

Grace for Today

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community Newsletter July 2025

Coming Events

Saturday, July 19, Gathering Winona Methodist Church - Potluck at Noon, Worship immediately after.

Saturday, August 23, Gathering – Marvin Methodist Church, Tyler - Potluck at Noon, Worship immediately after.

Fall Walks – Camp Gilmont, Gilmer

Men's Walk #110, Sept 25 – 28

--Saturday, Sept 27, gate opens at 7:30pm, Gathering at 8pm & Candlelight at 9pm

Women's Walk #111, Oct 2 – 5

--Saturday, Oct 4, gate opens at 7:30pm, Gathering at 8pm & Candlelight at 9pm

PRAY ABOUT SPONSORING A PILGRIM AND GET THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED!

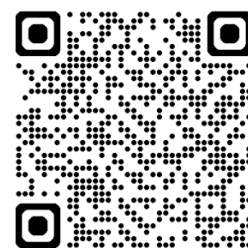


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www.GRACEEmmaus.com



Community Lay Director's Corner

Independence Day is a time to celebrate our freedom. We celebrate freedom as a country, but we also celebrate small moments of freedom throughout our lives: learning to walk, driving a car, moving out on our own.

We're taught that independence is something to be proud of. But when it comes to our relationship with God, it's a little different. God doesn't want us to be independent from Him. He wants us to depend on Him - completely. He wants us to trust Him with everything—our plans, our worries, our dreams, and our future.

Jesus said, "Apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Real freedom isn't about doing life on our own. It's about knowing we don't have to. When we depend on God, we find peace, strength, and direction. That's true freedom.

Prayer:

God, thank You for the freedom we have in our country—and even more, thank You for the freedom we have in You. Help us not to try to do life all on our own but teach us to depend on You. Amen.

Sandra Grasch
Community Lay Director



Fall Walks Are Soon and You Can Help

- **Pray, Pray, Pray for our Fall Walks!**

Camp Gilmont, Gilmer

Men's Walk #110, Sept 25 - 28

Women's Walk #111, Oct 2 - 5

- **Sponsor a Pilgrim!** Do you know someone you would like to share this amazing experience with? Prayerfully consider asking them to attend a walk. Pilgrim information is found on our website www.GRACEmmaus.com -> Applications tab -> Pilgrim Application.

- **Start making agape gifts for men and women!** Recommended number of identical pieces of agape for each Walk (you can add the name of your Reunion Group and city to the Agape, but please do not put the name of your church):

- Agape for Everyone – 72
- Dining Room Agape – 64
- Bed Agape – 36

Feel free to make as many sets as you would like! It's not too early to start! We will also need lanyards for nametags and crosses, and decorated place mats.

Contact Nancy Edwards (ne52055@aol.com) for more information.

- **Do you have a Golf Cart or Mule we could borrow for one or both Walks?**

Contact one of the Walk Lay Directors, CJ Cox (charlescox98@gmail.com) or Pam McAdams (sp1792@yahoo.com) if you can help.

A person's most beautiful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others.

- **Consider being a server for the Agape Dinner on Saturday evening of each Walk.** Women will serve for the Men's Walk on Saturday evening. Men will serve for the Women's Walk on Saturday evening. Arrive at the camp at 4pm. All you need are black pants, a white shirt, and a willing heart! Contact Nancy Edwards (ne52055@aol.com) for more information.
- **Can you help with snacks and drinks for both Walks?** We can use all types of drinks from bottled water to cans and bottles of soft drinks and tea. Cases of bottled water are greatly appreciated! We also need plenty of snack food, and individually wrapped goodies are best.

Men's Walk #110



The preparations for Men's walk 110 are underway, and I am confident that God has already started working inside the details!

I have enjoyed starting this journey, and I am very grateful to be serving in this capacity. As I focus on all the details, I am reminded that God is in control, and that when He's involved, it will be perfect, "The Best Walk Ever".

