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Next Gathering

Thursday June 14th

1st Christian Church, Mineola, TX

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Dear G.R.A.C.E.

I have a theory. And while it is true that a lot of my theories have yet to be proven accurate I stand by this one. My theory: We say we want to see God, but what we really want is to see God be what we want God to be. Now, don't feel too bad, this is what everybody wants. But when God doesn't turn out to be or do what we expect where do we go? What do we do?

Some years ago I had to have a physical exam for my path to ordination. Yes, the Methodists are pretty serious about ordination. We have to make sure your heart can handle to stress of leading the Church where it often doesn't want to be led... I'm ashamed to say that my nurse had me do several things I wasn't expecting. They took my blood pressure, pulse and the usual stuff. Then she said to me, "I want you to walk up and down two flights of stairs so we can take your pressure again." Is that standard Uh. what? procedure? I came down the stairs trying hard to make sure the nurse didn't see me gasping. She said, "Ok, let's see how you did."

"O...K (deep breath)."

They then proceeded to test my hearing. I have yet to reveal this report to anyone for fear that my wife will have evidence to prove she is right. Next, we moved on to the sight test.

"Cover your right eye and read the bottom line."

"Bottom line? Is there a bottom line?" Not to be deterred, I adapted and adjusted. I started to identify the letters. Unfortunately, the nurse then looked back at me to catch me peeking through the fingers of my right hand. Oh well, I will spare you the embarrassing assessment of my failure to identify even one of the letters on the bottom line.

My point is that it had been some time since I had really assessed how well I could see and hear. It seems that over time these things change imperceptibly and we never notice. So, I wonder if these things happen to us in our faith? When was the last time you enjoyed something new? When was the last time you said "Yeah! A new hymn!" When was the last time something happened worship that wasn't in the church bulletin? When was the last time you saw God? When was the last time you KNEW you were in the presence of the awe-inspiring, overwhelming Glory of God Most High? Well, that's too long.

Mike
Community Spiritual Leader

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Walk # 40 Wrap-Up

Walk # 40 for the men was an outstanding experience for both the 30 pilgrims and the servant team. It was a privilege to work with such a committed and gracious team of servants. The Lord developed a spirit of unity and blessed the weekend in many ways; even a weekend with beautiful weather. The talks were rich and God used them in many lives. It is so rewarding to be able to witness first hand God's work,

and the many blessings pilgrims receive at an Emmaus walk. I wanT to thank all my team, and the 4th dayers who also helped, for such unselfish servanthood and the enthusiasm with which they served.

It was a rewarding and awesome experience for me to serve as Lay Director and I am thankful for the opportunity. I hope to see our new 4th dayers from walk 40 at the coming gatherings. Thanks again to all who made the walk so special.

God Bless, Radford Tarry

can work.

For the Chrysalis Corner:

We have a need for butterflies in GRACE!!! Our GOAL and PLAN is to hold our own Chrysalis Flights here in GRACE but a few things must happen first. We need to build our community with some experienced butterflies so that next summer when we hold our own flights we have youth that

If you have any youth that would be interested in working to get Chrysalis up and going for the GRACE Community we need to send those youth to a flight this summer. Which means you can sponsor them. The next flight that I know about is in North East Texas: These youth are to have completed the 9th grade and be ≥15 years of age thru the 12th grade.

Girls = July 13th 14th and 15th in Mt Vernon, Texas.

Boys = July 20th 21st and 22nd in Mt Vernon, Texas

Go to the web site for North East Texas to download your sponsors information and the youth applications to attend a flight at http://www.netemmaus.org/. Be sponsors of the next group of leaders in our community.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 903-570-5233 or tgelliott@suddenlink.net.

DeColores and Fly with Christ.

Teresa Elliott

Community Calendar for Remainder of 2007

June 14 Gathering 1st Christian Church, Mineola – 7p.m.

June 21 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

July NO GATHERING; NO BOARD MEETING

August 11 Gathering St. Marks UMC, Marshall NOON meal bring vegetable dish or dessert (Meats provided)

August 16 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

September 13 Gathering Crossroads Community, Longview – 7 p.m.

September 20 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

October 13 Candlelight at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer–8 p.m.

October 18 Candlelight at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer–8 p.m.

November 10 Grand Ultreya at St. Lukes UMC Kilgore at NOON

November 15 Board Meeting at Marvin UMC – 7 p.m.

December NO GATHERING; NO BOARD MEETING

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GRACE EMMAUS

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? Our goal is to one day provide enough scholarships so that we can help those that cannot afford to go to be able to attend an Emmaus weekend.

We are asking you to consider donate \$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. DeColores

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