants us to do. My conclusion is that being a good Christian, like being a good softball player, does take a lot of "sweat." Sweat, in this case, meaning hard work, having a dedicated spirit and being passionate about what we are called to do. Yes, I was reminded of the Walk to Emmaus talks, how each builds upon the ones before in helping us to understand God's grace and our roles as members of the Body of Christ. And then a friend sent

me this scripture:



"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Galatians 6:10

Team training is taking place. Your prayers are needed.

Prayer Vigils are on our website.

Remember how it felt when you learned that you were covered in prayer throughout your walk?

Men's Walk #90 and Women's Walk #91 need pilgrims. Do you have time to sponsor a pilgrim?

While at Camp Gilmont ATVs or golf carts will be needed to help transport pilgrims. Are you able to

loan us a vehicle for one or both weekends?

Send off is on Thursday night at 7:00pm followed by Sponsors Hour. Worship/Candlelight begin at 8pm on Saturday. Do you have time to share in these exciting times of fellowship?

If you are able, would you prayerfully consider devoting some "sweat" equity to our upcoming walks?

De Colores, *Wynn Harle*, Community Lay Director

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G.R.A.C.E. Website:

www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2019

September 21, Grace Crossing UMC Longview, TX. 12 noon potluck, 1:00 PM Worship.

October 5th Camp Gilmont 7:30 PM

October 12th Camp Gilmont 7:30 PM

Fall Walks

Camp Gilmont, Gilmer, TX

Men's Walk #90

October 3-6

Women's Walk #91

October 10-13

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR G.R.A.C.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EACH YEAR THE G.R.A.C.E. COMMUNITY ELECTS 5 NEW MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE G.R.A.C.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ONCE ELECTED NEW BOARD MEMBERS WILL SERVE A 3 YEAR TERM BEGINNING IN 2020. ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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Are You Working on a Walk to Emmaus Weekend?

The blessings that we all received on our Walk to Emmaus can be experienced again by being a member of one of the teams working the Walk. Anyone can serve on one of these teams: conference room, clergy, chapel, and outside.

Cost to serve at the three-day weekend is \$165, which covers eight meals and three nights lodging.

If someone serves only part of the weekend at Camp Gilmont, you are asked to cover the costs of meals and any overnight stays while working: meals \$10 and lodging \$32.

You only have one walk as a pilgrim, but you can spend a lifetime as a servant of Christ, opening the eyes and hearts of others by showing His love.

Betty Buchanan, Treasurer

40^{for} EMMAUS

For 40 years, people have been experiencing life-changing spiritual growth on The Walk to Emmaus. Over one million pilgrims have gone on The Walk, and Emmaus Ministries has grown to include **Chrysalis**, **Journey to the Table**, **Face to Face**, and **Discovery Weekend**.

Join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Emmaus Ministries! In honor of 40 meaningful years, we are inviting people to commit to give \$40 a year for five years to the Emmaus Ministries' operating fund, the financial backbone of the ministry.

Your commitment will ensure that the ministry remains viable. By giving an anniversary gift, you will be helping to support updates to the Emmaus core materials; the network of Communicators, Consultants, and Trainers working with staff and

communities; and the development of Ministry Manager, the new community management system.

Together we can live out our call to **renew Christian disciples and strengthen local churches**.

Make your commitment today by visiting emmaus.upperroom.org/gives or calling 615-340-7288. Checks can be mailed to **The Upper Room**, P.O. Box 305150, Nashville, TN 37230-9891. Make checks payable to The Upper Room, and memo Emmaus Operating Fund.

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Emmaus Ministries, we are inviting people to give \$40 a year for five years.

"The most important history of Emmaus resides in the stories of changed lives, lives infused with the Holy Spirit. . . . Those accounts tell the story of God's renewing the church and carrying men and women to new heights in their desire to serve God and live out their discipleship."

—Robert Wood, first director of The Walk to Emmaus

What are our hopes and dreams for the next 40 years?

