

Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus Community Newsletter

Spring 2010

Grace and Peace in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As I sit down to compose this note, I am impressed with all of the positive things that I see happening around me: the Saints' exciting win in the Super Bowl, spirit filled Emmaus team training for both the Men's and Women's teams, and a powerful commissioning Gathering with around 100 in attendance. But in the midst of this excitement I am also struck with a sense of tragedy as I hear about 5 children who were orphaned when their parents were killed in an auto accident, and see the hurt in friends who have lost parents or siblings, and of course the devastation in Haiti. I am so thankful that we serve a God who is big enough to reign over all of these situations, joyful and sorrowful, and who reaches down to be in relationship with us.

Friends, it is our privilege and responsibility to pass along the truth that our Father God and His Son Jesus are our unchanging, unshakable rock in the midst of life's storms. And I don't know of a better vehicle to share the God given plan for living a victorious life in Grace than the Walk to Emmaus. Final preparations for Walks #54 & #55 are underway. We already have more than the minimum number of pilgrims for the Men's Walk, and I know the Lord will provide the ladies for the Women's Walk.

I'm sure that any of the service areas would welcome anyone who can come and serve, even if just for one hour during the weekends. I especially want to invite the pilgrims from Walks #52 & #53 to come experience the joy of passing along the Emmaus experience. I encourage past sponsors and table leaders to make personal contact with the recent pilgrims and to invite them to come serve with you.

Finally, as we have done after the past two sets of Walks, we will again combine the 4th Day meeting with the April Gathering. Be sure to reserve that date, April 10, on your calendar to welcome the newest members of our community.

Thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to minister through you, not only during the Walk weekends but every day.

De Colores,
Keitt Hane, Community Lay Director

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**Men's Walk #54
March 4 - 7, 2010**

**Women's Walk #55
March 18 - 21, 2010**

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is a demonstration of agape love and an instrument of prevenient grace.

HEAR what some of our community members have to say about what their walk meant to them.....

The walk was a complete dedication of my life to God. I could no longer keep one foot on the dock and one foot on the boat. I had to evaluate all aspects of my life and bring my thoughts and actions into alignment with what I know to be holy and right.....a Pilgrim on LCWE #14

I came out of darkness into the light of Christ's love because of my weekend experience. It's like looking at a stranger when I think back to the way I thought and acted before experiencing the love of Christ shown to me during those 3 days long ago.....a Pilgrim on MS Cursillo #12

Being a part of LCWE has transformed my life....a Pilgrim on LCWE #18

My walk to Emmaus moved me to action in my prayer and study life, as well as in service within my LCWE and church community. It put me on a path of spiritual growth and gave me a wonderful group of new friends, especially those special ladies in my reunion group....a Pilgrim on LCWE #27

My walk brought me to see the face of Jesus Christ for the first time. It was truly a spiritual explosion which has drastically changed my life....a Pilgrim on LCWE #47

It has meant refocusing my priorities on the most important things in my life. My Walk allowed me to strip away all of the "stuff" the world throws at us on a day-by-day, minute-by-minute basis, and examine my life, looking deep into my soul and focus priority on my God. I have also caught a glimpse of heaven and the unconditional love the Father has for me...a Pilgrim on LCWE #34

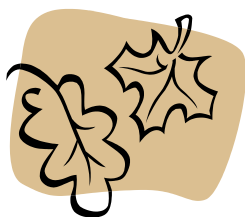
My weekend gave me a renewed understanding of what God expected of me. I was hiding my light... those gifts he had given me, and I was to put them to work for his glory...a Pilgrim on LCWE #22

My favorite thing has been serving on staff in later walks. The prep meetings help us to learn so much about each other, and connect us to friends who stand behind us no matter what...a Pilgrim on LCWE #32

I had been slowly slipping away from God, and my walk brought me back to Him and has kept me focused on Him ever since....a Pilgrim on LCWE #27

Attending my Emmaus walk helped me go to a whole new level in my personal relationship with God. I now understand what it means to serve others from a true spirit of joy, not a sense of duty. I sincerely doubt I would be at this point in my faith journey without having my Emmaus experience...a Pilgrim on LCWE #45

What an awesome opportunity we have to share God's love through the gift of sponsorship!



**Fall
2010
Walk
Dates**

Men - September 9 - 12, 2010

Women - October 14 - 17, 2010

A WORD FROM OUR LAY DIRECTORS

Tré Wharton, Lay Director - Men's Walk #54

Dear Lagniappe Country Community,

The mood of the team is "Excited". The kind of excitement that goes beyond that associated with the Saints making it to, and winning, the Super Bowl; "Excited" for the opportunity to serve the Lord and the Pilgrims of Walk #54. We have completed two of the three team meetings and already each of us have been Blessed beyond measure as we have heard the talks guided by the Holy Spirit, and enjoyed each other's fellowship. The team the Lord has chosen to represent your community for Walk #54 are humble and willing servants and are working hard preparing for the upcoming weekend.

