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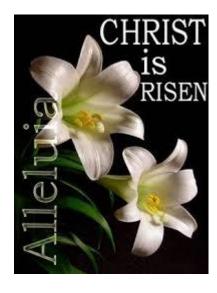
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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings and Happy Easter all 4th Dayers of GRACE!

We have just completed the spring 2015 walks for both men and women and I am excited to see the whole group together this April 11th at St. Lukes Methodist in Kilgore, Texas for the Babe Chick Gathering.

This is the time to step up as pilgrims and more importantly SPONSORS. Let us all show the commitment by making sure we have a good turnout for learning and fellowship.

The fall walks are 6 months away but I do assure you the Lay Directors for these walks are already getting plans together for the work team. If you want to work these walks please get you applications in ASAP. It is very important to get them in early.

Speaking of the fall walks I am so happy to announce that Diana

Frachiseur (pronounced FRAY-SURE) is going to lead the Fall Ladies Walk at Camp Gilmont. She was accepting of the offer to lead and I know that the community will stand with her 100% in this endeavor. Mike Johnston is ready to lead the men as well and know this is his calling at this time to do so.

Reunion groups please be planning ahead for your fund raisers or agape gifts. We need all of you and it takes a community to get this done. I know it may seem early for me to start talking about the fall, but it will be here before you know it. And we want these to be the best ever!

Change our world by starting in your immediate environment today! Who knows where that will lead...

DeColores 2015!

Mark Bewley

April Gathering

The Babe Chick Gathering will be held at St. Luke's UMC in Kilgore on Saturday, April 11. Please make plans now to attend, especially if you are a new 4th Dayer.

Sponsors, please help get those you sponsored at the Spring Walk there at 4pm for the sponsorship training. I've already heard several Pilgrims who went on Walks 72 and 73 say that they want to sponsor someone soon. The sponsorship training at this Gathering is vital for anyone who ever plans to sponsor someone on a Walk, so please attend it if you haven't done so in the past. Following the training session, we will eat at 5pm. This is a potluck

meal. New 4th Dayers do not need to bring any food.

Everyone else please bring a little extra. St. Luke's is furnishing the coffee and tea.

Worship will begin at 6pm. I hope to see all new 4th Dayers in Kilgore!

-Brett Walker



2015 Gathering Schedule

May 16th Longview FUMC 12 noon Potluck

June 13th Van FUMC 12noon Potluck

July 18th Gladewater FUMC 12noon Potluck

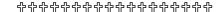
August 15th Ore City FUMC 12noon Bring Dessert only

September 12th Canton FUMC 12noon Potluck

October 3rd & 10th Camp Gilmont 7:00pm Candlelight

November 7th Lane's Chapel UMC 4pm Babe Chick 5pm Potluck 6pm Worship

December 5th Hallsville FUMC 11:00am Potluck Brunch



Working a Walk

Do you want to work a Walk? Please pray about it. Applications are being accepted now for the Fall Walks at Camp Gilmont. Positions are available in all areas. Applications are on the website, www.graceemmaus.com.

Sponsorship

Peace and greetings to all. This note may seem like one that would be published as we get closer to the next walks, and it may appear again, in some fashion, at a later date. The purpose of this article is to remind sponsors of some of the things to be aware of to give your pilgrim the best experience possible, and is prepared from notes made after the recent walks. As a sponsor you need to (MUST) include in your plans to be available for sponsor's hour. This occurs right after the pilgrims exit to participate in meeting their new best friend. The purpose of this short service is for EACH sponsor to pray over the cross that their pilgrim will receive on Sunday afternoon. When the pilgrims are told on Sunday that their cross was prayed over by their sponsor, were you there to pray? Likewise, time must be planned to attend Saturday night candlelight. This is the first time the pilgrims realize anything about community support and agape love. When pilgrims start seeing faces, you are conspicuous by your absence.

The next point pertains to agape letters. Three things here: (1) please make sure that each letter writer <u>signs</u> their letter, even if it is a typed signature...very agonizing to read a letter and not know who sent it; (2) ensure that the envelope for each letter indicates in the

upper right hand corner whether it is from a friend or family member; make sure that the envelope has both the <u>first and last names</u> of the pilgrim.

