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Saturday, December 11 Golden UMC Fellowship @ 5:15 Potluck Dinner @ 5:45 Worship @ 6:45

DIRECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE GRACEMMAUS.ORG WEBSITE

YA'LL COME!!

DEAR G.R.A.C.E.,

Dear GRACE Community, "John Newton's devout mother dedicated him to be a pastor at an early age. Sadly, she died when he was seven. At the age of eleven, after several years of schooling away from home, he went to sea with his captain father. He served in the British Navy but later deserted.

John abandoned the faith taught by his mother and embarked on such a life of extreme debauchery that his friends questioned his sanity. He signed onto a slave ship and was soon the master of his own ship, dealing in the evil of bringing slaves from Africa to America.

With a whip in one hand and a gun in the other, Newton--often given to drunkenness and lust —sank into the depths of sin. In 1748, at age twenty-three, he ran into a savage storm that threatened to sink his ship.

Newton thought of himself, like Jonah, as the cause of the mountainous waves and raging wind. His close brush with death set him thinking about the true meaning of life. The Holy Spirit used the storm to convict him of his need for Christ. Sick of his pitiable condition and the filthy slave trade, he was led to leave it and ultimately go into the ministry.

All through his life John Newton never ceased to marvel at the grace of God that transformed him so completely. While the pastor of a church, he wrote his spiritual autobiography in a song that God gave him from the dark night of his soul: "Amazing Grace."" Author Unknown Published in The Weekend Encounter, ACTS International, May, 2007 Most of us are familiar with that story. It is very meaningful to me. While Amazing Grace has been one of my favorite hymns since childhood, it became even more

special for me after my Walk To

Emmaus. While Grace was certainly an important part of my Christian Walk. I came understand it so much more after my Walk To Emmaus. After all the "Grace" talks by the clergy, I came to realize Grace was even more amazing than I had realized up to until that time. I embarked on my Fourth Day wanting to share it with the world. I found that I could not effectively do so without sharing the Walk To Emmaus with them,,,, and the only way to do that was to get them on a Walk.

How many of your Christian Brothers and Sisters do you wish could experience the understanding of *Grace*, as you did on your Walk To Emmaus, how it's even more amazing than you realized before you went on your Walk? Pray that those you want to have the experience will feel the call to go on a Walk, and you as their sponsor will do your part in making their Walk to Emmaus a reality. Jesus is counting on you.

DeColores, Dan Matthews



Dear GRACE Community, October 7, Men's Walk #54 will be taking place. The following weekend will be Women's Walk #55. I am writing to ask you to sign up to pray for the pilgrims and team members of those walks. Presently there are 119 slots to be filled for the Men's Walk and 133 slots left for the Women's Walk. Praying for others is a very special gift that you can give and praying for those involved in a weekend with God is even more special. Your personal experience during your Walk was covered in others prayers for you. Won't you return the gift that they gave to you by committing a small part of your time to the men and women of Walks #54 and #55. It will truly be the "gift that keeps on giving." I look forward to seeing your

name on the 72 hour Prayer Vigil. Please go to the GRACE website at www.gracemmaus.org and use the Prayer Vigil link provided for you. De Colores and thanks for you very special gift of prayer! Blessings

Judy Hawn Grace Board Member

AGAPE NEEDED!!!!

All agape is needed and appreciated: 48 if just for pilgrims' tables; 60 – 65 for the entire team; 36 for bed agape. It is always interesting and inspirational to see what is created by all of you Fourth Dayers! Thanks for ALL that you DO for others!!

WALKS 54 & 55

Hello GRACE Community,
As of the writing of this letter, we have had three wonderful team meetings with one to go. The conference room teams have reviewed most of the talks. It is so amazing how God puts these teams together. We are looking forward to the final team meeting and greatly anticipating the upcoming walks. We are praying for pilgrims and sponsors and hope you as a community are doing likewise.

Yours in Christ, Mike Minor & Scotti Wood

Walk 54 team:
Mike Minor – LD
Tom McDonald – ALD
David McPherson – ALD
Philip McKanna – TL
David Barnard – TL
Frank Copeland – TL
Jay Edwards - TL

Bryan Jeanes – TL David Barnes – TL Mike Johnston – ATL Roland Haley – ATL Rick Hanning – ATL Joe Tew – ATL Creig Prince - ATL Bob Meyers – MTL Ricky Ricks – SD Mike Cline – ASD Doug Smith – ASD Jarratt Major – ASD Richard Luna - ASD Elton Simpson – CTL Roy & Joy Parker – STL Burton Love – Bd Rep

WALK 55 TEAM: Scotti Wood – LD JoAnne Skeen – ALD Robin Gillian – ALD Jan Russell – ALD LeeAnne Myers – MTL Carol Younger – AMT Cynthia Bellar – TL Jeannie Hanssen – TL Kathy Kirkpatrick – TL Lanett Moser – TL Susan Jeanes – TL Lynda McKanna – TL Karol Johnston – ATL Chiquita Armstrong – ATL Maxine Kinder – ATL Susan Smith - ATL Ami Sprayberry – ATL Pam Wintermute – ATL Bill Holda – SD Amy Hodge – ASD Mike Cline – ASD Doug Wintermute – ASD Jane Lovett-Porr – ASD Debbie Nicholson - CTL Kay McKinley – STL Teresa Elliot – Bd Rep

PRELIMINARY LIST OF PILGRIMS:

