

Grace for Today

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

Coming Events

Saturday, July 18th, Gathering at Winona Methodist Church, Potluck lunch at noon, Service immediately after.

Saturday, Aug. 15th, Gathering at First Methodist Church, Athens Tx. Potluck at noon, service immediately after.

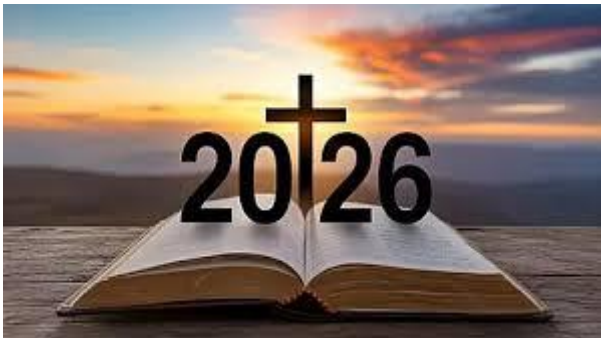
Men's walk #114- September 24-27th 2026
Camp Gimont, Glimer Tx. Drop off at 7:00 pm.

Women's walk #115- October 1-4th 2026
Camp Gimont, Glimer Tx. Drop off at 7:00 pm.



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Find More on the G.R.A.C.E. Website:

www.GRACEEmmaus.com

Pilgrim's application

<https://www.graceemmaus.com/pages/applications/pilgrim-application>

Team Application

<https://www.graceemmaus.com/pages/applications/team-application>

Community Lay Director's Corner

Dear Emmaus Family,

I hope your celebrations for Independence Day went well! We had a nice day with our neighbors and fellowshiped a potluck lunch. While you are enjoying the air conditioning and watching movies this summer, please don't forget to get started on your agape for the Fall walks. We begin training for the teams in August. We are so grateful to the many of you who have volunteered to serve on these walks.

Blake Burton, our treasurer, has an article in the newsletter this month outlining our financial position for the upcoming walks. Our Emmaus Community is alive and doing well, but we are still in need of some financial support. We have tried to keep our weekend prices low so that the expense of attending is not too great. Please, prayerfully consider this request. We are considering adding a Chrysalis ministry to our community which would allow us to open the door for high schoolers in 10-12 grade to participate in this ministry. We are always in need of disposable supplies for the walks. If you would like to donate, please bring the supplies to the walk or reach out to a board member. WE, as a community want to continue to grow, so that we can continue to bring others to Christ and build the communities around us. When you participated in your walk, you knew it was an experience you wouldn't forget. Let's make sure that the same experience is still available for years to come for the many pilgrims God brings us!

See you at the July gathering, Saturday July 18, Winona Methodist church, potluck at lunch followed by worship.

God bless you all,

Debbie Hays- Community Lay Director

A Mid-Year Prayer

Now that we are approaching the halfway point of this year, 2026, we want to thank you, God, for all the blessings we have enjoyed. We also thank you for the challenges and difficulties we have faced, for we have navigated them by your hand.

Grant that, in the remaining half of the year, we may make the most of our time to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves and our communities. Guide us to fulfill your will. May we bear witness to your love among those with whom we interact.

We ask you to strengthen the Emmaus Ministries around the world. Bless each of our Communities, their members, their Boards, the Regional Leaders, the Communicators, the Community Trainers, and the staff working with the International Office.

From this moment on, we pray for every pilgrim and every butterfly who will participate in the Emmaus Walks, Face-to-Face encounters, and Flights. We also intercede for every team that will serve at the various events taking place during these months.

May your grace be sufficient for us, today and always. Amen.

-Jim Buchanan

Wanted!

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Board Members

Is His “still small voice” answering your prayer about how you can serve with kingdom work? And has His voice told you that leadership in G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus is one of His ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus?

Maybe this is a call for kingdom work because this well-oiled machine called “The Walk to Emmaus” has a great Holy Spirit led system of operation. In this system there is a Board of Directors that keep the “wheels greased”. There are fifteen members serving three-year terms. Every year five members rotate off and are replaced by Fourth Day’ers elected from within the G.R.A.C.E. Community.

