

Grace for Today

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community Newsletter October 2026

Coming Events

Babe Chick Training- Saturday Oct. 17th 2026 Marvin Methodist, Tyler Tx. Potluck at 11am Gathering at 12pm.

Gathering- Saturday November 14th 2026 Henry's Chapel, Tyler Tx. Potluck at 11am Gathering at 12pm.

Gathering- Saturday December 12th 2026 Pleasant Retreat, Tyler Tx. Potluck at 11am Gathering at 12pm.



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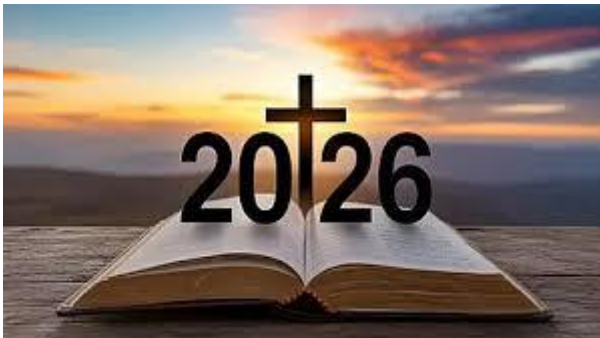
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Babe Chicks

Welcome to the GRACE EMMAUS Fourth Day!!! We want to welcome all of the pilgrims from the men's Emmaus Walk 114 and the women's Emmaus Walk 115 to the GRACE Emmaus Community and the world-wide program of Emmaus.

As you might recall, there were other Emmaus Walks identical to your experience taking place all over the world this weekend. I would remind you of the letter book where you received the love and blessings from Emmaus communities from around the world reminding you of the love of Jesus, not just in this community, but in school children's classrooms and from our brothers-in-white in prisons around the country who have had the same weekend experience in the Kairos program.

What a privilege it has been to serve you this weekend and share the love of Jesus as you've prayed and worshipped, sang like no one was listening, met new friends who you'll remember for the rest of your life and shared your life with us for this 72 hours. My Walk to Emmaus began 31 years ago in September 1995 in a quaint two-story building in southeast Houston surrounded by a twelve-foot-high chain link fence with barbed wire on the top. I was dropped off Thursday evening and wondered what in the world did I get myself into, but at the end of the weekend, I was so full of the love of Jesus, there was no other place I would rather have been than the Cursillo Center in southeast Houston. And it has continued now for 31 years because the closest thing to the walk itself is to serve others and give back a piece of my heart to the many, I've met along the way.

You can be involved with Emmaus through your church, reunion groups, monthly gatherings, candlelight's and team service for those who you may sponsor and mentor in the future.

This fourth day journey begins soon after your weekend is complete. Your sponsors have agreed to introduce you to a reunion group and to bring you to the first gathering, which will be at Marvin Methodist Church in Tyler on October 17th, beginning at 11:00 AM where we will discuss the Emmaus activities and traditions and share "everything you need to know" about the Emmaus program. This meeting will be followed by a pot-luck lunch, but, as luck would have it, you are our guests and your food will be provided by the community. Once stuffed to the gills, we will share in a service with scripture, song and communion in the chapel.

I look forward to seeing all of you at this training that we call babe-chick training, a reference to our favorite rooster song, DeColores! Safe travels to and from all Emmaus activities. Remember, keep your eyes upon Jesus and look full into His wonderful face.

DeColores,

Rich Smith, Babe-Chick Coordinator

The Place of Exaltation

...Jesus took...them up on a high mountain apart by themselves... MARK 9:2

We have all experienced times of exaltation on the mountain, when we have seen things from God's perspective and have wanted to stay there. But God will never allow us to stay there. The true test of our spiritual life is in exhibiting the power to descend from the mountain. If we only have the power to go up, something is wrong.

It is a wonderful thing to be on the mountain with God, but a person only gets there so that he may later go down and lift up the demon-possessed people in the valley (see Mark 9:14-18). We are not made for the mountains, for sunrises, or for the other beautiful attractions in life—those are simply intended to be moments of inspiration. We are made for the valley and the ordinary things of life, and that is where we have to prove our stamina and strength. Yet our spiritual selfishness always wants repeated moments on the mountain. We feel that we could talk and live like perfect angels, if we could only stay on the mountaintop. Those times of exaltation are exceptional, and they have their meaning in our life with God, but we must beware to prevent our spiritual selfishness from wanting to make them the only time.

