

Grace For Today

July, 2008
Volume 8, Issue 5

G.R.A.C.E. Website
www.gracemmaus.org

Inside this Issue

1 LAY DIRECTOR NOTES,
LETTER FROM THE SPIRITUAL
DIRECTOR

2 AGAPE NEWS, BOARD NOTES,
REUNION GROUP NEWS,
CHRYSALIS NEWS

3 DEVOTION BY RAY,
GATHERING SCHEDULE,
GRACE BOARD LISTING AND
CONTACT INFO

REMEMBER
CHRYSALIS
CANDLELIGHT
FRIDAY,
JULY 25th

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH,
ATHENS, TX 7pm
NO SEPARATE EMMAUS
GATHERING IN JULY
YALL COME!!

DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON
THE GRACEMMAUS.ORG WEBSITE
LISTED ABOVE!!

G.R.A.C.E. REGISTRAR
P.O. Box 132212
Tyler TX.
75713-2212

DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

What a pleasure it is to be a part of this community. At the gathering in Jacksonville it was great to see so many smiling faces. The music was awesome and food was good. One of the things that I was so excited about is the Christian Action that our Community members are involved in. We have members of our community that work with teams for the Walks to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Epiphany and Kairos.

If you haven't heard – we are getting ready to have our very first Chrysalis Flight this summer. Mark your calendars for July 24th, 25th and 26th in Athens, Texas at the FUMC on Lovers Lane. The caterpillars (aka pilgrims) are to be at the church for registration at 8 a.m. on Thursday Morning. Chrysalis is set up a lot like a walk but there are differences. We have banquet and we give the participants agape letters; Candlelight will be on Friday Night and Closing will be on Saturday afternoon.

There are 15 talks with 5 being by Clergy, 5 given by Adults and 5 given by Youth. Instead of the 4th day talk we call it Next Steps and it is a youth talk. Two of the Adult talks are based on the topics of Single Life and Married Life. The Marriage talk is given by a couple; the talk is written together and presented together to the youth. After each of these talks there is a question and answer time for the youth to discuss any questions or concerns they may have that was not covered in the talk.

We will have places for 36 youth from the ages of 15 (completed the 9th grade) up to college age. There is a maximum of 6 caterpillars from one church. The youth will be placed in groups based on either high school or college age. Please get those applications for caterpillars to attend the weekend filled out and turned in ASAP.

In order to try and keep the cost down we are charging the base fee of \$50. We will have reunion groups cook breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you are interested in providing a meal for the weekend please contact Susan Stallings @ 903-534-2915 as she is the Kitchen Coordinator on this Chrysalis Flight. The girls will also need

an air mattress, cot, or some type of bedding because we will be on the gym floor to sleep at night.

Leah Huffstetter is our Chrysalis Steering Committee Chairman and will serve as the Lay Director for the weekend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact her @ 903-360-1017. We will need AGAPE for the girls' bed, tables and dinner room. We will need snacks and drinks – soda and water for break times and we can always use Green Agape – if you want to give something but don't have time to cook or bring goodies.

This is such an awesome time for our community as we start a new journey together to bring our youth closer to Christ.

DeColores and Fly with Christ,
Teresa Elliott
Community Lay Director

From the Spiritual Directors Desk

Honesty is the best policy. Right? Well, ok, then if we are being honest, maybe our true prayer is more like:

General Confession

Benevolent and easy-going Father; we have occasionally been guilty of errors of judgment. We have lived under the deprivations of heredity and the disadvantages of environment. We have sometimes failed to act in accordance with common sense. We have done the best we could in the circumstances; And have been careful not to ignore the common standards of decency; And we are glad to think that we are fairly normal. Do thou, O Lord, deal light with our infrequent lapses. Be thy own sweet Self with those who admit they are not perfect; According to the unlimited tolerance which we have a right to expect from thee. And grant as an indulgent Parent that we may hereafter continue to live a harmless and happy life and keep our self-respect.

Altered from the Book of Common Prayer

By David Head

Please pray for our Lord to rekindle our hearts to be in love with our First Love. Isn't that what Emmaus is all about?

DeColores!

LOVE ALWAYS WINS.
TOM HAYGOOD
903.570.9306