When you are delivering a pilgrim for their walk, the gates open and registration starts at 7:00p.m. If you have things you want or need to do at the camp and it is convenient to just bring your pilgrim with you because it will be "OKAY", please rethink the timing of your day. When pilgrims arrive at 5:45, 6:00, 6:15 preparations are still ongoing and the pilgrim could see or hear things that will impact the weekend, and it could be a negative impact. So, even if there is no one at the gate to prevent early entry, DO NOT ENTER under the assumption that the gate opened early. The 7:00 opening is a vital part of the structure of the entire weekend. Please do your part to help maintain the integrity of the entire weekend experience.

Finally, please ensure that your pilgrim doesn't bring ANY of the following: radios, clocks, cameras (help them avoid embarrassment of having to be told they can't take pictures), cell phones, and pagers. It's very important that they are free from any outside distractions to get the whole Walk to **Emmaus** experience.

Whether this was your first time as a sponsor or you have done it several times, I highly recommend you purchase the pamphlet "SPONSORSHIP" (\$5), prepared by the Upper Room Emmaus offices. Please use it to familiarize yourself with <u>all</u> of the facets of being a sponsor. Doing so can only serve to make the experience better for both you and your pilgrim.

-Jim Buchanan

Financial Support - Bank Draft

Hey, Fourth Day! Did you know that there is a small but consistent group of Fourth-Dayers who have an automatic draft offering set up for the continuation of financial support for our Walks? YOU can join that group with as little as \$5 being drafted monthly for the GRACE Community. These small monthly offerings go a great distance in covering the overages that accompany keeping our walk costs low for the pilgrims, as well as covering those costs of insurance and registrations and such that allow our community to stay legal and compliant.:) We are so grateful for whatever offerings you do make to the community whether financial, by time, or by talent... but if you feel led to join the group of auto-debit contributors, please see the form at the back of this newsletter, or email Robin Gillian at bobbilane@aol.com for more information or with your questions. De Colores!!

-Robin Gillian

Note from the LD of Women's Walk #73

This is THE DAY! This is THE DAY!
This is THE DAY that THE LORD has made!
That THE LORD has made!
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it
And be glad in it! This is THE DAY that
THE LORD has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it! This is THE DAY, this is THE DAY
that THE LORD has made!

Whenever this song comes to my heart and mind

I think of the beautiful faces of the Pilgrims as they are greeted or awoken on their Emmaus Sunday morning. The Team is glowing with the Spirit of the Lord, their voices blend and are filled with His joy the women who are receiving this blessing along with a single stem red rose are touched and wideeyed. How AWESOME is our God to allow us to know His presence and walk with Him along life's journey. Thank you GRACE Emmaus Community for allowing me the honor of serving as LD for Walk #73. It was both joy filled and humbling to lead such a wonderful team of servants to the Most High God. Team 73 Rocks!

Blessings, Babby Carroll Walk #73 Lay Director

agape love

- selfless
- sacrificial
- unconditional

Agape/Afterglow/Christ Meal

It was a special blessing to witness the love poured out upon the Pilgrims from members of the GRACE Emmaus Community through their offerings of table/bed agape, set up and serving at the Christ meals and attending candlelight. Many thanks for your acceptance of the call to minister to the Pilgrims of Walks 72 & 73.

Blessings, Babby Carroll

Agape Gifts

When is the best time to make agape gifts? Right now is a perfect time!

The Fall Walks will be here before we know it!

Check out Pinterest for ideas. Search "agape gifts" or "palanca." There are many 4th Dayers on Pinterest.



The Fruit of the Spirit in Action!

- Love never fails
- Joy cometh
- Peace rules
- Patience waits
- Kindness tenders
- Goodness does
- Faith fights
- Gentleness bows
- Self-control stops

Newsletter Articles

Don't forget that we welcome any news articles from the community. Please submit them by the first of each month for publication in the upcoming newsletter.

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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. DeColores

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