

Grace For Today

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[Upcoming Gatherings](#)

[January 21, 2017](#)

Grace Palestine UMC
2130 Country club Rd

Covered Dish Noon
Worship 1:00

February 18th
Cowboy Church of Hallsville

Karol's Corner

G.R.A.C.E.

This will be my last submission as Community Lay Director for 2016. It has been my pleasure to work with great board members who, like me, want to improve our community and try new ideas. I have been greatly blessed as I serve others. Many who know me very well would never have expected to see me leading the community. I was the quiet one on my walk and could barely respond to the two questions at closing due to my fear of public speaking. The Lord does great things and I give him all the glory.

By the time, you receive this newsletter, Christmas activities – parties, shopping, wrapping and opening gifts, church festivities, singleness, loneliness for some – will have past. My hope is that you carry the spirit of Christmas with you daily in the things that you do and say. We are the hands and feet of Christ and kindness and giving should be done all year long --- not just for a few days, weeks, or month.

I will continue to see each of you at gatherings and I am excited to see what God has planned for us individually and as a community this year.

DeColores,
Karol Johnston
Community Lay Director

Food for Thought

One of the more popular Christmas gifts in 2016 was the Fitbit. It features a pulse beat reader, GPS, and alerts when someone is trying to reach you. One that is particularly useful is the “reminders to move.” What good is a Fitbit if one is not moving; if one is not striving for improvement; if one is not focused on doing what is important? When our bodies move, our health improves; our pulse gets better. We know where we are and where we are going. Similarly, what good is our faith if it is not moving? If it is not engaged in Christian Action? We do not need a healthy body to do good. However, when we do good our body (our church body) improves. Our neighborhoods improve. Our families improve. Action is needed for Changing Our World.

As you read these words you might remember that your world changed when your sponsor dropped you off at an Emmaus Walk and said “see you in three days.” Your world started changing even before that first day. People were already praying for you. That is Christian Action. God welcomed you into the arms of His Sanctifying Grace. Do you remember all the agape you received? Someone worked in the background to facilitate that love. Once again friends let’s hear the calling to support our pilgrims at the upcoming Emmaus Walks. Listen to your Fitbit - it is reminding

you to move. It is called the Holy Spirit. What little bit or lot can you do to help? Ways? You could: fill out an online application to help; you could sign up for a 30-minute slot to pray; you can come to the next gathering and learn more about the opportunities to help. Until then, stay fit, check your spiritual pulse, check your heart, and move.
Submitted by Sam Palomaria

The Good Samaritan

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell....” (Lk 10:36)

A little over a week ago, I was out running on the Cargill – Long trail in Longview. I like to run on this trail because it is asphalt and easier on my feet and knees.

Unfortunately, that means that there are a lot of cracks and holes in it. Many of my well-meaning friends have advised me not to run by myself because this trail is the major corridor between Hwy 80 and the loop so there is always homeless people walking on it. I just smile and tell them that I always have my phone and only run when there are others on the trail. On that day, I was about 2 ½ miles from my car when I saw a homeless couple walking towards me with their two dogs. I moved over to the side to let them pass, hit an edge and fell flat on my face. These people helped me up and the women dug through her back pack to

find some wet wipes, she gave from her little to make sure that I could keep going. Later a young couple picked me up and took me to my car. Through this I was reminded that there are good people everywhere, and that we should not judge, God’s angels come in all kind of disguise.

DeColores,
Lisa Palomaria

Dear G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community,
Thank you for electing me to our community’s board of directors. I am humbled by your confidence and grateful for the opportunity to give back.

As I was contemplating the upcoming new year and new responsibilities, I was reminded of Proverbs 3:5,6 “Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go. He’s the one who will keep you in touch.” What powerful words for new beginnings?

DeColores:
Wynn Harle

AGAPE is the love that is being "the hands & feet of Christ".

Please mark your calendars for the following dates to Praise God through

your service once again for G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Walks #80 & #81. Men's Agape Dinner is Saturday, March 4th, 2017; Women's Agape Dinner is Saturday, March 11th, 2017.

We are blessing the Pilgrims with our gifts of love & service. However, we all know that we receive so much more.

DeColores,

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From the community prayer vigil coordinator: Talia Epps

I love Emmaus. I love working on walks. I love the feeling in the room when everyone says the prayer to the Holy Spirit together. I love the people and personalities in community. It’s a blessing to be a small part of GRACEmmaus.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to pray on the community prayer vigils the last 2 years. It’s been an honor to serve and pray with you all.

Upcoming Walks

**Men’s walk #80
March 2-5, 2017
Women’s walk #81
March 9-12, 2017
Disciple’s Crossing
Athens
Turn in pilgrim applications now, and Pray, Pray, Pray.**

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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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