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Men's Walk # 66 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer September 19-22, 2013 Pat Thompson

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

The last few weeks I have been thinking about Heaven. It will be a wonderful place and I so can't wait to get there. However, I was faced with the realization that so many Christians are accused of. "Am I so Heavenly minded that I am of no earthly good?" Now that might be something to think about. Jesus gives us a specific command as to how we are to live our lives.

Luke 10:27

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

This is what we, as Christians, are to be doing while we are on this earth. As the Emmaus Community, the best way to do this is to sponsor, sponsor, and sponsor. We also need to be serving God and our neighbor on Walks. By participating in the Walk to Emmaus, we are also showing our love for our neighbor. I have never worked a Walk or attended a Closing on Sunday afternoon without hearing the majority of the Pilgrims say, "I have never felt so LOVED in my life!" If we love them then they leave to go and love others.

This was demonstrated at the Men's Walk held in March. Ken Braswell and his team worked very hard and God rewarded them with the "best Walk ever." Thank you to all that served on a team, provided agape, served at the Agape Dinner, attended Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing.

The Women's Walk will be held April 18-21, 2013 at Disciples' Crossing in Athens. Please be in prayer for JoAnne Skeen and the team, and the Pilgrims that have registered to attend. Candlelight will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Please make plans to attend and show your love.

Think about how you can serve God and your neighbor; not only in church but in your daily life. Do your co-workers know Christ? Your neighbors? Your family? Don't keep Heaven to yourself. Share it!!

Remember, "We shall all eat pie, in the sweet Bye & Bye; but there is steak on the plate while we wait!"

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Cindy Hooser

Community Lay Director

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GATHERING NEWS

April 20, 2013 Disciples Crossing – Candlelight 8:00 p.m. – Athens, Texas

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But they that wait upon the LORD...



...shall renew their strength

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HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR REUNION GROUP INFORMATION?

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE UPDATED LIST OF REUNION GROUPS. ☺

WALK # 65 - Lay Director

My name is Jo Anne Skeen. I took my walk at Camp Gilmont, Walk #39 and sat at the table of Rachel. Gene and I worship at Grace UMC.

I remember reciting that introduction on my walk as a pilgrim. Little did I know what an impact that intro would have on my life.

Walk 65 is about to begin (and will be the best walk ever!) It has been my honor and privilege to lead this walk. But I can't help but reflect on my walk and the changes I have been through. I was the pilgrim that was never going to work a walk or give a talk. The same thing many of you have said. But that was not what happened. I've worked walks, given talks, was a board member and even led a walk. So much for my plans!

The pilgrims of walks 64 & 65 may be thinking that the walk is over and so is the journey. I hope not. I hope you work walks, give talks, and share your story with others. I have been so blessed by the many friends I have made through Emmaus. And the growth I've seen in me and in others. Awesome!

I look forward to the next chapter in the Emmaus journey and to see who the next talk givers are, the next walk leaders, the next board members. I can't wait.

JoAnne



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WALK #64 HAS COME & GONE!

Yes, like so many good things that we love and enjoy, Walk #64 is gone, but no forgotten. As always the workers that came forward to help and join the team did an outstanding job. We had a little slow start with one table leader who got sick and had to go home. With the grace of GOD and a strong assistant table leader, that table moved on and never looked back.

There were twenty-six pilgrims on the walk, which is a blessing to have that large a number at the spring walk. We received a second blessing when all the pilgrims arrived Thursday evening. Four of the pilgrims were from foreign countries and going to college here. They were a very pleasant and enlightening group of young men. There is no doubt that all 26 new fourth dayers left Disciples Crossing with a heart full of love and walking a little closer to JESUS.

Thanks again to each and every one that was a part of #64. GOD loves you and I do too. Remember the table leader that got sick and had to leave? He is going strong now and will be working walk # 66 at Camp Gilmont this fall.

DE COLORES Ken Braswell Lay Director



KAIROS OUTSIDE Of EAST TEXAS

Sandee Perdue, Team Leader

Our next weekend will be May 3-5, 2013 – Go to our website if you would like to be on the team: www.michaelunit.org/koet.html

REUNION GROUPS – HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR MONEY????

GOAL – \$3000.00 Minimum is \$50.00 per reunion group each year.

Remember – you can ALWAYS donate/raise more than the minimum \$25.00 – twice yearly requested.

From Carol DeRieux - Treasurer

As you know, the cost of the camps has gone up this past year and is still going up. The board voted to keep the cost the same as long as we could and we are trying to come up with creative ways to make this happen. These groups have donated so far to assist with this year's walks: Van Sprit Seekers, For We Hop – Longview, Gladewater Reunion Group, Emmaus Doves – Troup, Koninis Reunion Group – Kilgore. If your group is missing, please let me know so that I can get you on my list!! I know that we have more Reunion groups than this out there! The Emmaus Board is challenging your reunion group to raise as much money as you can to help with the cost. Most of all, PRAY that we can keep the cost down as long as possible.

<u>Now</u> is the time to get applications in for the upcoming walks. Applications are on the website and can be printed off. Let's have FULL walks with 36 pilgrims on each one.

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

48 for prigrams

61 for team and pilgrims

** Bring agape to the walk on THURSDAY night

Remember taking time to make something is memorable but purchased items are fine too. Start getting "crafty" today!!

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.

BOOK DONATIONS FOR WALKS!!

Please remember that you can donate books for the walks for pilgrims to read.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING INFORMATION – APPLICATIONS

Check the website for information to print off.

The next sponsor training will be held at the gathering in May.

PRAYER CLOCK VIGILS POSTED

Women's Walk 65 – Athens http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVi gil.phtml?pvid=7716&commid=76 8

Walk #65 – Women's Team Members

JoAnne Skeen – Lay Director Cynthia Bellar – ALD/TK Babby Carroll – ALD/SE Lanett Moser – ALD/CR Allison Campbell – TL Carol DeReiux – TL Audry Gould – TL Debbie Hays – TL Kim Johnson – TL Mary Dale Skiles -TL Connie Barker – ATL Lorraine Haley – ATL Edwina Huddleston - ATL Kathy Kirkpatrick – ATL Lisa Palomaria – ATL Kathy Tolbert – ATL Jerri Lykins – Music Tammy Stafford – Music Karol Johnston – BR Pam Jackson – CD Jarratt Major - ASD Doug Smith - ASD Susan Smith – ASD Elnora Nunnally - ASD Robin Gillian - Outside Leader Jo Roberts - Chapel Betty Paschall - Chapel

Team selections for the fall walks will soon be underway. Remember you must fill out a new application for each walk you would like to be a part of. Walk 66 will be in Gilmer and led by Pat Thompson followed by Walk 67 led by Jana Russell.

The 2014 walks will be held in Athens on these dates: Men: March 13-16 Women: March 20-24

Gilmer Walks for 2014 will be held:

Men: October 2-5 Women: October 9-12

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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 Emmau DeColores	s community.			
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