Our Emmaus Community has embraced this Walk, and our cup overfloweth with team members, for which I am so very grateful. I look forward to serving the team members and worshipping with you at the three team training sessions. The first training session is just around the corner on August 2nd at First Methodist Church in Athens.

May God bless each of you in the time prior to the Walk. My prayer is that He strengthens our soul and prepares each of us to be a mighty warrior for His kingdom. Please continue to pray for the souls that He is praying and personally inviting to take this exciting journey with Christ that we call "The Walk to Emmaus".

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CJ Cox
Walk #110 Lay Director

God Is In All the Details of Walk #111

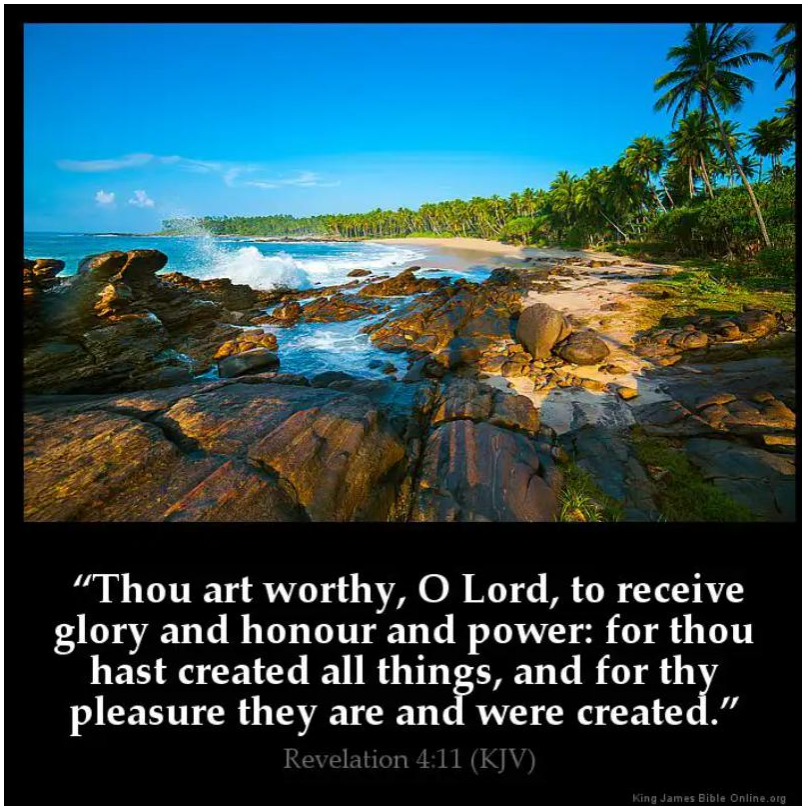
A few months ago, I was in the car with my great granddaughter, and in the course of our conversation, I told her I wanted her help finding a Bible verse for the Walk. Her eyes lit up and she said, "Oh GG, I have the perfect one. I just learned it at Awana's. It is Rev 4:11...

*"Worthy are you Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things and by your will they existed and were created."*

I was blown away that this child knew this verse just when I needed one, but when she finished saying it, I noticed I was wearing my t-shirt that said "WORTHY." I looked at Maya and said, "That's it!! And "WORTHY" is the word for the Walk #111!" She was so proud, and I was once again in awe of how God works and is involved in all the details.

Since that day, plans have all fallen into place. My theme is ocean because that is always where I feel closest to God. He has put together a fantastic team who are all excited and ready to put together the "Best Walk Ever"!!

Thank you all for your support and prayers for Walk #111
Pam McAdams, Walk Lay Director



The Emmaus 3-Legged Stool: A Foundation for Christian Discipleship

In Emmaus, we are encouraged to cultivate a balanced Christian Walk through a powerful metaphor: the three-legged stool, representing Piety, Study, and Action.

