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NEXT GATHERING

Saturday, June 25, 2011

4:30 PM Socializing

5:00 PM Covered Dish

6:15 PM Worship

St Luke United Methodist Church
Kilgore, TX

DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
[GRACEMMAUS.ORG](http://www.GRACEMMAUS.ORG) WEBSITE

YA'LL COME!!

DEAR G.R.A.C.E.,

Love Notes from the Community Lay Director - June 2011

It must be nearly summer since we are in the process of contacting potential team members for the Fall Walks. David McPherson, Men's Walk #58 and Cindy Hooser, Women's Walk #59 are hard at work with the process of lining up their teams and getting things ready. I would ask that you prayerfully consider their requests if they call. What happens if you want to participate but they don't call? Some folks chose to pick up the phone or get on e-mail, Facebook, Twitter (whatever) and contact a Board member about volunteering to help with the process. Maybe you could help with Gatherings-call George Assaf. Perhaps you would like to help with the Newsletter-call Philip McKanna. We often need help with the trailer-unloading and loading. Since the walks are about a month apart, trailer loading and unloading will be a bigger job for the walks in the fall: Men's Walk Sept. 29-Oct. 2; Women's Walk Oct. 27-30.

It is certainly not too early to begin to pray for those folks you may want to sponsor for these walks. Our goals is to have as close to the maximum number as possible (36).

Another area we would love to have some volunteers in would be Orientation Training. A part of one of the early walk training weekends will be devoted to providing an Orientation session to the team members. The purposes of this training will be to: assure there is a time to learn the roles and responsibilities of each team member; and allow everyone to gain insight into their individual roles during the walk weekend. It should be an exciting training session and might provide an opportunity for former walk LD's to share their expertise. If this has some appeal to you, contact me at Burtonlove@embarqmail.com

Reunion Groups

We continue to pursue the updating process for our list of Reunion Groups

which are on the web site. It is very easy to provide updated information directly from the Web Site. Since one of our responsibilities as sponsors is getting our pilgrims into a reunion group, it is very helpful when we can look at the list and find one for them because the information is up to date. A list of these groups is also provided to the pilgrims in their package at the close of the walk. It would be nice for the information to be accurate.

ALERT...

At the April 28, 2011 meeting of the GRACEmmaus Board, after an in-depth discussion, the Board decided to

...discontinue mailing printed Newsletters...

Our printing and mailing costs for one year are approximately \$1800. If we only applied those funds for weekend scholarships it would cover 12. We could not in good faith continue to spend our funds in that manner in view of the large number of people having access to e-mail. We will continue to issue the Newsletter via the web site with an announcement to the community that it is available. It would be very helpful if you would identify people in your church who don't have e-mail, so that you can make them a copy.

We should all thank Tom Perdue for his article submission (author unknown) later in this Newsletter reminding us about the 15 talks. If you have an "Emmaus" idea that you would like to share with us in a Newsletter article, we would be happy to consider it. Maybe you would like to write about some of your fourth day experiences. I have met very few people who were not changed in significant ways by their "Walk". This would be a wonderful way to share your witness with your Emmaus brothers and sisters.

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LIGHT IN THE DARK

We were recently on vacation in Eureka Springs, AR. Our cabin was located on the side of a mountain, overlooking this beautiful valley. During the day, the view was breathtaking. Once night fell, the beautiful valley looked like nothing more than a deep, dark hole. Or, at least it did, until you looked at the valley through night-vision goggles. Not only could you then see incredible detail, you could actually see things in the dark not visible during the light of day.

Unfortunately, we spend a lot of our days looking at those deep, dark holes life brings our way. And when we see nothing - when we see nothing but darkness - it is easy to lose hope. How much of each day do we spend hoping? Hoping our kids are okay, hoping our favorite team wins, hoping the prognosis is good, hoping, hoping, hoping...And we often fail to realize our prayers for hope have already been answered. God has already won the battle, made the wrong right, comforted the hurting, and healed the sick...That is what God does – that is who God is.

We, as Believers, should always have hope. We lose hope because we lose sight of God. We get distracted with fear, overtaken with worry, and consumed by uncertainty. We often find ourselves in situations where the end result seems hopeless. So we allow ourselves to collapse under the weight of a situation or a circumstance. When faced with darkness, ask God if you can borrow the night-vision goggles. You might be in for a pleasant surprise...And even see things you missed in the light of day.

Philip McKanna

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GATHERING NEWS

Last month’s Gathering, in Longview, was well organized; thanks to Debbie and Tom Hays, James Cox and Snow Bush. A 4th ‘dayer’, who had made her walk in Big Springs and had moved to the Longview area a couple of years ago, joined the gathering for the first time. She is quite energetic and plans to be active in the community. She was accompanied by a “potential pilgrim” who may go on the upcoming Fall Walk.

The June Gathering is scheduled for Saturday June 25, 2011 in Kilgore at St. Luke United Methodist Church. This will be an evening Gathering. Gary Mount is helping in organizing the Gathering (in fact Gary is doing all the work to prepare the Gathering). The schedule is planned for: 4:30 pm visiting and socializing; 5:00 pm Covered dish dinner; 6:15 pm Worship.

If you need directions to St. Luke’s please call me George Assaf @ 903-520-6699; or Gary Mount at 903-985-0957.

DeColores,

Gathering Coordinator
George Assaf

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SPREADING THE WALK

We are initiating a GRACEmmaus church contact list. We hope to have at least one person from each church in our community on the list. The duties of volunteers would not be great but would be to spread the word about GRACEmmaus through the church media, e.g. church bulletin, church newsletter, church web site and verbal announcements when appropriate. Items would include information about Walks, Gatherings and perhaps Emmaus background. In addition we would ask the church contacts to be on the alert for people who do not get the GRACEmmaus newsletter by e-mail so that we could share it with them. We already have

several people who have volunteered. They include:

- Bill Durr - Jacksonville FUMC
- Ken Braswell, Maxine Pagitt - Athens FUMC
- Jay Edwards - Gladewater FUMC
- Burton Love Payne Springs UMC
- Sandy Smith, Karen McGee - Mineola FUMC
- Janie Tew - Troup UMC
- Tom McDonald - Bethel Bible Church
- Philip & Lynda McKanna - Longview FCC

If you are willing to serve the GRACEmmaus Community and your church in this manner, please send your contact information (telephone number and e-mail address) to burtonlove@embarqmail.com.

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PLENTY OF TIME

October seems such a long way away! School’s out! Vacations are planned and the fall is the last thing on our minds at this time! Whether you are off for the summer or not, summer brings a sense of less responsibility, a time to fire up the grill, head to the lake or just nap in your hammock! It’s seems we have plenty of time before the fall.

All the more reason to set aside time this summer to make agape for the Fall Walks. If you are in a reunion group or just prefer to work on your own, take some of your “plenty of time” and come up with some new ideas for agape.

If you make bed agape, you will need to make 36 items. For agape and for all inside team and pilgrims in the conference room, you should make 72. Only make 48 if your agape is for the pilgrims, table leaders and assistant table leaders.

So, spend “Plenty of Time” enjoying your summer. But take a little bit of time and prepare some special agape for the fall walks - and you won’t be heard saying, “OH! I thought I had “plenty of time”. DE COLORES!!

Judy Hawn

**LAY DIRECTORS FOR
UPCOMING WALKS**

Men's Walk #58
Camp Gilmont
September 29-October 2, 2011
Lay Director: **David McPherson**

Women's Walk #59
Camp Gilmont
October 27-30, 2011
Lay Director: **Cindy Hooser**

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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.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

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Monthly gift amount \$ _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

Depository Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Account # _____

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