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Men's Walk # 62 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer September 20-23, 2012

Women's Walk # 63 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer October 11-14, 2012

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Community Lay Director

<u>Busy</u>

We all get busy sometimes, too busy sometimes. Some days are just too full to know where to begin. I'm learning on those days, I need – repeat - need to take a few moments and spend a little time not busy – just listening and just being still. I opened my devotional book "Grace for the Moment" by Max Lucado. The reading for September 3rd follows:

A Life Free of Clutter

Your heart will be where your treasure is (Matthew 6:21)

The most powerful life is the simplest life. The most powerful life is a life that knows where it is going, that knows where the source of strength is, and the life that stays free of clutter and happenstance and hurriedness. Being busy is not a sin. Jesus was busy. Paul was busy. Peter was busy. Nothing of significance is achieved without effort and hard work and weariness. Being busy, in and of itself, is not a sin. But being busy in an endless pursuit of *things* that leave us empty and hollow and broken inside – that cannot be pleasing to God.

One source of man's weariness is the pursuit of things than can never satisfy; but which one of us has not been caught up in that pursuit at some time in our life? Our passions, possessions, and pride – these are all *dead* things. When we try to get life out of dead things, the result is only weariness and dissatisfaction. I should read that every day, not just today.

De Colores Jo Anne Skeen

Agape gifts

The team meetings for the fall walks are complete for the men and one more scheduled for the women. Be thinking about the agape gifts you can donate to the Walks: Homemade goodies, noisy toys, or anything that you can create to make a special memory. All are needed. Remember how much fun it was to return to your room or go to the cafeteria for meals and find little surprises?

GRACE people are very creative and will come up with many great items. If you are having problems getting these items to the walks, please contact a team member or a board member and arrangements will be made to get your agape to the walks.

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But they that wait upon the LORD...



...shall renew their strength

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DEAR GRACE EMMAUS COMMUNITY:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING AS THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. I HAVE CHOSEN TO RESIGN MY POST A FEW MONTHS EARLY SIMPLY BECAUSE I WAS NOT BEING ABLE TO GIVE MY DIRECTORS ROLE THE TIME AND ENERGY IT DESERVES. SERVING IN THIS ROE HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO MY LIFE. I AM EXCITED ABOUT DOUG SMITH'S LEADERSHIP AS THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR. HE HAS SUCH A HEART FOR GOD AND GOD'S CHILDREN. FOR THE WAYS THAT YOU HAVE ENRICHED MY WALK WITH CHRIST, I WANT TO THANK YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO GATHERING WITH YOU IN THE DAYS TO COME.

DECOLORES, RICKY RICKS

GATHERING NEWS

September 22, 2012 CANDLELIGHT Men's Walk – 62 Camp Gilmont - Gilmer 8:00 p.m.

October 6, 2012 ORE CITY UMC 11:00 Babe Chick Meeting for Men NOON – Lunch 1:00 Praise and Worship

October 13, 2012 CANDLELIGHT Women's Walk – 63 Camp Gilmont – Gilmer 8:00 p.m.

November GRAND ULTREYA Troup UMC Babe Chick Meeting for Women Meal Praise and Worship Time - TBA

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Men's Walk #62 <u>Camp Gilmont</u> September 20-23, 2012 Lay Director: David Barnes

Women's Walk #63 <u>Camp Gilmont</u> October 11-14, 2012 Lay Director: Kathy Kapka

WALK # 62 TEAM MEMBERS

David Barnes - Lay Director

Assistant Lay Directors: C.J. Cox Jay Edward Mike Johnston

Table Leaders:Damon DeRieuxGeorge AssafShawn HeatherlyHeath HuffstetterBryan JeanesJerry Simms

Assistant Table Leaders Mark Bewley Lane Bosely James Buchanan Jimmy Deverrell Philip Kelly Mac Walling

Spiritual Director: Richard Luna

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Tommie Burton Jarrett Majors Mathew Thomas John Whitehurst

<u>Music Team:</u> Loren Lykins Mike Tucker Seth Callahan

Board Representative: Ken Braswell

<u>Chapel Team:</u> Gene Skeen, Jr. Pat Moser Mark Jarrard Larry Jones

Servant Team Members: Gary Mount Chuck Reed Kevin Pierce Bruce Carroll Pat Thompson Pat Eubanks

Please be in prayer for these team members as they work this walk.

PRAYER VIGILS

Hello Brothers and Sisters of the GRACE Community. The Men's Walk #62 is here and Women's Walk #63 will occur in a few weeks. Take time to pray for the walks. There are slots still open. DeColores

GRACE Walk #62 -http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.pht ml?pvid=7149&commid=768

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This is one way that you can participate in a walk without being in attendance.

The walks are deeply rooted in prayer before the pilgrims are selected and throughout their walks.

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Note from the Women's Lay Director

The women's walk is full with a waiting list for additional pilgrims - YEA!! Please do not forget agape for the walk. Get your reunion group together and get "crafty." As always, please pray for the team and the future pilgrims.

GRACE Walk #63 TEAM MEMBERS

Spiritual Director - Doug Smith Lay Director - Kathy Kapka Assistant Spiritual Directors -Virginia Wall Heidi Cain Linda Christians Amy Hodge ALD – Karol Johnston ALD – Margie McPherson ALD – Jeanne Hansen Board Rep – Jo Anne Skeen Table Leaders: Kimberly Arriola Fran Ayres Babby Carroll Janis Johns Lanett Moser Kayla Hamm ATLs: Betty Buchanan Alison Campbell Lisa Collins Barbara Cox Elizabeth Deverell

Gail Gindele-Cordell <u>Music Leader</u> – Pam Martin <u>Outside Servant Leader</u> – Joy Parker

KAIROS #41 AT THE MICHAEL UNIT

Kairos No. 41 at the Michael Unit will be Nov. 15-18, 2012

The team is now forming and the Team Leader for the weekend is Terry Younger of Tyler, his email address is tyounger@nctv.com

If you have been waiting to serve on a team, this is the weekend you have been waiting for. Team meetings for the weekend will be starting in just a couple of weeks. See our website,

www.michaelunit.org for the Team meeting dates and locations. You can also download an application for the team from there as well. Kairos is a truly unique ministry that is done inside the walls of maximum security prisons across the USA and Internationally. It is a lot like a Walk to Emmaus weekend, being brought to men that have the same God that loves them, just as He loves us.