We are inclined to think that everything that happens is to be turned into useful teaching. In actual fact, it is to be turned into something even better than teaching, namely, character. The mountaintop is not meant to teach us anything, it is meant to make us something. There is a terrible trap in always asking, "What's the use of this experience?" We can never measure spiritual matters in that way. The moments on the mountaintop are rare moments, and they are meant for something in God's purpose.

Excerpt from *My Utmost For His Highest* (October 1) by Oswald Chambers



Welcome, Walk 115 Fourth Dayers!

What an incredible weekend! As Board Rep for Walk 115, I had the joy of watching God work in beautiful ways through our pilgrims, team, clergy, and servants. From beginning to end, His presence was so evident, and I think I can safely say it was the best walk ever!

To our newest Fourth Dayers, welcome to the GRACE Emmaus family. Your Walk may have ended, but your Fourth Day is just beginning. Stay connected, find a reunion group, come to Gatherings, and look for ways to serve. The friendships, encouragement, and spiritual growth you experienced this weekend can continue for many years to come.

Walk 115 will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am so grateful I had the privilege of serving as your Board Rep.

Welcome home, Fourth Dayers!

De Colores!

Charlene Burton- Registrar



But Will He?

This statement tests the depth and strength, the muscle, if you will, of your faith.

There's a secret Jesus revealed, one that unlocks the resources of heaven. It's simple, yet powerful: "According to your faith, let it be done." Matthew 9:29

You might hear people say, "Well, maybe it's not God's will," when they don't see a breakthrough. But Jesus didn't say, "According to My will." He said, "According to your faith." That's not to diminish God's sovereignty. He is sovereign. God has chosen faith as the pathway to receive His promises.

So, pause and ask yourself: Do you believe He is able? Can He heal?

Can He restore? Can He provide? Can He save the loved one you've been praying for? The answer is a resounding YES! We must settle this in our heart. God is able! The Bible says, "He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6) He rewards faith. He responds to those who believe He is who He says He is. But there's a second question we must answer in our heart: Do you believe He is willing? Me and my sisters were having a great discussion about our faith and how we believe there is nothing God can't do, how He's worked in our lives over the years. My youngest sister made the comment, "I've never doubted God can. I've doubted that He will." Isn't that the truth? God can do anything with a Word!

But will He? After some discussion and meditating on this topic, the Holy Spirit faithfully delivers answers ..." Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 My sister said, "This hit me as the answer to, I know God can, but will He? The definition of faith includes ASSURANCE OF THINGS ASKED FOR. I've only paid attention to the second part of the definition- the conviction of things not seen. When we are walking in His will, we can be assured that He will provide what we ask for - because we will ask for things that are in His will."

So, if Jesus said, "I will," then we can be confident today that God is both able and willing. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

Yesterday, He created humanity. Today, He still heals, restores, and saves. And one day, He will give you a glorified body and eternal life with no more suffering. So, don't wonder about the goodness of God. Stand on His Word.

When the enemy tries to steal your peace, health, family, or purpose, stand firm in faith. Remember what Jesus said: "The Thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Your Father is able.

He is willing.

And He is for you!

Liz Webb-Grace walk 87

Grace Received, Grace Shared

To our newest Fourth Day members: welcome to the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus_Community!

During your Walk, you experienced countless expressions of love—meals prepared, prayers offered, notes written, songs shared, and many quiet acts of service. Much of that love came from people you may never meet. They gave their time, talents, prayers, and resources simply because they wanted you to experience God's grace.

That spirit of freely receiving and freely sharing is at the heart of Emmaus.

The Walk to Emmaus is intended to strengthen the local church by developing Christian disciples and leaders. Your first stewardship responsibility therefore remains with your home church. G.R.A.C.E. is not a replacement for your congregation; it is a community that encourages and equips you to return home ready to pray, serve, lead, and love more faithfully.

