

G.R.A.C.E.



NEWS

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From the Community Lay Director

I am still basking in the warm, brotherly/sisterly feelings from our recent gathering at Swan-Wood Springs UMC. It was a heartwarming sight to see the sanctuary **FULL** of Emmaus family worshipping and praising our Lord, Jesus Christ. There was no mistaking the almighty presence of the Holy Spirit as we sang, spoke, communed, and worshipped together. Thanks again to Swan-Wood Springs UMC for hosting the GRACE Emmaus community. We now look forward to our next opportunity to meet and join in fellowship. We will be gathering at Summerfield UMC, Longview, on September 8, 7:00pm. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. We are praying and preparing for the October walks to Emmaus.

At this time, we have a **FULL** women's walk and our men's walk is **rapidly filling up** as well. If you have a pilgrim and have not sent the registration paperwork in to our registrar, Al Tribe, **DO IT TODAY!** The Lord has been working mightily to have the right pilgrims at the right place, and at the right time. Not only does He have the pilgrims responding for this walk, He has also collected the Conference Room and Servant teams together to do His will. Please continue to pray for the walk's lay directors, teams, pilgrims, and your Emmaus community.

We have a full slate of candidates for our G.R.A.C.E. board election. It is extremely important that we hear from

each one of you, and that you exercise your vote for board members. As you are aware, your G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus board members commit to three year of service when they willingly stand for election to the G.R.A.C.E. board. Each year we add five new members as five existing members are retired. In this manner, two-thirds of the experienced board members coach and mentor the new members during their first year on the board. This board is also **YOUR** board. We exist solely to set direction for our community and exercise your wishes within the Emmaus model from the Upper Room organization. Please continue to communicate with your board members so that we know your concerns and ideas.

The other day, I received an email from a couple that is moving to our community through relocation. They, a husband and wife, have been very active in another Emmaus community, and they were inquiring about some of the many different ministry activities available in the G.R.A.C.E. community. In listing what they have been involved in with Emmaus (their list was substantial), it soon became apparent that this Christian couple while moving to a new location are wanting to also connect with new family, the Emmaus family. Too often, we tend to focus on the immediate and lose sight of the "forest for the trees." This engaging couple has helped me to step back and look at a much bigger picture. Our Lord communicates to us repeatedly that "it's not about me as a person, **it is all about Him.**" Only through Jesus do we have access to the truth. Our community is only one of thousands, and we - each one of us - are only a small part of the whole. There is a picture hanging in the fellowship hall at Mineola UMC. The picture shows multiple photos of individuals, and as you look at the picture, you begin to see the outline of Jesus that surrounds and contains all the individual photos. It is a powerful picture and it is one that communicates that connectivity that all of us have to each other through Jesus Christ. It is in Him, and only in Him that we are one. So, as we become consumed with all the daily issues and pressures that consume us, let us try to step back and **refocus on the way, the truth, and the life - Jesus Christ.**

Grace and peace

DeColores

Community Lay Director
Bill Burgdorf

Remaining G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Calendar for 2005

September

- 8 – Gathering**– 7:00pm, Summerfield UMC, Longview – speaker: Lynda Slay
15 – Board meeting – 7:00pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

October

- 6-9** – **Men's Walk #34**, Camp Gilmer, Gilmer
8 – **Candlelight/Gathering** – 8:00pm, Walk #34, Camp Gilmer, Gilmer
13-16 – **Women's Walk #35**, Camp Gilmer, Gilmer
15 – **Candlelight/Gathering** – 8:00pm, Walk #35, Camp Gilmer, Gilmer
20 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

November

- 12** – **Gathering** (Grand Ultrea) and pot luck lunch – Noon, St Luke's, Kilgore speaker: Bill Burgdorf
12 – Board meeting – 10 am, St Luke's, Kilgore

December

- 15** – Board meeting (transition to new board) – 7 pm, Lane's Chapel UMC, Tyler