Matthew 25:38-40

"When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothed you? When did we see you sick **or in prison and go to visit you**?"

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Thank You,

Tom Perdue G.R.A.C.E. Walk No. 1



KAIROS OUTSIDE of EAST TEXAS

Kairos Outside of East Texas No. 1 September 21-23, 2012 at Green Acres Baptist Church Retreat Center, Lake Tyler

Praise God – it is amazing to see a ministry be formed by God's hands and the awesome things He is doing for us in KOET. We have been blessed beyond our wildest expectations so far. We have a full complement of ladies (30) eager to come on the weekend with a growing waiting list for the next one in May of 2013. He has been so good to us providing us a camp to use, an abundance of servants for the weekend and He is blessing us financially, but we could use more help. Each of the guests that go on the weekend are there by our or your gifts to help them get there. There is no cost for the weekend out of their pockets it is entirely up to the team to find the support for the weekend. We are sure He will bless us with more, we trust Him.

Please pray for the weekend. You can sign up for our Prayer vigil at www.michaelunit.org/KOET.html

We have need for agape. Also if any reunion groups or individuals desire to provide agape for us, we need 34 pieces of each agape. Linda Blevins at <u>lblevins@rocketmail.com</u> could use a hand; she is the Agape Coordinator for the weekend.

Consider serving on the weekend as a Day Angel; see our needs and the requirements on the Angel Information Sheet, if you feel so led. Fill out a Day Angel Application and mail it to the address shown on the application. Karen Mascho is the Angel Coordinator for the weekend and she would appreciate the help.

Closing Services will be Sunday Sept. 23 at approx. 2:30 p.m. Please arrive early. You can get a map to the retreat center on our website.

Sandee Perdue, Team Leader

UPDATE ON FEES!!

The board reviewed the feedback from the community in regards to the possible fee increase for 2013. \$3000.00 is needed annually to offset the cost for the four walks each year. It was voted that the fees would remain at \$155.00 with each reunion group being responsible for AT LEAST \$25.00. One reunion group has already had a bake sale and raised over 300.00 with all of that going to the community.

POSITION OPEN!!

Philip and Lynda McKanna are resigning from their position as registrars. They have done a WONDERFUL job and have given timeless hours to this for many years. We give thanks to them for their time and servant hood. With that being said, the community is in need of someone with computer skills that loves technology and has time to give in this position! A few of the tasks required for this position are:

- Maintaining records for pilgrims/sponsors each walk
- Sending out letters to the pilgrims prior to each walk
- Attendance at each walk to be at the registration table to recheck all information and collect remaining fees
- Updating roster for the walk to be printed and placed in the pilgrims 4th day packet
- Attendance at board meetings prior to and after the walks as well as the month of the walks.
- Our data-based program is ACCESS

If you feel that this position is for you, please contact Jo Anne Skeen.

The board is praying that someone will come forward and be ready to attend the Women's Walk on October 11th to get some training. Of course, the McKanna's will provide some training on the computer program that our community maintains for record keeping.

Do you have this skill and gift? Pray and respond.

DeColores

Since I was a teenager and began wearing makeup I have used a makeup mirror. You know - the kind that has the lights around it simulating daylight, evening or office lighting; one side is a normal image and the other is magnified. Anyway, I was given one for Christmas and loved using it in the privacy of my own room to "experiment" with different shades, fads, trends, etc. Now you guys have no idea what an ordeal it is for us as the "fairer" sex to find that perfect combination of products to help us look as "natural" as possible while wearing makeup. Alas, it is hard being a girl! Anyway I digress. As I have gotten older I still use a makeup mirror;

however, I noticed that I was having a harder and harder time using the nonmagnified side. So one day I decided to turn the mirror around to the magnified side. Well, imagine my shock and surprise when I turned on the light and noticed that my face was no longer that of a sixteen year old girl but that of an older (although very young for my age, thank you very much) woman!!

As I was studying the changes in my features, both good and bad, I was reminded of 1 Corinthians 13:12, "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." (NIV)

You see, the reflection we see as we look in the mirror each day is only the outward covering we have been given while here on earth. We may look at ourselves and find flaws and imperfections. These flaws and imperfections can be used by Satan to discourage us, to make us feel inferior and unworthy of doing a good work in Jesus. These flaws that we see when we look at ourselves may cause us to sit back and rest in our insecurities instead of stepping out of our comfort zone and making a difference in the world for the cause of Jesus Christ. When Jesus looks at us He doesn't see the outward man, He sees our heart. If we have given our heart to Him there are no flaws and imperfections. One day we too will fully know and we will see ourselves and each other as Jesus sees us.

So for now, don't let the enemy convince us we are incapable of making a difference. Let's go out every day and reflect Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world.

De Colores, Cindy Hooser

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

A ballot has been sent to the community with the names of board nominees. Please select 5 names as 5 members will be leaving the board in December, 2012.

We are in the process of gathering some more information on these nominees so look for an updated ballot at the gathering on Saturday, September 22, 2012 in Gilmer and in further mailings.

Remember you can only vote once !!

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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

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