As you begin your Fourth Day, you will discover many ways to share what you have received. You can join a Reunion Group, attend Gatherings, pray during a 72-hour Prayer Vigil, prepare Agape, sponsor a future Pilgrim, serve behind the scenes, or apply to work on a Walk team. Every one of these gifts helps sustain this community.

Financial giving is another way—though never the only way—to participate. Gifts to G.R.A.C.E. help provide:

- Walk weekends, including meals, materials, facilities, and other expenses;
- Agape ministry and the many acts of love surrounding each Walk;
- assistance for Pilgrims who might otherwise be unable to attend; and
- Gatherings and other ministries that support our Fourth Day community throughout the year.

If and when you feel led to give, you may visit www.graceemmaus.com and select Donate. Our secure online giving page allows you to make either a one-time gift or a recurring gift through Tithe.ly. You may also scan the giving QR code shown on that page with your phone's camera.

If you are paying a Walk fee for a particular Pilgrim or team member, please include that person's full name in the memo or note field. Without a name, the payment will be placed in the community's general operating fund.

"Not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

— 2 Corinthians 9:7

Please never feel that you must give a certain amount—or that your place in this community depends upon a financial contribution. Scripture reminds us that giving should come from the heart.

Some can give financially. Some can give hours of service. Some can make Agape, prepare food, offer music, or spend an hour in prayer. Most of us will do several of these things in different seasons of life. God uses every gift offered faithfully.

Your Walk weekend may be over, but your Fourth Day has just begun. May the grace you received continue to bless your church, your family, your community, and—in whatever ways God calls you—the future Pilgrims who will walk this road after you.

Blake Burton- Treasurer

Election of New G.R.A.C.E Emmaus Board Members

Hello Fellow Fourth Day'ers! Summer is almost over, and the promise of cooler weather is upon us, thankfully! May this Autumn be a blessing to us all. The time is also upon us to consider G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus board member positions. Our Board of Directors consists of 15 lay members, who serve 3-year terms, with 5 members rotating off the Board every year. The five positions to be filled are very valuable for our future leadership, and there is a lot of work to be done.

The candidates up for election have provided a brief personal profile (see below) for us to better get to know them. We are tasked with administering wholeheartedly to this ministry and this responsibility is not taken lightly. We continually, without fail, see God work in the lives of His people in so many ways through the Walk to Emmaus. Therefore, your vote is important to this process.

Community members will have multiple opportunities to vote once: at either of the Walk's Candlelight gatherings, at the Grand Ultras Gathering on Oct 17, or by using the mail-in ballot below. We will total the votes during the October 17th gathering.

His kingdom come, His will be done!

Paul Breedlove

Assistant Community Lay Director

Clip this ballot out and mail it in!

Ballot for election of the GRACE Emmaus Community Board Members for the 2027-2029 term	
Please circle your 5 choices clearly.	Tori Beekman
If you are unable to attend one of the Gatherings, mail this ballot to:	Bill Clem
Mail to:	Gary Dievendorf
GRACE Emaus Community	
c/o Paul Breedlove	Kathy Pruitt
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Tyler, Texas 75701	Liz Webb
It must be received on or before Oct 16.	Caleb White

2026 GRACE Emmaus Board Candidates

Tori Beekman

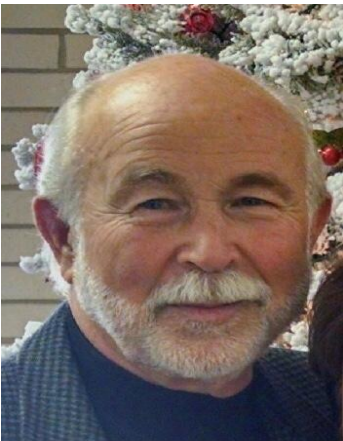


Hi my name is Tori Beekman. I attended Grace Emmaus walk 107 at Camp Gilmont. I sat at the table of Esther. My husband and I worship and serve at New Hope Baptist Church in Ore City.

I have been blessed to serve on every Walk since attending my Walk. I have served on the chapel team as well as the chapel lead. I have also served in the conference room as an assistant table lead and table lead. I look forward to serving on the outside team next.