Our team formation scripture comes from Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Please be in prayer for the teams of both Walks 54 & 55; be in prayer for the Pilgrims that have already been called and especially for those that have yet to be called. Please also prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve on these walks. By serving you will indeed be both a Blessing and be Blessed! I look forward to seeing all of you over the weekend.

Grace & Peace,
Tre' Wharton

Celestine Davis, Lay Director - Women's Walk #55

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As a child of the Most High God, I give thanks for the trust you have invested in me to serve in the Spirit. From the start, I was anxious and anticipated every move. As I prayed for the team that God would assemble for the Walk, I searched for a scripture to help Team #55 stay grounded. God lead me to Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Further affirmation came with our team social. Team bonding began as soon as we assembled. That Saturday, January 16th, was a very cold rainy day, but team members came in energetic, jovial and ready to get moving. The team quickly arranged the room, covered the tables, assembled the food, and began to fellowship. It was like the penguins on the Disney movie, "Madagascar", I just had to "Smile and Wave."

"Wow," I said to myself. But, why was I surprised when so many prayers, including my own, are prayed for the success of the entire walk? God has given us grace upon grace as we make our way to the walk weekend, and we are grateful.

We will have completed our first team meeting as you read this, and we know that you, our community of faith, friends and family, will continue to pray for the team, the pilgrims whom God will send and those wonderful angels behind the scenes.

We pray that the Holy Spirit within us will lead us to serve humbly, so that the pilgrims will see Jesus. Thanks be to God our Father who gives gifts and grace to all who love Him.

De Colores,
Celestine Davis

Men's Walk #54

Women's Walk #55

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| <p>Tré Wharton Rev. Ken Graham Rev. Cory Sparks Rev. Roger Templeton James Jacobs K.E. Mathew Dave Freneaux John Toney Wes Dunaway, Paul Melancon, Randy Pierce</p> | <p>Lay Director Spiritual Director Assistant Spiritual Director Assistant Spiritual Director Assistant Lay Director (ALD) Assistant Lay Director (ALD) Assistant Lay Director (ALD) Board Representative Music Team</p> | <p>Celestine Davis Rev. Gary Willis Rev. Bernie Johnson Rev. Deborah Williams Twila Perniciaro Bertha Morgan Ginger Hughes Karen Agnew Mia Freneaux, Walda Gibbs, Celia Musick</p> |
| <p>James Jacobs Rev. Cory Sparks K.E. Mathew Rev. Roger Templeton Dave Freneaux Mike Stiltner Rev. Ken Graham Doug Bennett Rev. Cory Sparks Ken Garrett John Miller Rev. Ken Graham Allen Posey Tré Wharton Mike Hoolahan</p> | <p><u>Talks</u> Priority Prevenient Grace Priesthood of All Believers Justifying Grace Life of Piety Grow Through Study Means of Grace Christian Action Obstacles to Grace Discipleship Changing Our World Sanctifying Grace Body of Christ Perseverance Fourth Day</p> | <p>Twila Perniciaro Rev. Bernie Johnson Bertha Morgan Rev. Bernie Johnson Theresa Sandifer Anita Hansberry Rev. Gary Willis Sally Genovese Rev. Deborah Williams Casie Riché Peggy Moffitt Rev. Deborah Williams Ava Smith Celestine Davis Ginger Hughes</p> |
| <p>Mike Stiltner, Doug Bennett, Ken Garrett, John Miller, Allen Posey, Mike Hoolahan</p> | <p><u>Table Leaders</u></p> | <p>Theresa Sandifer, Anita Hansberry, Sally Genovese, Casie Riché, Peggy Moffitt, Ava Smith</p> |
| <p>Danny Wiggins, Tony Parnell, Bob Dupré, Brad Hutchinson, Buddy Johnson, Paul Farmer</p> | <p><u>Assistant Table Leaders</u></p> | <p>Barbara Lively, Ana Bennett, Renée Deaton, Deirdre Halliburton, Susan Johnston, Patti Coxé</p> |
| <p>Ginger Hughes, Mike and Sally Allen, Matt Turner</p> | <p><u>Team Assistants</u></p> | <p>Joyce Perry, Matt Turner, John Toney</p> |
| <p>Liz Walker, Ruth Wade, Carolyn Dupré</p> | <p><u>Agape</u></p> | <p>Melinda Mooney, Carolyn Dupré, Ruth Wade, Liz Walker</p> |
| <p>Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Ray Halliburton</p> | <p><u>Prayer Room</u></p> | <p>Contact Debbie Stiltner, Craig Cappo</p> |
| <p>Phillip Chambless, Pat Powers</p> | <p><u>Facilities and Setup</u></p> | <p>Ken Musick, Danny Brouillette</p> |
| <p>Patricia Poulter</p> | <p><u>Altars</u></p> | <p>Ann Merrill</p> |
| <p>Cyndie Schmidt</p> | <p><u>Kitchen</u></p> | <p>Kathy King, Donna Dejean</p> |