MEN – WALK 54 John Eugene Blount Ken R. Cary Robert Michael Elliott Bill Edward Fry David Clifton Green
Larry W. Jones
Daniel Roger Kizer
Purvis Gilbert Maroney
William Thomas Minor
Patrick Robert Moser
Harold Rash
Drew W. Seidel
Pete Christopher Short
Brandon Lee Tew
Edwardo Felipe Villarreal
Leon Willingham
Leonard Ernest Young
William Edward Zinck

WOMEN - WALK 55 Janice Marie Abernathy Katie Marie Abernathy Natalie Latrese Alzidi Karrianne Capps Sharon Suzayne Castellano Dallas D. Cox Murlene Davis Mildred Catheline Harrison Grace Hogan Jo Anne Johnson Patricia S. Johnson Dorothy H owell Love Linda Jean Mabrey Jan Myers Evonne Ann Ostrom Betty Jo Paschall Janie Louise Tew Linda Faye Washington Scherrie Cecil Young Berna R. Younger

As you can see, there's room for more Pilgrims. Sign them up today!!

BANQUET

We need people to help with Banquet on Saturday Evening. Here is the deal if you are interested in helping serve banquet. To help set up you need to be at the camp site by 3pm; if you just want to help serve then be there by 4pm. Wear black (or dark) pants and a white shirt. (Women may wear a skirt; sorry men). No name tags are worn at this event.

Remember that if you have a spouse and/or you are a sponsor of a pilgrim you are not to serve at banquet.

The men serve the women and the women serve the men.



GATHERINGS for GRACE(2010)

October 9, 2010, Camp Gilmont, Worship 8:00 p.m., Candlelight 9:00 p.m.

October 16, 2010, Camp Gilmont, Worship @ 8:00 p.m., Candlelight @ 9:00 p.m.

Nov. 20 2010 Grand Ultreya; Green Acres Baptist Church; Babe Chick training 4:30PM; Potluck Dinner 5:45PM; Worship 6:45PM

December, 2010 - Being planned

GATHERING NEWS

This is being written to meet a mid Sept. deadline for the Oct. Newsletter so we can't provide details for our Sept. 18th Gathering at Athens FUMC. We know that with Ken Braswell (Board Member) coordinating the event it must have gone well.

Continue to stay tuned as we learn more about plans for the December Gathering. Worshiping together to praise and honor the birth of Christ sounds very special. What better Christmas party could we go to?

If you would like to plan a Gathering, contact Burton Love at 903 425 3864(h) 903 880 5462(cell) or

burtonlove@embargmail.com.

You can also get guidance from any of the other board members. Keep in mind, it is not difficult and there is a lot of help available to make it a success. It is a true blessing when it all comes together.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the remaining GRACEmmaus Gatherings in 2010. DeColores

Burton Love



Lay Directors for upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #54, Camp Gilmont October 7-10, 2010 Lay Director: Mike Minor

Women's Walk #55, Camp Gilmont October 14-17, 2010 Lay Director: Scotti Wood

Men's Walk #56, Disciples Crossing March 3-6, 2011 Lay Director: Bill Durr

Women's Walk #57, Disciples Crossing March 10-13, 2011 Lay Director: Toyia Urbaniak

Men's Walk #58, Camp Gilmont September 29-October 2, 2011 Lay Director: David McPherson

Women's Walk #59, Camp Gilmont October 27-30, 2011 Lay Director: Cindy Hooser If there are any of you who do not receive the newsletter via email each month who want to be added to the "snail-mail" list, send me a note with your mailing address. My mailing address is: Joy Parker, P.O. Box 114, Golden, TX 75444.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. The Board of Directors consists of three classes of five persons, a new class being elected each year, the oldest class rotating off. Therefore, being on the board is a three-year commitment.
- 2. The Emmaus community elects the board by voting each year on members of a new class from among nominees selected by a nominating committee and approved by the board. Voting is usually done through a mail ballot in the newsletter.
- 3. Each person on the board chairs one of the suggested committees needed to support the Walks and follow-up. These committees serve many functions, one of the most fundamental being leadership development.
- 4. Board meetings are held once a month.

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Be sure to vote for your 5 choices for the 2011-2013 Board of Directors!

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible. - Thomas Aquinas

A smile of encouragement at the right moment may act like sunlight on a closed-up flower; it may be the turning point for a struggling life.

Living a life without prayers is like building a house without nails. Truly the Lord is our true foundation and when the storm comes we will not be shaken.

When your life is filled with the desire to see the holiness in everyday life, something magical happens: ordinary life becomes extraordinary, and the very process of life begins to nourish the soul.

Election Time

The following ballot contains the names of God's people that have said they would be willing to serve on the GRACEmmaus Board of Directors, if asked. They are each willing to make a three-year commitment if elected and serve our community to the best of their ability. Please take time to look over the ballot and *circle the 5 that you choose.* You may turn in your ballot by mailing it to the address on the front of the newsletter or you may bring it to the next gathering or candlelight. Ballots will be available at all events between now and the Grand Ultreya Gathering in November.

Board Nominees for 2011-2014



Name: Damon DeRieux City: Gladewater Walk: Grace #25



Name: Jay Edwards City: Gladewater Walk: Grace #34



Name: John Hart City: Tyler Walk: Grace #50



Name: Cindy Hooser City: Tyler Walk: Grace #10



Name: Michael Johnston City: Van Walk: Grace #50



Name: Tom McDonald City: Tyler Walk: Grace #38



Name: Jimmy McGonagill City: Longview Walk: Grace #25



Name: Phillip McKanna City: Diana Walk: Grace #48



Name: Elizabeth Minor City: Henderson Walk: Grace #23



Name: Chuck Reed City: Gladewater Walk: Grace #36