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Women's Walk # 67 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer October 10-13, 2013 Jana Russell

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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

I am a new great-aunt. My nephew and his wife had a beautiful baby boy the end of August. I think birth is about the only time one can get away with referring to a boy as beautiful. But he is! Now it has been a long time since I have held a newborn. My "baby" is 34 years old now (which I find totally impossible as I am only 37) and never wants me to hold her. But I digress.

As I sat rocking and cooing Grayson, my mind started wondering what kind of man he might become. Would he be an athlete, an intellectual, artistic, funny, or serious? All sorts of scenarios were playing in my mind.

Then it dawned on me that his future was already planned. God has known what this little boy will become long before he was ever imagined in his parents mind. Not only that, God is wooing this baby to Him even now. When I took my Walk and heard the Prevenient Grace talk my mind had a hard time accepting that God had always been wooing me to Him, even when I didn't know or recognize it. It took working Walks and hearing this talk many times before I began to grasp and understand this aspect of God's grace. Out of all 15 talks during the weekend, I can honestly say I never tire of hearing this one. To know that God loves me, and all of us, so much that He wants a personal relationship with us is more than my human mind can comprehend sometimes.

Even now, God is wooing men and women to attend a Walk to Emmaus. They may not even know what the Walk is about but there is a longing in their hearts to know more about God. Perhaps they already have a personal relationship with Him, but many times the men and women attending the Walk can't really tell us what they expect to get from the weekend, they just know that something wonderful is waiting for them.

Right now, there is plenty available space for both the Men's and Women's Walks. Do you know someone who perhaps is seeking to know God on a more personal level, someone whom God is wooing to Himself? Please don't hesitate! Get the application completed and return to the Registrar. God is already working in both of these Walks. Don't miss the blessing of bringing others closer to Him.

De Colores,

Cindy Hooser

GATHERINGS

SEPTEMBER – GILMER CANDLELIGHT SERVICE SEPTEMBER 21, 2013 8:00 PM

OCTOBER – GILMER CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OCTOBER 12, 2013 8:00 PM David McPherson dtmold26@embargmail.com

But they that wait upon the LORD...



...shall renew their strength

Men's Walk Team Members

Pat Thompson – LD Richard Luna - SD

Jarrett Majors - ASD

Mike Cline - ASD

Tommy Burton - ASD

Nathan Hodge – ASD

Mike Johnston – ALD

James Cox – ALD

Shawn Heatherly – ALD

Pat Moser – TL

Mark Bewley – TL

Jim Buchanan – TL

Jay Edwards – TL

Seth Callahan – TL

Herb Marlow – TL

Jim Burcham - ATL

Randy York – ATL

Tommy Ferguson – ATL

Ed Castro – ATL

Gil Maronev – ATL

Bruce Carroll - ATL

Loren Lykins – MTL

Mac Walling – MTL

Mark Garrard - MTL

Chuck Reed – OTL

Gene Skeen - CT

Bubba DeBerry – CT

Mike Halladay – CT

Larry Jones – CT

Mac Young – BR

Tommy McDonald – AV

Grace and peace to all of the Grace Emmaus community from Pat Thompson, lay director for men's

walk #66. I think of what Mary said in Luke 1:47, "My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Savior, for He remembered me his lowly servant."

My heard is glad and so thankful for the opportunity to be His servant lay director on walk 66. God has richly blessed His team with so many wonderful servants.

We do need all of your prayers for this walk 66 as our pilgrim count is very low at this time. We know that whatever happens we are only vessels for Him to use to glorify His holy name.

Remember if you have sponsored a pilgrim, it is so very important to follow up your sponsorship after the walk weekend.

I went on my walk in the Northeast Texas community 97-23 where I sat at the table of Andrew. My sponsor was from another town so her follow-up kind of fell through. By God's grace I searched and found a few reunion groups. Then I decided to become a servant on a team and I was blessed to work GRACE walk #1 at Timberline. After that I worked many walks and made many more new friends in Christ. The people that God puts in our path through the Emmaus community are a blessing that we will always remember.

So please keep in prayer the team, the pilgrims, and the power of the Holy Spirit to be on all of us. Let us express our faith through the prayers of all of His people.

James 5:16 – "The prayer of the powerful is righteous effective."