THE PILGRIMS OF WALKS #54 and #55 - Spring 2010

Men's Walk #54

Women's Walk #55

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| Todd Barlow | First UMC |
| Selwyn Blouin | Clinton UMC |
| Mike Clark | Miracle Place Church |
| Jim Demand | River Community Church |
| Jeff Deyo | First UMC |
| Seth Eisworth | Broadmoor UMC |
| Nathan Hagan | James Chapel UMC |
| Byron Harris | Greater New Guide |
| Kevin Hornsby | Amite Baptist Church |
| Chris Jackson | Wesley UMC |
| Tom Ketterer | Broadmoor UMC |
| Steve Lamb | First UMC |
| Jonny Langford | Broadmoor UMC |
| Jesse Leal | East Bayou Baptist |
| Doug Leyda | First UMC |
| Robert McBride | First UMC |
| Bowen McRae | First UMC |
| Nick Miller | St. Andrew's UMC |
| Curt Rice | FUMC Gonzales |
| Dave Savario | First UMC |
| Jamie Segar | First UMC |
| Pat Shannon | Faith Community UMC |
| Henry Stremlau | First UMC |
| Scott Thevenot | St. John Catholic Church |
| Tommy Thompson | Broadmoor UMC |

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| Laquetta Barnes | Mount Pleasant Baptist |
| Torrie Cain | Greater Damascus Church Of Christ |
| Andrea Dean | Greater Realness Church |
| Sue Dupont | Bethel UMC |
| Wendy Hebert | River Community Church |
| Thomas Hollins | First UMC Baker |
| Dale Jones | Bethel UMC |
| Holly Ketterer | Broadmoor UMC |
| Martha Kucharchuk | First UMC |
| Susan Lambert | St. John's UMC |
| Carla Leyda | First UMC |
| Kay LaVergne | First UMC Baker |
| Cece Leitner | First UMC |
| Sandra McLauren | Camphor Memorial UMC |
| Amy McRae | First UMC |
| Vivian Mims | Camphor Memorial UMC |
| Janice Norris | King Jesus Worship Ctr. |
| Michele Perret | Chapel on the Campus |
| Sue Primm | Francis Asbury UMC |
| Marilyn Rice | First UMC Gonzales |
| Susan Reynolds | St. Timothy UMC |
| Melissa Savario | First UMC |
| Connie Shannon | Faith Community UMC |
| Kristen Stremlau | First UMC |
| Charlene Wilkinson | First UMC Baker |
| Tricia Wilkinson | First UMC Baker |
| Sami Williams | Star Hill |
| Rogenia Wilson | Liberty Christian Center |

Schedule of Talks

Please pray for our speakers as they give their talks. The talk schedule is listed below.

If you plan to pray in the Prayer Room with a speaker, please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time the talk is to be given.

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| <u>Friday</u> | Priority 9:15 AM | Prevenient Grace 11:15 AM | Priesthood of all Believers 1:45 PM | Justifying Grace 3:15 PM | Life of Piety 6:30 PM |
| <u>Saturday</u> | Means of Grace 8:45 AM | Grow Through Study 12:30 PM | Christian Action 2:30 PM | Obstacles to Grace 4:30 PM | Discipleship 7:00 PM |
| <u>Sunday</u> | Changing Our World 8:30 AM | Sanctifying Grace 9:45 AM | Body of Christ 10:45 AM | Perseverance 12:45 PM | Fourth Day 1:45 PM |

Friday
8:00 AM - Breakfast
12:00 PM - Lunch
5:30 PM - Dinner

Saturday
7:30 AM - Breakfast
11:00 AM - Lunch
5:40 PM - Dinner

Sunday
7:15 AM - Breakfast



Prayer Vigil Signup: www.lcwe.org

Pray for the pilgrims and the teams! You may pray at home or come to the Prayer Room (Scout Hut) to pray with others. It is a very peaceful and spirit-filled place to be! Be in the Prayer Room at least 30 minutes before each talk to pray for the speaker (see times above). Pray at home, pray at work,.....pray without ceasing!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

One of the foundations of the Walk to Emmaus experience is servanthood. It is through servanthood that we experience anew the joy and excitement of the weekend. The support role is the engine that drives the weekend. By contributing your time and talents, the weekend flows smoothly and EVERYONE can experience the presence of God.

“How can I serve?”. . . (Don’t forget to sign in each time you serve!)