January

- 12** – **Gathering** – 7 pm, Lane's Chapel UMC, Tyler
19 – Board meeting – 7 pm, Marvin UMC, Tyler

From the Men's No. 34 Lay Director: Greetings to the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus community. The team is in place and the pilgrims are signing up. We have 31 as of the last count. Praise God for his faithfulness! Thanks to all the team for hanging in there since December. We have had our first team meeting. God's presence was at the meeting as we previewed talks and prayed together. As in, the Emmaus story, in Luke, his presences during the team meeting grew as the day progressed. I look forward to this epic journey the team and pilgrims have embarked on. This journey brings many different people together for many different reasons, roles, purposes, and outcomes. The Holy Spirit has such awesome plans for all of us! As a community, please lift the team and pilgrims up in prayer every day. Pray coverage is critical as things come together for the walk.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the **Gathering on Sept. 8th at Summerfield Methodist Church in Longview.**

God's Team includes:

Jack McCambridge LD
 Chuck Robinson ALD
 Dave Barnes, ALD
 David McPherson, ALD
 Ralph Rudy, SD
 Bud Miller, ASD
 John Whitehurst, ASD
 Tom Haygood, ASD
 Kelley Shelly
 Bill Durr
 Ricky Bradford
 Harold Starkey
 Vince Piotet
 Bill Drennan
 Chris Foote
 Brent Hooser
 Rick Tetrick
 Jerry Keosoff
 Joe Zuech
 Chris Foote
 Michael May
 Greg Easley
 Bob Meyers
 Tom Perdue, OTL

God's Pilgrim's Walk No. 34 includes:

Gene Baker	First Baptist - Eustace
A. D. Breittling	First Baptist - Bullard
Curtis Cain	FUMC, Henderson
Nick Collins	FUMC, Gladewater
Steven Collins	New Beginnings Baptist
Jay Edwards	FUMC, Gladewater
Dennis Gage	Gladewater UMC
Greg Gillian	Golden UMC
Dean Hanssen	FUMC, Gladewater
John Holland	Lindale UMC
Jeffrey Kelly	First Baptist - Allen
Denny Lind	Lindale UMC
Richard Long II	St Mark's UMC
Jay Mitchell	FUMC, Longview
Dale Mobley	Grace - Lindale
Ed Moore	FUMC, Longview
Robert Moore	St Lukes UMC, Kilgore
Lonnie Mosley	First Baptist - Eustace
Michael NeJame	Bethel Bible Church
Cune Pena	Bethel Bible Church
Peter Rohrbough	Swan-Woodsprings UMC
Tod Salts	Dixie Baptist
Ted Scarborough	FUMC, Longview
Bryant Tannery	Green Acres Baptist
Kevin White	FUMC, Gladewater
Allan Whitney	Dixie Baptist
David Williams	Grace Bible Church
Stephen Williams	Fumc, Gilmer

Yours in Christ,

Jack McCambridge
Lay Director Walk 34

From the Women's No. 35 Lay Director: Walk #35 is moving right along. We have had two team meetings, and it is powerful the way God is moving among the team. Each of us can feel the Holy Spirit's presence as we prepare for the weekend. What a dynamic team God has called. As a community, please keep both Walks in your daily prayers. Prayer is the one Agape Gift **you can all**

give! Mike Cline, our Spiritual Director is doing a wonderful job enlisting other clergy to help with this weekend. We are still prayerfully searching for 1 ASD.