Together, we can achieve these goals:

- increase by 4% the number of participants across all Emmaus programs
- develop eight new international communities in the next five years
- increase partnerships with churches to use Emmaus programs as an instrument to develop lay and clergy leaders
- empower communities to increase focus on the Fourth Day commitment both within the community and the greater world
- assist communities in reaching churches not currently involved in Emmaus
- expand Face to Face and Journey to the Table to communities around the world
- increase the number of non-English Emmaus events in the U.S.

Reunion Groups

Our Emmaus website has a list of times, locations, and contact people for Reunion Groups. If you are currently part of a reunion group, please take a minute to review the information about your group. Then let me know if there are any corrections so we can keep the website up to date.

Paula West

THE UPPER ROOM



<https://www.upperroom.org/newsletters>

Stay Connected

Sign up to receive newsletters and updates from The Upper Room.

Newsletters

Upper Room Daily Reflections (Daily) - Words of wisdom and faith found in the pages of Upper Room Books.

From the Center (Monthly, 1st Tuesday) - A monthly email newsletter from The Upper Room with resources for your soul care as a spiritual leader.

Academy Bulletin (Monthly) - Updates, news, and special reflections exclusively for The Academy for Spiritual Formation participants, faculty, and leaders.

Emmaus eNews (Every Other Month) - Get the latest news and tips for your fourth day journey. Especially for leaders and participants in Emmaus Ministries, including the Walk to Emmaus, Face to Face, and Chrysalis.

Upper Room Recommends (Weekly, Thursday) - A weekly email for those seeking resources for spiritual formation and prayer. The email contains excerpts from Upper Room authors, plus book and online resource suggestions for small groups, congregational studies, and individual spiritual growth.

My Quiet Spaces (Quarterly) - A quarterly newsletter for women seeking inspiration, tools, and support to deepen their walk with God.

Rising Generations (Every Other Month) - Whether you're a church leader or parent, this bimonthly newsletter provides tips and tools for ministry with Children, Youth & Young Adults.

Howdy GRACE Emmaus Members!

Have you heard God speaking to you about someone to share the Walk to Emmaus with? It is time for us to sponsor for the upcoming Grace Men's and Women's walks this October. The teams have started preparing for the walks and it is our time to do the same by sponsoring and thru prayer.

Be in prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide you to the people to sponsor.
Then be in prayer for them.
Then ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to give the invitation.
Remember it takes time to get all your sponsor duties done.
Also new this Fall, the signed applications are to be mailed in to the registrar.

Jesus invited each of us through our sponsors, so we are being God's hand and feet to invite others to go on the Walk to Emmaus.

We look forward to seeing you Sponsors this October.

Thank you very much!

De Colores
Garry Mount

Share your Favorite Emmaus Experience with us!

Have you been waiting for just the right time to share your Emmaus experience? Would you like to share what your walk meant to you even after all these years? Or do you have a question about Emmaus.

We want to invite you to share your reflections and questions for consideration in future newsletters.

Simply email our Newsletter board rep Debbie Hays at dhays55@yahoo.com.

One way we can express Agape is in the giving of physical gifts during the G.R.A.C.E. Walks.

Table & Pillow Agape - Items that are made and provided by churches, reunion groups, and individual Fourth Day members. (Please refrain from labeling agape provided by individuals. City and reunion group labels are permitted.)

If making for the pilgrims only, please make 36. For the team, please make 72.

Snack Agape - Food and beverages given for the pilgrims and team members is always appreciated.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



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Community Churches and Members,

If you ever wanted to host a Walk to Emmaus Gathering, here is your chance. We are looking for Emmaus groups to volunteer to welcome the G. R. A. C. E. Community to their church for fellowship, worship, and food. Please consider hosting us at your church!

If you are interested, please contact Ken Duesterhoft at (903) 520-0294 or kwdues@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Kenneth

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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.

De Colores

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: _____

Account #: _____ Transit/ABA #: _____

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