KITCHEN - The Kitchen is a great way to get involved right away. As you know, preparing and serving meals and snacks is a non-stop activity! Drop by any time and someone will put you to work. Even if you can’t work in the Kitchen during the weekend, you can still contribute by baking and freezing homemade Oven Agape ahead of time. You can drop it off in the Kitchen on Thursday night or Friday morning. **A note about Oven Agape:** The Kitchen team buys all necessary food items for the weekend ahead of time. The only items needed to fill in and provide that extra-special loving touch are home-baked snacks, desserts, and breakfast breads. We do not need store bought items like crackers, chips, etc.

We need:

Agape

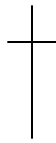


Table Agape



Oven Agape

(home baked goods)

Pillow Agape



AGAPE is also a FUN place to serve. Come join the fun any time!

ATTEND SEND-OFF AT 6:30 pm on Thursday night. And don’t forget about SPONSOR’S (1/2) HOUR! It’s not just for sponsors! After Send-off, EVERYONE is encouraged to make your way to the sanctuary for a 30-minute act of AGAPE as we pray for each pilgrim by name. After Sponsor’s Hour, the Emmaus campus tour will begin.

CANDLELIGHT and CLOSING - What experiences they are! An opportunity to worship and to demonstrate community spirit to the pilgrims. **REMEMBER, CANDLELIGHT IS AT 8:00 PM ON SATURDAY AND CLOSING IS AT 4:00 PM ON SUNDAY!**

Note: If you are a sponsor, pick up your pilgrim’s belongings in the Scout Hut/Prayer Room on Sunday by 3:30 PM.



Emmaus Inn

FACILITIES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Thursday Morning - **starting at 6:00 AM**, set up Conference Room, sleeping areas, Prayer and Dining Rooms

Saturday evening - after Candlelight - move Conference Room

Sunday Morning - **starting at 6:30 AM** to convert sleeping areas back to Sunday School rooms.

Sunday evening - after Closing to restore the Broadmoor Campus to pre-walk condition.

Instructions for Pilgrim Letters

The Agape team asks that you assist in sorting pilgrim letters by placing a mark in the area of the envelope where a stamp would go. The marks should be noted as follows:

Spouse

Family

Pastor

Child

Friend



Reunion Groups

help us stay accountable in living the grace-filled life to which God has called us and to share it with others.

HEAR what some of our community members have to say about what their reunion group means to them.....

My weekly meetings enlighten me, challenge me, and bring me back to center each week. It is hard to stray too far if weekly I am surrounded by Christian friends who love the Lord and want His will for their lives. It is what I want, too!.....a Pilgrim on LCWE#14

I can really understand what Christ was saying to the woman at the well about drinking living water and never getting thirsty. Those weekly gatherings quench my thirst for fellowship and community through the sharing that is always a part of the time spent with my brothers in Christ.....a Pilgrim on MS Cursillo #12

My reunion group is a group of guys who can be depended on to laugh or cry with me and hold me accountable without judging. They inspire me to be better than I would be otherwise...a Pilgrim on LCWE #32

The small groups I'm involved with have taught me true humility and helped me grow closer to God through regular Bible study....a Pilgrim on LCWE #47

Together we laugh and (sometimes) cry, study, fellowship and support one another....a Pilgrim on LCWE #27

The blessings I received during my original walk cannot compare with the blessings I continue to receive by being involved in a weekly reunion group. This group encourages me in my daily walk with Jesus, keeps me accountable and loves me despite all my faults. LCWE has been a wonderful tool for me to become closer to Our Lord...a Pilgrim on LCWE #18

Community Lay Director to offer Emmaus Campus Tours again.....

For our newest community members, don't miss this opportunity to see where all the "behind the scenes" activity takes place! Meet Keitt Hane outside the Sanctuary immediately following Sponsor's Hour on the Thursday night of either the Men's or Women's Walks. He'll show you where all the servants hang out. After the 20 minute tour, you'll be well-equipped to just show up and get to work on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of any walk.

Do we have your email address?

If you have an email address, but haven't been receiving email communication from us, go to the LCWE web site, click on the Contact Us link, and fill out the form with your information.

www.lcwe.org

The web site also has pilgrim applications, team service applications (don't forget to fill out annually), links to prayer vigil signup, the 2010 Calendar, detailed gathering information, and information on sponsorship and reunion groups.

Mark Your Calendar!

On Saturday, May 1st from 12:30 - 4:30 PM, a representative from the Upper Room will meet with us at Broadmoor UMC to conduct their ongoing, periodic training for the Board and the rest of the community. All are welcome to join us, so look for further details this spring.

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April Gathering/Fourth Day

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Broadmoor UMC

New Members - 6:00 PM

Community - 6:30 PM

(Be sure to bring snacks and/or soft drinks)

May Gathering: May 1st - Broadmoor UMC

June Gathering: June 5 - University Baptist

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