

# Grace for Today

## G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community Newsletter

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### Coming Events

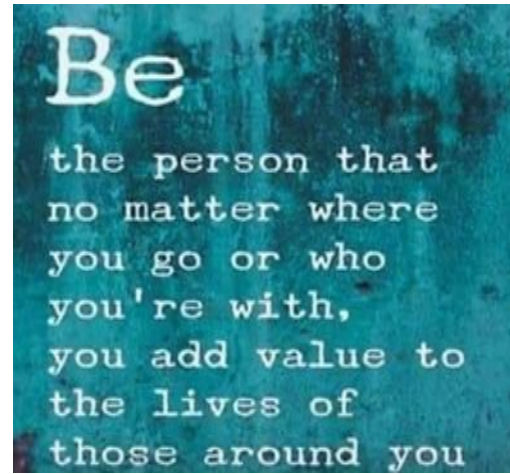
**Saturday, June 21, Gathering – Grace Bible Church, Canton** - Potluck at Noon, Worship immediately after.

**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  
Women's Walk #111, Oct 2 – 5

**PRAY ABOUT SPONSORING A PILGRIM AND GET THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED!**

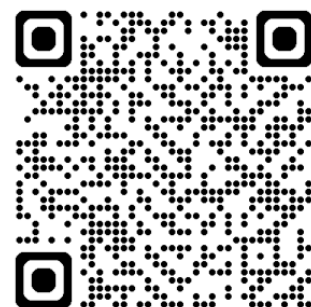
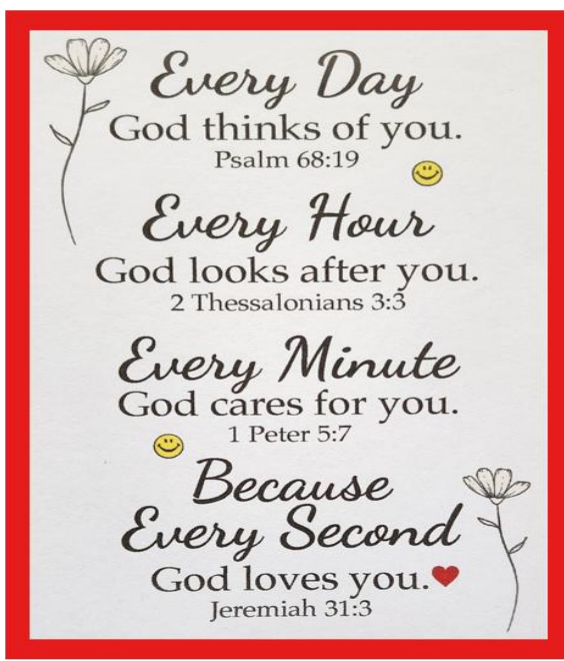


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[www.GRACEEmmaus.com](http://www.GRACEEmmaus.com)



## **Community Lay Director's Corner**

**"God Is In The Details!"**

That phrase brings me both comfort *and* confusion. If I truly believe that God is in the details, then I have to accept that He's present not only in the beautiful moments, but also in the ones that bring sorrow and pain—the parts I don't understand. And yet, He *is* there. He's in *all* the details.

What brings me peace is not understanding every detail but knowing the One who is in them. Because I know God's character—His goodness, faithfulness, and love—I can trust that He's working all things together for my good, even when it doesn't feel like it in the moment.



When I led Walk 105, God reminded me again and again just how intimately involved He is. If you want to witness God at work in the details, work a Walk. He shows up in ways that are so precise, so personal, you can't help but be in awe. You'd think I'd be used to it by now, but every single time, He blows me away!

Sandra Grasch  
Community Lay Director

## **Workday at Camp Gilmont**



*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)*

A small but mighty group showed up for the Camp Gilmont Workday last month to do maintenance and cleanup in preparation for the summer campers.

Camp Gilmont is a non-profit Christian camp where we hold our Fall Walks, and our workdays there help to mitigate our cost.

Hope to see you there next year!