1. Piety: Life of Devotion

The first leg emphasizes nurturing our personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, Scripture reading, and participation in fellowship. This spiritual intimacy forms the heart of Christian life.

2. Study: Engaging the Mind

Balanced devotion demands thoughtful reflection. The study leg involves diving deeper into Scripture and theology, renewing our minds as described in Romans 12:2. It transforms belief into informed conviction.

3. Action: Living It Out

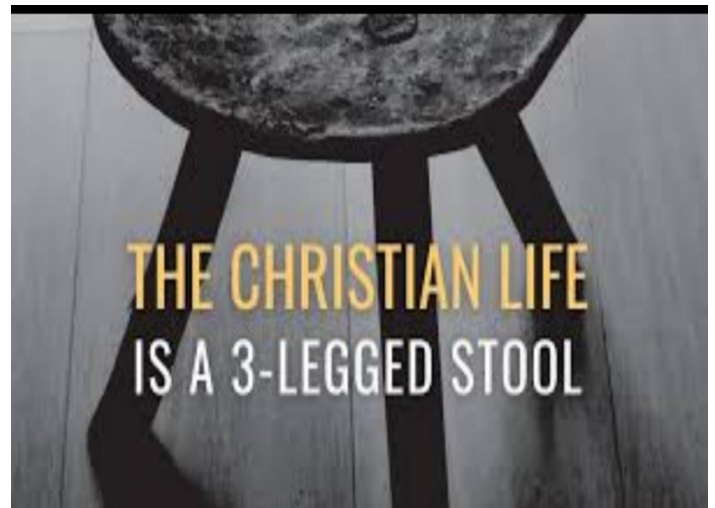
The final leg calls us to serve and share our faith. Emmaus encourages us to engage others through church leadership, community outreach, or everyday kindness so that our faith spills outward and touches lives.

Together, these three components form a sturdy stool... each leg essential. Skip one, and our life of discipleship becomes unbalanced. But when Piety, Study, and Action are woven together, we stand firm in faith, well-rounded in understanding, and active in love.

Remember the three legs of the stool. It's a simple, memorable guide to living out what Christ calls us to be: devoted, thoughtful, and actively loving.

In essence, the Emmaus 3-legged stool reminds us that spiritual maturity doesn't come from devotion alone. It grows when we couple heartfelt connection with thoughtful learning and compassionate deeds, rooted in Christ's love and shared through real-life service.

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Charlene Burton
G.R.A.C.E. Registrar



5 Ways to Pray **on the Fourth of July**

There are all sorts of ways to celebrate the Fourth of July, our annual Independence Day Parades, fireworks, cookouts, flags, patriotic music and red-white-and-blue decorations of all kinds are just a few. But there is another way, too. Our nation's birthday can inspire prayer.

1 Give Thanks for Your Freedom

When you see the "Stars and Stripes," don't just cheer or salute; give thanks for your freedom even as you pray for those who don't enjoy the same freedoms you do.

2 Pray for the Spread of Freedom

If you watch a parade, let the procession remind you—as the rank and file go by—of the cost of freedom in the past and beauty of freedom in the present. Then pray for the spread of freedom in the future.

3 Pray for Peace

When you see military uniforms, give thanks for those who have sacrificed in the past and serve in the present to obtain and protect the freedoms you enjoy. But pray also for peace among nations and all people.



4 Bless the Providers of the Feast

If you indulge in a holiday cookout or Fourth of July feast, say a prayer of thanks to God for the hot dogs, chips, corn-on-the-cob and watermelon. But also ask Him to bless and prosper those farmers, grocers, and others who helped bring the food to your table.

5 Pray to Sparkle in this World

Amid the oohing and aahing that accompanies fireworks, pray the words of Philippians 2:15, that you (and those you love) "may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (ESV).

Moments like these can deepen your appreciation of any patriotic holiday.

Bob Hostetler
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SUPPORT FOR THE GRACE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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 donating \$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.
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