



*“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access into this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.”*

*Romans 5:1 - 2*

I received an email from Beverly Mahle the other day; perhaps you have seen it too. It was not the first time I had seen this email, but it was one of those times I could receive what was in that email. The content was remembering those things that give you natural highs: falling in love, laughing so hard your face hurts, running through sprinklers, accidentally overhearing someone say something nice about you, spending time with an old or new friend, etc. I think of those things and I begin to feel an appreciation of the joys in life that I often take for granted. I wonder how many times God has kissed me with a moment of beauty and I have missed it because of my preoccupation with “other things.” God gives me gifts and I may refuse them, ignore them, or reject them outright instead of praising God for them.

As I was doing my devotional time this morning I came across this verse in Romans and remembered how precious was the gift of Christ’s sacrifice for me and how blessed I am to be living in his grace. I wondered if I was showing my gratitude to God for the grace in which I now stand. I say this because I find myself tending to criticize this younger generation because some of them seem to have an air of entitlement, not all, of course, but some. They feel deserving of the designer clothes and shoes, the cell phone with all the bells and whistles, their own computer, a car on their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, personal freedoms with few responsibilities. I remember the good ole days when we had to work for a living and the number of years it took to build the finances to buy that first car, which was less than the top of the line. And as I judge them, God seems to talk gently to me. “Linda,” he says, “do you have an attitude of entitlement? I remember when you first recognized my caring for you. I remember with what joy you accepted my salvation with its forgiveness and grace. I remember the enthusiasm with which you sought to know me, serve me and share me. Do you not realize that I am still opening wide the doors of my Kingdom and its resources to you? You still count on my hearing your prayers, forgiving your sins, guiding your path. Are you boasting in the hope of sharing my glory?”

As you can imagine, I was not the least bit comfortable with the message God spoke to my heart. As usual God’s words were painfully true and necessary for me to hear and will force a change in my behavior. My hope is that God’s message was not for me alone. Perhaps it’s a message for all of us to reflect on. What can we do to share his glory? Work a team? Host a Gathering? Sponsor a friend? Be more diligent in Bible study? The answers will differ, but the rewards will not. **Nothing can equal the grace of being a child of God.**

In Christ,

Brothers and Sisters,

Team meetings have begun and once again the anticipation of a new Walk is in the air. What are you doing to prepare? Even if you are not working this Walk, you can be a part of the Walk by praying, supplying agape, being at candlelight or by sponsoring a pilgrim. Pray for Beverly and Steve! It takes a lot to be a lay director and they need our prayers. Make a point to be at candlelight to welcome our new brothers and sisters in Christ. Look for someone who is taking an active role at church or someone whom God lays on your heart. Ask them about going on the Walk.

**WE** are the body of Christ and **we are** the Emmaus community. We all have a responsibility to support our community and our Walks. Pray and ask God to lead you in what you can do to make HIS community stronger.

De Colores!!

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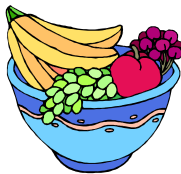


## We Gather Together....

Mark your calendars NOW and plan to join us!!



**Sept. 15, Faith UMC, Cartersville**  
**Oct. 20, Bright Star UMC, Douglasville**



*Remember - we PRAISE at 6:00 pm and  
GRAZE at 7:00 pm!*

## Get Me To the Church On Time....

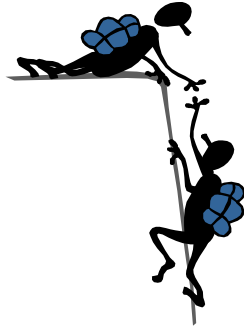
**Directions to Faith UMC, Cartersville: From Atlanta area:** take I-75 south to exit 288 (Cartersville/Main Street exit). Turn left at exit. Go about 1 mile and turn right onto Hwy. 41/Joe Frank Harris Pkwy. Go approximately 3.5 miles and turn right onto Grassdale Rd. (Quik Trip gas station on your right) Church is about 3 blocks down on your right.