God's Team includes:

Juanita Keosoff, LD
 Mike Cline, SD
 Melissa Urban, ALD/TK
 Susan Stallings, ALD/SE
 Teresa Elliott, ALD/CR
 Betty Devine, BR
 Jay Jackson, ASD
 Dariel Newman, ASD
 David Luckert, ASD
 Lee Anne Meyers, MD
 Nan Haygood, AMD
 Sharon Rohrbough, AMD
 Audry Gould, TL
 Shirley Dunfee, TL
 Louann Burgess, TL
 Leah Huffstetter, TL
 Sarah Monk, TL
 Jana Whitehurst, TL
 Carol Darling, ATL
 Sharell Bane, ATL
 Lisa Mize, ATL
 Sondra Allen, ATL
 Wendy Zueck, ATL
 Leoma Hagan, ATL
 Donna Swenson, STL

God's Pilgrim's Walk No. 35 includes:

Esther Alexander	Swan-Woodsprings UMC
Cathy Bedair	FUMC, Gladewater
Michelle Black	First Baptist - Eustace
Lisa Blackman	Friendly Baptist
Lois Burns	Walter Fair UMC, Tyler
Venona Clyde	Green Acres Baptist
Stacey Collum	Pollard UMC
Martha Dennison	None
Debbie Dewkett	Diana UMC
Carolyn Evans	First Baptist Whitehouse
Betty Filip	Mineola UMC
Barbara Franciscio	St Lukes UMC, Kilgore
Robin Gillian	Golden UMC
Lynn Gray	Grand Saline UMC
Diane Henry	Swan-Woodsprings UMC
Eddie Hill	Swan-Woodsprings UMC
Bobbie Hiney	Fumc, Gilmer
Beth Mc Donald	Pollard UMC
Paige Miller	FUMC, Mineola
Elizabeth Mitchell	FUMC, Longview
Becky Moore	FUMC, Mineola
Sandie Morris	Crossroads Communtiy
Lori Mosley	First Baptist - Eustace
Suzanne NeJame	Bethel Bible Church
Lillian Averil Nicholas	FUMC, Murchison
Mary Owen	Calvary Chapel - Tyler
Krista Pemberton	Lindale UMC
Patricia Gay Powell	Trinity Baptist
Sylvia Sable	Tyler Unity Center
Laini Scarborough	FUMC, Longview
Sharon Schiller	Soules Chapel UMC
Cynthia Shotwell	Lindale UMC
Angela Thompson	Mineola UMC
Cara Wallace	Hopewell UMC
Patty Walsh	First Baptist - Eustace
Anita Wylie	Mineola UMC

Donna has put together eight full-time outside servants, and three part-time servants!

We hope to see a full room at Candlelight on October 15th. Please come and support your community and the new pilgrims! God Bless you all.

DeColores

Juanita Keosoff, Lay Director
 Walk #35

Boy's Epiphany No. 6 in Corsicana

I would like to thank everyone who was in prayer for the EPIPHANY at Corsicana and let you know that your prayers were answered. We had 42 boys who attended and 38 of those boys made decisions for Christ. Some asked Him to come into their hearts for the first time and others renewed their commitment to Him.

We had a great time, but what is more important is the change in their lives since the Epiphany. New Bible studies have started in the cottages and the boys are supporting each other in their efforts to learn and live for Christ.

The devil doesn't like what is happening and is trying to attack their faith so keep praying.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 **Pray without ceasing.**

7p.m.

Time for the Sendoff Thursday at 1st UMC in the Cafeteria at Camp Gilmont. Sponsor's hour follows. Sponsors be thinking of prayer requests for your pilgrims to give to the prayer team.

8 p.m.

Time for Worship and Candlelight Saturday Night at Camp Gilmont.

4 p.m.

Time of Closing Sunday also at Camp Gilmont, starting with fellowship, please try to arrive on time.

NOMINEES FOR THE 2006 G.R.A.C.E. EMMAUS BOARD:

- **MICHAEL MAY**
- **TERESA ELLIOTT**
- **RAY CARDEN**
- **LAQUITA SHOWEN**
- **BILL DURR**
- **JUANITA KEOSOFF**
- **JERRY BACH**
- **KATINKA ALDRIDGE**
- **CHARLES SMITH**
- **DONNA SWENSON**

Vote for ONLY FIVE candidates and bring this page with you either to the next Gathering or Candlelight that you come to, there will be a Ballot Box available for deposit it into, or mail this page to the address listed below.

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