## **The Team for Men's Walk #110**

***Preparations for our fall Men's Walk has begun, and the Team has been chosen! Please pray for the Walk and help find Pilgrims!***

<u><b>Position</b></u>	<u><b>Name</b></u>		
LD	CJ Cox	CH-L	Bill Clem
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ALD-CR	Rich Smith	CH	Mike Payne
ALD-SP	Brad Burton	CH	David Mason
SD	Sean Heatherly	CH	Eddie Liebold
ASD	Joe Hall	CH	Brian Arledge
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ASD	Richard Luna	OT	Martha Walker
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MU	Loren Lykins	OT	Joshua Forester
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ATL	Bruce Beekman		
ATL	Caleb White		
ATL	Jeremy Arnold		
ATL	John Webb		
ATL	David May		



## **The Team for Women's Walk #111**

***The women have started the preparations, and the Team is ready! Please pray for the Walk and help find Pilgrims!***

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ASD	Chad Mitchell
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TL	Cam Ray
TL	Tabitha Morgan
TL	Charlene Burton
TL	Regina Shafer
TL	Lisa Brewer
ATL	Tammy Mason
ATL	Jayde Hawkins
ATL	Danielle Marsch
ATL	Sheree Corn
ATL	Dody Forrester
ATL	Jessica Warren

CH-L	Torri Beekman
CH	Alicia Bynum
CH	Rhydonia Clem
CH	Rhonda Gorrell
CH	Mary Rhodes
CH	Jessica Spradley
OT-L	Nancy Edwards
OT	Rachel Brohaugh
OT	Ann Crosse
OT	Jamie Dyer
OT	Jay Edwards
OT	Mary Ford
OT	Susanne Gabbard
OT	Deborah Gigliotti
OT	Colton Hawkins
OT	Debbie Hays
OT	Gene Johnson
OT	Garry Mount
OT	Jill Nelson
OT	Peggy Ramer
OT	Chuck Reed
OT	Donna Sustaire
OT	Brett Walker
OT	Martha Walker

**Making someone  
feel seen, heard, and  
understood is the loudest  
way to love them.**



## **It's Not Too Early To Help With Our Fall Walks**

- **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.GRACEEmmaus.com](http://www.GRACEEmmaus.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

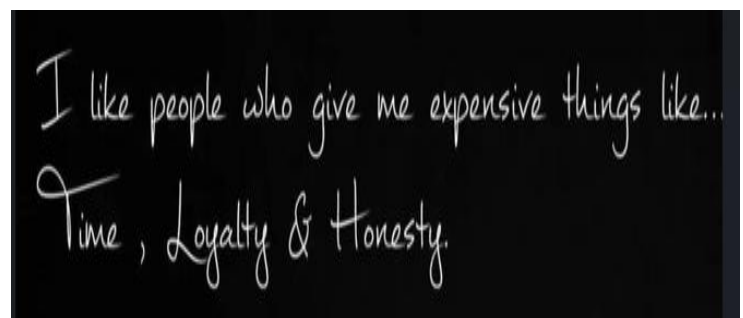
Feel free to make as many sets as you would like! It's not too early to start! We will also need lanyards for nametags and crosses, and decorated place mats.

Contact Nancy Edwards ([ne52055@aol.com](mailto: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, C J Cox ([charlescox98@gmail.com](mailto:charlescox98@gmail.com)) or Pam McAdams ([sp1792@yahoo.com](mailto:sp1792@yahoo.com)) if you can help.

- **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. All you need are black pants, a white shirt, and a willing heart! Contact Nancy Edwards ([ne52055@aol.com](mailto:ne52055@aol.com)) for more information.
- **Can you help with snacks and drinks for both Walks?** We can use all drinks from bottled water to cans and bottles of soft drinks and tea, along with plenty of snack food! Individually wrapped goodies are best.



## **Thank You For the Contribution!**



Thanks to another Fourth Dayer who has started a monthly donation through their personal financial institution to our G.R.A.C.E Emmaus Community!

With the rising costs to organize and conduct our four Walks each year, this donation, along with other monthly donations, is utilized for each Walk to be "The Best Walk Ever".

If you want to contribute, see if your financial institution offers a bill pay service which can automatically generate a check and mail it directly to our PO Box.

Another option is to authorize a periodic automatic ACH transaction that will debit your checking account and electronically send your donation directly to the G.R.A.C.E Community bank, Southside Bank in Tyler. The form is on the last page of each Newsletter and can be mailed to G.R.A.C.E Treasurer, PO Box 132212, Tyler TX 75713, or emailed to [graceemmaus80@gmail.com](mailto:graceemmaus80@gmail.com)

Every monetary donation is used for the G.R.A.C.E. Community to enhance the Walk experience and spread the love of God.