I know how attending the Walk changed my life and have seen it in others. I am fully committed to the principles and purpose of Walk to Emmaus movement and would appreciate the opportunity to serve on our Community's Board of Directors. -Tori

Bill Clem



My name is Bill Clem. I went on my Emmaus Walk on October 13, 1991, Walk #23, Central Texas Community, Granbury, Texas and I sat at the table of St Matthew. My wife, Rhydonia Clem and I serve and worship at Henry's Chapel Methodist Church, Troup, Texas. I serve the church as a Lay Leader, Conference Delegate, Board Member, and I am a CLM (Certified Lay Minister). As an Emmaus member for the last 35 years, and 20 of those years, and 20 of those years as a member of the GRACE Emmaus Community. I have had the opportunity to work and serve on several teams, both inside and outside. This fall's Walk #114, I am working as an Assistant Table Leader. As an Emmaus Board Member Candidate, I would be honored to serve on the GRACE Board and I thank you for this opportunity. DeColores, Bill Clem

Gary Dievendorf



Greetings, my name is Gary Dievendorf and I went on G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus walk number 106 at camp Gilmont, in Gilmer Texas. I sat at the table of Matthew and my wife, and I worship at the Global Methodist Church in New Summerfield Texas. I was blessed to serve as an Assistant Table Leader on walks 108 and 112 at Disciples Crossing in Athens Texas. I am currently blessed to serve as the table leader for walk 114 and Camp Gilmont at the end of September.

God's blessings to be involved with G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus has been overwhelming for me, and I wish to seek more of it. My prayer is I can be a blessing to others as the G.R.A.C.E. family has been to me and glorify God in my feeble way. I would love to serve this family of believers in any way possible. Thank you for your consideration. - Gary

Kathy Pruitt



I am Kathy Pruitt. I have been involved in the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus community for several years. My walk was G.R.A.C.E. Walk 41 at Disciples Crossing in 2007, I sat at the table of Ruth. I worship and serve at St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church in Mineola. Holy Ghost Headquarters of East Texas.

I have worked numerous walks over the years. I am working the walk coming up this fall 115. I was the Lay Director for Walk 109 at Disciples Crossing. I believe that God is calling me to get more involved in the Emmaus community. I enjoy studying God's Word, encouraging those around me, and finding ways to make a positive difference both in church and my community. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve on the Grace Emmaus Board and looking forward to supporting the ministry as it encourages others to deepen their relationship with Christ and live out their faith in everyday life.

DeColores
Kathy Pruitt

Liz Webb



My name is Liz Webb. I attended GRACE Walk #87 in 2018. I served Emmaus faithfully since that time and last served as GRACE Walk 107 Lay Director. Emmaus changed my life and was a renewal in my relationship with the Lord. 1 Peter 4:10 tell us that we have, "...each received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the grace of God." I have a passion for what God can do in others through Emmaus. I have been blessed to witness God working on each Walk I have served. I would be honored and tremendously blessed to serve on the GRACE Board of Directors and use the gifts God has bestowed upon me for the benefit of the GRACE Community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Liz Webb

Caleb White



My name is Caleb White, I went on walk 104 at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX and sat at the table of Peter. I did not know what I was getting into, I just trusted my mentor to say yes, and I am so thankful that I did! What a beautiful community of believers, what an honor to serve and worship with you guys, it feels like a slice of Heaven each time. Through Emmaus Jesus has brought healing in my life and I've seen the same in the other pilgrims as I've served as ATL three times (I think) and TL at the last walk. I'd be honored to serve on the board. - Caleb White

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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 bring. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both Pilgrims and team members, or to the general fund of our community? We will happily accept donations of any amount and apply them to helping more Pilgrims strengthen their relationship with Christ!

There are multiple ways you can give:

1. You can give online via **our website** by visiting <https://www.graceemmaus.com/pages/donate> and using the giving form there:



2. You can give via direct ACH out of your bank account or mail us a check. To send in a check, or to begin a monthly ACH, either send the check or the information below to:

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community, PO Box 132212, Tyler TX 75713 -----

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