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Thank you to everyone who prayed for Walks 98 and 99.

The Prayer Vigil links for Walks 100 and 101 will be available by early February.

Please contact Sandra Grsch @ grasch319@gmail.com for more info!

Gilmont Silent Retreat February 19-22, 2023

"One of the many aspects I loved (about GRACE Emmaus) was being unplugged from my phone/technology/constant needs from family, friends, etc. And, while I was warmed to my very soul by the interactions with my new sisters, I also realized while there that what I needed next was an unplugged spiritual retreat with virtually no talking to ANYONE. The practice of silence, in community, is exactly what I need!"

- GRACE Emmaus Walk #99 at Camp Gilmont Pilgrim

Do you have a renewed intention of growing in your faith in 2023? Have you considered spiritual practices as a way forward in your journey? Practicing silence in community with others who share that same intention bears fruit to nourish our souls. You are invited to Camp Gilmont's Silent Retreat, as we prepare our hearts for the season of Lent, February 19-22. Come join us for silence and practice hearing in a new way. [Find out more here!](#) This is the link: <https://www.gilmont.org/silent-retreat.html>



Silence

*The quieter you are,
the more you will hear.*

**Camp Gilmont Silent Retreat
February 19-22, 2023**

Gilmont Men's Retreat March 3-5, 2023

Are you uncertain how to navigate life's changes? Are you encountering confusion, and curious how to mature in your life of faith?
Join us as we meet our confusion, consider our calling, and deepen our faith as we grow closer to God, creation, others, and ourselves.



Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.



And Summer Camp is always a great one to share!

Looking for a great place for your children, grandchildren, or neighborhood friends to experience an amazing week of growth? Summer will be here before we know it! Gilmont's 2023 Summer Camp theme - "Hearts on Fire" - (yes! our Men's Retreat planning team loved it so much they are building on this theme too!) It promises to bring the heat with Moses' story in Exodus 3 & 4. Like Moses, campers (K-12th grades) at Gilmont are invited to take a break from their daily routines, immerse themselves in creation, and notice what creation continues to reveal about our Creator. They learn that God is calling and equipping them to do big things! Most importantly, campers recognize they are surrounded by a beloved community who will support them throughout their journey. This curriculum will ignite camper's hearts and spark their love for God, creation, others, and themselves! Registration is open for overnight camp and day camp. Discounts and scholarships are available. Go to gilmont.org/camp for more information and to register.

Deuteronomy 32:11 NKJV

As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings



Camp Gilmont is now hiring summer staff to serve as Counselors and Support Staff for their camp programs! Counselors (18+) and Support Staff (16+) are role models to campers, lead fun and formative experiences, and facilitate camp activities - including archery, disc golf, axe throwing, crate stacking, canoeing, and more. While having fun in an outdoor environment, summer staff develop essential skills - such as problem-solving, communication, teamwork, leadership flexibility, risk management, and more - that transfer to many different career paths. Plus, they bond with peers in an intentional Christian community and form lasting friendships. This summer's employment period is May 27th-July 22nd. Learn more and apply at [Gilmont.org/work-at-gilmont](https://www.gilmont.org/work-at-gilmont)

For more info please contact :