Betty Buchanan, Community Treasurer

## **Hosting a Gathering**

Wanna host a Gathering? What better way to expose your fellow church members to this awesome ministry? The energy that is created when jumping through the hoops necessary to reserve your church causes a "buzz" that can be used to stimulate more Pilgrims for an upcoming Walk.

All Gatherings for 2025 have been reserved by host churches. However, the 2026 calendar is wide open with almost all slots available. Gatherings are generally held on the third Saturday of every month. Holidays can create a need to deviate.

After your church has approved a gathering date, let me know what month you would like to host, and it will be penciled in immediately.

De Colores,  
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***Lord, thank You for giving me  
a unique role in Your plan.  
Remind me that no act is too small  
when it's done in service to You.  
Help me step boldly into the purpose  
You've prepared for me.***

## *Reminiscing About My Emmaus Walk*

Reminiscing about my Emmaus Walk and what a wonderful, loving, and grace-filled weekend it was. Walk 85 was surely the best walk ever! You know, a grace-filled life is not defined by perfection, but by a constant awareness of God's presence and a willingness to live in His love and mercy. Grace is an amazing gift — unearned, undeserved, yet freely given by God to all who seek Him. To live a grace-filled life is to receive that gift daily and allow it to shape how we view ourselves, others, and the world around us.

Grace changes everything. It softens our hearts when we want to be bitter. It gives us strength when we feel weak. It reminds us that we are not defined by our past mistakes but by God's unchanging love. A grace-filled life is one marked by humility — not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less. It's a life that offers forgiveness as we have been forgiven and extends kindness even when it's hard.

Living in grace doesn't mean life is easy. It means we walk through every season with the assurance that God's love goes before us, surrounds us, and carries us. It calls us to live with open hands and open hearts, letting God's goodness flow through us to others.

Ultimately, a grace-filled life points back to Jesus. When we anchor our lives in Him, grace becomes more than a concept; it becomes our way of life. We learn to give as freely as we have received, and in doing so, we reflect the heart of God to a world that desperately needs it.

Remember your walk. Share your walk with others. Sponsor a Pilgrim. Let's help raise up Christian leaders in our church and community.



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

## **Three Ways to Spend the Summer With God**

The season invites us to enjoy longer and warmer days with some quiet, some friends and always in His presence.

An online friend of mine wrote a prayer years ago that contained the phrase, “Come summer with me, Lord.” The phrase stuck with me. I think of it often, especially as summer arrives. It reflects the desire of my heart and suggests at least three ways I can “summer with God” in the weeks ahead.

### **Change Your Pace**

The classic Gershwin lyric labels “summertime” as a season when “the livin’ is easy.” The pace is different. Slower, yes, and perhaps quieter. So, if you summer with God, look for those opportunities to change your pace and invite God into it.

Take a walk, for instance, instead of reflexively driving somewhere nearby. Take a break. Whether it’s a beach vacation or a weekend away—or just a quick picnic in the park—find a time and place for some “down time” in which to send up a few prayers. Or, as the Gershwin song suggests, grab a pole and go where the fish are “jumpin’” (and God might be “speakin’”).

### **Taste and See God’s Goodness**

The psalmist David sang, “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8, NIV). The sense of taste is one we often forget or neglect in making meaningful connections with God. But the tastes of the season can help us to summer with God.

Pour a tall glass of iced tea and summer with God as you sip. Slice a melon and pray for God to produce similarly rich fruit in your life. Invite friends to a cookout and pause a few times to mark the goodness of God in the gifts of food and friendship.

### **Soak in the Sunshine**

When was the last time you closed your eyes and let the sun warm your face? Or counted the clouds in the sky on a sunny day? Sure, you may need to apply a little sunscreen—or you may live in a region that seldom sees the sun—but one of summer’s delights is the sunshine and shade that makes the outdoors so, well, “outdoorsy.”

Depending on where you live and your daily schedule, you may need to be more intentional to soak up the sun, but try finding a way to enact the words of Scripture: “From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3, NIV).

I want this to be a different summer than many that have gone before. I want it to be a summer that not only includes God in my plans and experiences, but also one that includes me in His. I will say often, in the days and weeks ahead, “Come, summer with me, Lord.”



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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.

De Colores

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