**From Carrollton area:** Come to Cartersville on Hwy. 61. Come through town on Main Street and turn left onto Hwy. 41/Joe Frank Harris Pkwy. Travel approximately 3.5 miles and turn right onto Grassdale Rd. Church is about 3 blocks down on your right.



The Boys Chrysalis flight will be July 17 - 20, 2008 and the Girls will be July 24 -27, 2008. It is very exciting to announce that Becky Davis (becky@daviscore.com, 706-777-3364) has agreed to be the girls lay director for

Chrysalis Flight 14 Journey 8. Please be in prayer for Becky as she has started praying about the team that God would have for the summer. If you love youth and love to see amazing changes let Becky know that you would like to work the weekend. Be in prayer for the Caterpillars whom God would have you sponsor. We are still in search of a Boys Lay Director for the summer so continue to keep that in your prayers, as well. We also have open board positions. If you are interested in serving God in this way please let me know.



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### Emmaus News:

It is that time of year again we are in need of your Agape items for the upcoming Walks. If you have anything you would like to donate but can't get it to the camp just let me know and I'll be happy to pick it up. It can be handmade items, candy, chocolate, brownies, cakes, cookies, sugar free stuff, and bottled water (the smaller bottles work best).



Books for the book table are needed to replenish the table from the last set of weekends. If you would like to donate new or slightly used books for the book table you can bring them to any Gathering, up coming team meeting, or feel free to contact me and I'll make arrangements to pick them up.

**Emmaus/Chrysalis items for sale: Cookbooks:** If you would like to purchase one contact Judi Rainey at 678-416-9440 or email me at jamship@yahoo.com. Cost of the cookbooks are \$10 and \$3.50 for shipping and handling. The cookbooks will also be available at upcoming Gatherings. **T-Shirts** are also available. Check out the order forms at the next Gathering or you can email or call me and I can send you one. You will soon have sweatshirts and denim shirts available as well as long sleeve t-shirts. We also have a new shirt that is 100% cotton in different colors and even one that is just for you ladies so please email if you are interested in a shirt.



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## Join The Team For Women's Walk # 43

The team meetings are under way but there is still room on the team for additional workers. If you're interested in serving Him on this next Walk, please send me an email at [blmahle@bellsouth.net](mailto:blmahle@bellsouth.net) or give me a call at 770-489-2998.

Our team meetings are being held at New Covenant UMC on Sept 15th, and Powder Springs 1st UMC on Sept. 22nd & Oct. 13th. God has so mightily covered this Walk already with his love and grace that it has been almost scary! Some truly amazing things have happened as the preparations have been taking place. It is awesome what he can do when we move out of the way and become willing vessels for him to work through! He has provided team members with very willing spirits and when someone has had to "drop" because of other commitments, he has been there to provide others to take their place - often without me even asking. He knows our every need. He allowed me to put together a team that is filled with love, joy, and a lot of laughter - all for the Lord.



Following Him,

Beverly Mahle  
Lay Director, Women's Walk #43

## Rent Money and Donations Pay Off at King's Retreat

The next time you have the privilege of being at King's Retreat, you may be very pleasantly surprised by some of the much needed changes that have occurred! The Board of Trustees has approved and completed the following improvements: a new fence surrounds the property, graded landscaping outside the conference room, concrete walkways in the back, a concrete landing in the back for mops and air conditioning drips, removal of a very sick tree, installation of a new sign on the outside of the building (visible from the road), and last but not least - installation of brand new kitchen equipment!! Our community's rent money helps to offset operating expenses and pay the utilities for King's Retreat. Generous donations have made the new kitchen a reality. Thank each of your for your help. Your team fees have helped with our rental costs, thus helping with these improvements that we'll ALL enjoy! **Praise be to God!**