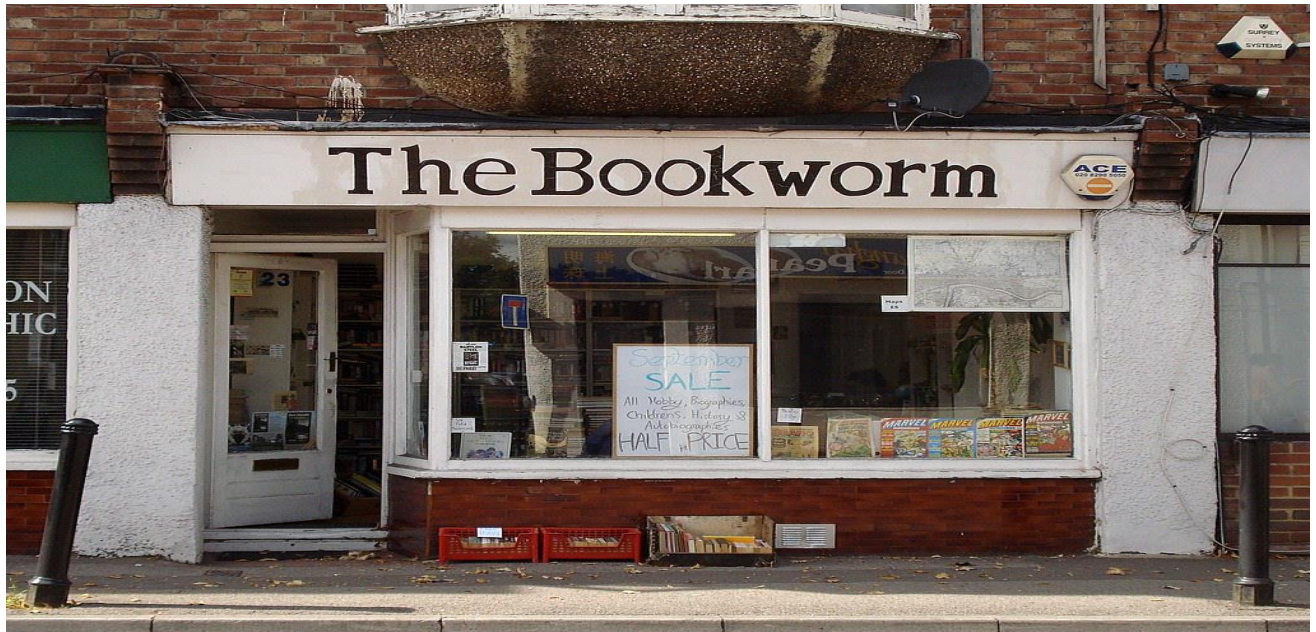
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Just a reminder for our first Gathering of 2023. The Gathering will be Saturday, January 21st at Grace UMC Palestine Tx. Potluck lunch and fellowship will be at 12 noon, followed by worship immediately after.

This will be our first Gathering this year, so we hope to see you there!

The address for Grace UMC is 2130 Country Club Rd, Palestine, TX 75803.





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I highly recommend the book A CASE FOR CHRIST by Lee Strobel. Strobel was a court reporter for the Chicago Tribune who investigated court cases to strengthen or weaken evidence. His wife, a devout Christian challenged his atheistic point of view by having him turn his talents on the factual nature of Jesus. In the book he asks you to be like a juror with an open mind and wait until all the evidence is in before reaching a verdict. In the course of writing the book and interviewing over a dozen experts in a wide variety of fields, Strobel himself became a powerful advocate for Jesus. I have given this book to people who need more information about our Lord so that they can make an informed commitment. Christians in any place on their walk of faith will be strongly encouraged and have more information to use when talking to new or potential believers. The book is available on line or at Mardels.

Hank Resler. Board Member. Book

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We are created for God's purpose. Emmaus teaches us that we are the work of God's hands. Just as we go about our daily lives, God molds us for His purpose. We are created in God's image and equipped for God's work. When we don't feel equipped, we can rely on His strength and not our own. We can serve in many ways, both big and small. Each one of us has a part, whether it's making agape, baking sweets, sponsoring a pilgrim or working on a team. As we grow in our walk with God, our faith progresses. God gives us a longing to serve in new ways. What new area of service will God call you to this year?

Carolyn McCain, GRACE Board Secretary



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It's Spring Walk time at Disciples Crossing.

The Spring Men's Walk 100 will be Feb. 23-26, 2023, at Disciples Crossing Camp near Athens

The Spring Women's Walk 101 will be March 2-5, 2023, at Disciples Crossing Camp.

Make sure you share the wonderful opportunity you had when you attended with someone else.

Let them strengthen their relationship with our Lord just as you did.

Be a sponsor and let's work on making these walks THE BEST ONES EVER!

Matthew 18:20 NKJV

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”



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Just a little note from the editor, I humbly thank you for allowing me to serve. I hope that I missed no one's request to be included. A new email address will be set up separate for this position so that none will be missed (I have a bazillion emails everyday in my personal account). I would encourage all Reunion groups to send in pictures of their members and missions.... Hmm... we may be on to something, personally I am involved regularly in a weekly reunion group that has not only lifted me in times of sorrow and toil, but has strengthened my resolve in prayer. We have seen prayer work in many ways over the last few years!!! ALL GLORY TO GOD!!! De Colores !!! Kevin