

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

The talks that still stand out in my mind from Walk #15 are the talks on Grace. What a concept! It had only been a “religious” word before. Now I still marvel at God’s Grace every time I hear or read about it.

Phillip Yancey in his book “What’s so Amazing About Grace?” tells of a woman who had spent a life of sin, wanted to change and repent, didn’t know how to change, where to go for help or who to talk to. Someone suggested she try a church. Her response was, “I already feel bad enough. Why would I want to go there and feel worse?” She was responding to an image she had of church where people would judge her and say “shame, shame” instead of loving and helping. Yancey said that it was all too often too true.

If there is anywhere Grace should be found, it should be among the people of God. Grace can be such a simple thing to show and share – a hug when needed, a note of gratitude or care, a listening ear without interruption or judgment. Sometimes ladies who have been alone for several years find grace in the borrowed arm of a gentleman as they are escorted to dinner. We shouldn’t play games with grace – it should be heartfelt, genuine and freely given.

Sometimes we get caught up in whose sports team is the best or most important. That can be a lot of fun in the right setting and with understanding friends. But we can blow something so really unimportant in the total scheme of things clear out of proportion and cause hurts at tender times. When we are called to serve, especially on a walk, whether as part of the live-in team, logistics, kitchen, or whatever, please talk and walk tenderly. Remember; it is all about the pilgrims who we are called to serve.

Max Lucado says “In the Grip of Grace”; we all come to the table as paupers and receive as though we were royalty. There is plenty of Grace to share and it is like love, it grows with the giving.

*-Gene Porter*

P.S. Please be mindful of the prayer chapel during a walk – we will be putting up a “quiet zone” sign in that area as a reminder.

**REUNIONS SCHEDULED**

WW #37 (Dixie Selman, LD)  
September 16th, 6:00 p.m.

WW #38 (Melody Boyd, LD )  
October 21st, 6:00 p.m.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

It is with heavy hearts we report that PASTOR BILL TURNER passed away on August 7, 2007. He went to Glory to ask Jesus all those questions he has been writing down all these years. Pastor Bill was a long time Spiritual Director within the Springfield Area Emmaus Community. Our condolences and prayers go out to his wife Faye and their family.

**PILGRIM LIST—MEN'S WALK #34—August 16-19**

<b>Pilgrim</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Mike Amos	Grace United Methodist	Mikie McMahan
Larry Barger	Grace United Methodist	Brenda Barger/John Ahlborn
Roger Bennett	Freedom Rd. Com. Ch	Joe Chapman/Deanna Bennett
Ryan Bowen	Grace Luth & Freedom Rd	Jerry & Pam Peterman
Carl Brundage	Jamestown Ch.of Christ	Jeff & Mary Beth Cheeseman
Patrick Carney	First Pent. Ch. of God	Sim Bowen
Erick Collins	St. John Missionary Bapt	Norman & Dedria Moore
Tag Fox	Rona Missionary Ch	Jerry Gracy
Mike Gaines	St. John Missionary Bapt	Thomas Blake
William Green	Grace New Covenant	Jim Mayhugh
Shane Griffith	Victory Temple	John Patton/Debbie Lynch
Bruce Grimes	Fellowship Christian Ch	Dennis Moritz
Corey Grove	First Pent Ch. of God	Sim Bowen
Steve Hoberty	Southgate Baptist	Judy Hoberty/ Dave & Teresa Fout
Darin Lee Holly	Freedom Rd. Com. Ch	Joe Chapman
Joe Lehner	Grace-ELCA	Carl Mattes
Mike Lopez	St. John Missionary Bapt	Shelley Lopez/Cheryl Holder
Dale Malloy	Freedom Rd. Com. Ch	Dee Craycraft
Robert F. Martin	Restored Life Ministries	Robert & Selena Martin
Paul McKillip	High St. Ch. of the Nazarene	Kenny Rice
David Meyer	Grace Baptist Church	Chip Comer
David Miller	First Pent. Ch. Of God	Sim Bowen
Robert P. Miller	St. John Lutheran	Pat & Jerry Baker/SueClingerman
Jeff Mohr	Enon United Methodist	Les Harris
Dion Riggsby	Victory Temple	John Patton/Debbie Lynch
Charles Robinson	Good Shepard Baptist Ch.	Da'lyn Harper
Cody Ryman	Catawba United Methodist	Wayne Harris
Matt Shurte	The Vineyard	Moe Lonergan
Terry Slauter	First Pent. Ch of God	P.A. Rummel
Peter Smith	Springfield Vineyard	Brett Boblitt
Tim Smith	SSCCCU	P.A. Rummel
David Swyers	Grace United Methodist	Dana & Sandy Johnson
John Tamborski	Enon United Methodist	Harriet Bennett/Brenda Butler
Mike Wallace	High St. Ch. of Nazarene	Dan & Sue Bostick
David Waugh	Fellowship Christian Ch.	Lizabeth Waugh/Karen Coblentz
Bob Weaver	Grace Lutheran	Tammy Weaver
Daniel Whitehead	High St Ch of the Nazerene	Dwight & Yvonne Dobbins
Karl Zerkle	Renewed Strength Ch.	Rich & Lisa Cox

**UPCOMING GATHERINGS!**

**Sunday, September 16th, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, October 21st, 7:00 p.m.**

**Food & Fellowship:** After each gathering, there will be a time of fellowship and food. If you plan to stay, please bring a dish to share.

**Walk Dates**

Men's Walks  
 #35 April 24—27, 2008  
 #36 August 14—17, 2008

Women's Walks  
 #51 November 1-4  
 #52 February 21—24, 2008  
 #53 June 19—22, 2008  
 #54 November 6—9, 2008

*\*All Walk Dates Are Tentative*

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Table Leader	Johnny Williams
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Assistant Table Leader	Brett Boblitt
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### **LAY DIRECTOR FOR WOMEN'S WALK # 51**

Wilma Southward

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## SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

I am giving praise to God these days for so many things. One thing is that I have just survived another wild week of Vacation Bible School. I keep saying I am getting too old for this. Another is the team that is coming together for the men's walk in August. The men are coming together so well under Jim Vineyard's leadership. The Holy Spirit is moving powerfully in our meetings, the talks are godly and inspiring and we are HAVING FUN! Who said spiritual always has to mean stiff!? In answer to your prayers, God has blessed us with a full slate of eager pilgrims so we are eagerly looking forward to August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Another reason I am praising God is our new Co-Spiritual Director for our Emmaus community. She is Reverend Carolyn Peacock, pastor of Lafayette and Rosewood charge just outside of London for the last eight years. Many of you have met her as she has given talks on your walk and has served as Spiritual Director for the Women's Walk in February. Rev. Peacock is not only a caring, dynamic and godly pastor, she is also a formally trained Spiritual Director. Carolyn will be serving as the Spiritual Director for the February Women's Walk in 2008 along with Lay Director Sherry Porter.

The Leadership Team had in mind not only Rev. Peacock's personal qualities but also the aim of developing more female clergy as Spiritual Directors for Women's walks. The issues here are not only the obvious logistical problems for men (have you ever tried to shave looking in the reflection from picture glass on the office wall?) but even more improving the spiritual leadership of women's retreats to an even higher level of compassion and integrity.

Please keep Rev. Peacock, myself, the Leadership Team and the Board in your prayers as we provide the nuts and bolts leadership that is needed to keep the wonderful work of God going in our Springfield Emmaus Community.

De Colores!

*Rev. Bill*