If His call has touched your heart to help stir the hearts of the believers and this call has a special ring to it, please contact me. I’ll be more than happy to explain the process to you. The “grease gun” is provided, so a willing heart for service is the main prerequisite.

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Music

I love to worship God through music. I have some of my best praise and worship time in my car. I have to be careful not to close my eyes and raise my hands while I'm driving! When I'm alone, I can sing loudly and praise God boldly, without worrying about what those around me think. I know I should do that wherever I am, but the worldly side of me lets those human thoughts creep in. While I love to sing, I was not blessed with a voice that others necessarily want to hear. I am joining our church choir for a special patriotic concert later this month. In the many practices we have had, I'm reminded how much fun singing can be. When I join with the body of Christ, even my voice sounds better. Together we make a joyful noise to the Lord. When we come together to sing loudly and praise God boldly, heaven joins in and joy spreads. I have seen and heard this joy many times at our Emmaus gatherings. If you do not attend the gatherings, you are missing out. I always feel a closeness to God when we come together, and I leave filled with His spirit. I look forward to this every month.

"Oh, Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art"

Sandra Gracsh- Exoficio Lay Director

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Treasures Report

Just thought I'd put this out there, based on the discussion tonight, if you haven't had an opportunity to look at this last newsletter yet.

Just food for thought for you all to pray over.

I put an article in the newsletter talking about the walk expenses and asking the community for funding. In the article I mention what we brought in from the team members and pilgrims and how much the camp cost us for both weekends this past Spring.

The remaining 35% — **nearly \$13,000** — was always intended to come from community giving. That is the model we believe in: the body of Christ supporting one another so that no door is closed to a pilgrim God is calling.

SPRING WALKS 2026 — FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT (THROUGH APRIL 30)	
Total Spring Walk Costs (Walks 112 & 113 + G&A)	\$35,948
Covered by Registration Fees	\$23,410
Covered by Community Donations (so far)	\$6,056
Total Funded	\$29,466
Remaining Gap	\$6,482

Total costs for both Spring walks = \$35,948

Registration (Pilgrims and Team) = \$23,410

Remaining = \$12,538

So, as a community, we need to raise \$12-\$13K just for the Spring walks.

The books were done a little differently last year so I'm not 100% on this, but I feel like I can get pretty close to what the fall walks collectively cost last year:

Total cost for both fall walks last year = \$32,623.60

Totals paid by pilgrims and team = \$27,797.00

Remaining = \$4,826.60

So, as a community, we need to raise about half for the fall walks than it looks like we do for the spring walks. The fall walks are higher attended, historically, so that's a big reason for that. It allows us to split the cost of renting the camp among more people.

If you're talking about cost per person ...

According to attendee data I have on me right now from those walks (which may not be 100% accurate, but it should be close)

There were 68 people on the men's walk this past Spring and about 70 on the women's, so 138 people total...ish.

Total cost for the walk = \$35,948 (same number I used above)

Divided by 138 people

= \$260.49 per person

Same theory on the last fall walk ...

There looks like there were approx. 72 people on the men's walk last year and 78 on the women's = 150 total people

Total cost for both fall walks last year = \$32,623.60 (same number I used above)

Divided by 150 people

= \$217.49 per person

Blake Burton- Community Treasure

SUPPORT THE G.R.A.C.E. EMMAUS COMMUNITY!

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:

A screenshot of a web form for the Greater Rose Area Community of Emmaus. At the top, it says "Greater Rose Area Community of Emmaus". Below that is a large display showing "\$ 0.00". Underneath is a dropdown menu currently set to "Fund: General Fund" with a downward arrow. Below the dropdown is a link that says "+ Add Another Gift". At the bottom, there are five buttons for donation frequency: "One Time" (highlighted in dark grey), "Weekly", "Bi-weekly", "1st & 15th", and "Monthly".

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 -----

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Email

address: _____

Bank Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Account #:

_____ Routing #:

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