DeColores, Pat Thompson LD – Walk 66

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Women's Walk Team Members

Servant Team: Barron, Pam

Clending, Tiffany Servant Team Director -

Frachiseur, Diana Gillian, Robin Guzman, Laura Johnston, Karol Lovett, Shelia Lute, Kelly McMurray, Betty Mowery, Nancy Morgan, Sherry Pain, Judy Tew, Janie Vega, Diane Weaver, Wanda Clem, Rhydonia Fain, Jennifer

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Walk #67 team is getting excited about the walk coming up on October 10-13, 2013. We are trying not to anticipate how things will go and let the Holy Spirit take over. The previewed talks have been moving, inspiring, joyful, exciting, peaceful, and awesome. Clearly, Christ has been present during our meetings. The last team meeting is on September 28th at Pollard UMC in Tyler. Please pray for the pilgrims and their journey through the 3 day event.

We have been praying and will continue to pray for the Men's walk. Pat and his team have been busy.

Jana Russell LD Walk #67

PILGRIMS ARE NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING WALKS!!! GET THOSE APPLICATIONS IN NOW!!

SPONSORSHIP – REMEMBER THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE A GREAT SPONSOR. It's more than just getting the pilgrim to the Walk.

Please take time and visit the website and sign the PRAYER VIGIL for the upcoming walks.

This is an easy way to support the walk when you cannot be there in person.

Remember, others prayed for you on your walk.

AGAPE REMINDERS

** Put the number of agape items included on the outside of the container.

** Bed/Pillow agape is 36

** Dining Room agape is 48 (pilgrims only)

** Dining Room agape for team and pilgrims is 61

** Try to include a scripture or inspirational word with each agape item. Remember these are to tie into the talks given.

**Placements –Homemade (especially children's are a joy)

48 for pilgrims

61 for team and pilgrims

** Bring agape to the walk on
THURSDAY night.

BANQUET SET-UP for WALKS

If you are interested in serving with a group of fellow Emmaus members to set up the banquet room tables, chairs, and decorations for the upcoming walks, please contact KAYLA HAMM.

Escorts are needed for these dinners as well. If you sponsor someone for the walk or your spouse is on the walk, you will not be able to serve as an escort.

Women are needed for the Men's Walk and men are needed for the Women's Walk.

Mark your calendars to assist in Gilmer in the Fall of 2013 and Athens in the Spring of 2014.

The 2014 walks will be held in Athens on these dates:

Men: March 13-16 Tom McDonald

Women: March 20-23 Karol Johnston

Gilmer Walks for 2014 will be held:

Men: October 2-5 James Cox

Women: October 9-12 Lanett Moser

Hello, my name is Jay Edwards and I am a member of your GRACE Emmaus Board. I attended my walk in October of 2005 at Camp Gilmont and my wife Nancy and I attend FUMC Gladewater. I have been blessed many times over in the last several years to be able to serve this community in many ways. I would like to encourage each of you to find some way to support our wonderful Community: Financially, Physically, Sponsorship, or Spiritually. It all helps further God's kingdom.

Financially --We are constantly dealing with financial decisions that have to be made to maintain our community and its ministry. Anything that someone can do extra financially is a big help. Camp fees are always climbing, as well as all supplies that are needed for the weekends.

Physically—Each walk requires many people to make everything happen throughout the weekend; not only the inside team, but the outside team as well. Even if someone cannot do anything but come help clean up at the end of the walk, that is a big help.

Sponsorship—Emmaus does not exist without pilgrims. We must be prepared to talk with our brothers and sisters and encourage them to consider attending an Emmaus

Walk. We must always remind them that the intent of Emmaus is to help develop people to become leaders with their own congregations.

Spiritually—Some people just don't have the time or the money to help. Praying for the pilgrims and team throughout the weekend is one of the most powerful things that we can all do, no matter our location.

My time on the Board will come to an end this year and I have been blessed to be part of a group of people that love their Emmaus Community very much. I would encourage each of you to consider strongly running for the board if you are asked. The community does not function without people gathering to organize all the activities that happen during the year.

I would encourage each member of our GRACE community to consider how God may want them to serve him and our community.

Please consider donating to the scholarship fund for future walks. This fund is used by many and funded by a few. Can you help with this funding??

Kairos Outside of East Texas #3 is asking for prayers and support for this weekend. The community is invited to attend the closing ceremony on Sunday the 15th at the Green Acres Retreat Center on Lake Tyler.

NOMINEES FOR 2014 BOARD

Cynthia Bellar - #49 Jim Buchanan Bubba DeBerry Tommy Ferguson - #60 Shawn Heatherly - #54 Karol Johnston - #49 Mac Walling One name pending at this printing

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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.