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Faith

By Butch Fennell, Community Lay Director

In Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) the bible says: "Now **faith** is confidence in what we hope for and **assurance about what we do not see**"

A friend gave me a good example of what faith is one time and I have used it numerous times in talking to new Christians and young people.

If you were walking through the forest and you encountered a stack of soda cans in the shape of a pyramid with no one anywhere around, what would you think (or believe)? Most people would know (or believe) that a human being must have constructed the pyramid of cans. People would base this **belief** on knowledge from experience, education, and lessons learned from their parents and society. But did they see a human build it? **No**. So based on their knowledge (faith), they conclude that it was a human.



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Discipline: Not Just for Lent

By Terri Milstead, Community Spiritual Director

*6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?"*

*7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"*

-Isaiah 58:6-7

This passage from Isaiah is one that you might have heard at an Ash Wednesday service earlier this year. As hard as it is to believe, as of the release of this issue of the Grapevine, we are very nearly to Easter. That said, I would like to challenge us all to carry at least a few Lenten practices beyond this preparatory season. I offer a few questions to ponder here that I hope will help us all continue to be intentional—even as the clock runs on our Lenten disciplines and fasts on Easter morning:

What practices did you take up during Lent that have been meaningful enough to continue? Are there things you would tweak about a Lenten discipline that might make it work long term?

Are there practices that seemed undoable at the beginning of Lent that are now more appealing? Maybe afternoon prayer walks, meditation time on a back porch in the morning, or an evening devotion time seem within reach with more hours of daylight.

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The same conclusions can be made about God - not by seeing him, but based on education from the historical Bible, the experiences you and others have witnessed, lessons from parents, and observations about how things were created. Why is it so hard for some people to have **faith** in what they cannot see?

I remember Ronald Reagan's words "trust but verify". If you want to trust and have verification of a living God, talk to him. Only through **faith** will you get to know Him. Go to a closing ceremony of an Emmaus Walk if you want to see how faith is at work. It's really awesome.

De Colores

Butch Fennell, CLD

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Any 40-50 day period is a good testing ground for new disciplines or habits. What could you take up or put aside from Easter until Pentecost?

And, remember, discipline is not just about the things we do daily. Just as we worship once a week, there are other things we can do that have non-daily patterns. Is there a service opportunity you could commit to once month or quarter? Is there a book or study you have been wanting to read that you could meet weekly with others to discuss?

Regardless of what we do, may we all continue to draw closer to God every day through our intentional spiritual disciplines—those that are seasonal and those that are lifelong.

De Colores.



Alabama's Young Adult Chrysalis

Alabama's Young Adult Chrysalis is a three-day spiritual renewal retreat for ages 18-28. Like the Walk to Emmaus, the weekend is filled with talks, food, fellowship, and sharing the love of Christ. "Butterflies" hear talks similar to Walk to Emmaus talks, but with a focus on the needs of young adults in today's society.

Our Chrysalis community is seeking help in building a pool of caterpillars for future Chrysalis Journeys. Consider sponsoring a young adult, no matter where they are in their walk with Christ, for upcoming journeys. Attending a Chrysalis journey does not preclude someone from going on an Emmaus Walk in the future. There is a participant application on the Alabama YAC website at:

<https://www.alabamayac.com/applications>

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
521	Apr 18-21	Melissa Barnes	Preston Headrick	Tuscaloosa / West Alabama	Bobby Jones Mary Lynn Whitten
522	May 2-5	Mike Williams	Mark Adams	Gadsden / Marshall	Debra Baker Will Clay
523	Aug 8-11	Terry Lewis	Byron Vance	Huntsville	Anne Parris Tim Cotton
524	Sept 12-15	Roxann Edsall	Lori Carden	So. Shelby / B'ham East / B'ham South	Denise Cone Bill Rush

***Men's Walk**

Reminder: Candlelight service begins at 7:45; Closing begins at 4:45.

Please remember that children are not to be present in Hutto or at meals during a walk!

IT'S ALL UP TO US...

By Lane Berry, Community Coordinator

As I write this, we have the following scheduled for the next 4 Walks.

Walk 521(W), April 18-21 – 9 applications.

Walk 522 (M) May 2-5 – 7 applications.

Walk 523 (M) Aug. 8-11 – 3 applications.

Walk 524 (W) Sept. 12-15 - 1 application.

We obviously need pilgrims in order to sustain our community.

Please prayerfully consider who God may lead you to approach about the Emmaus Walk, we all know it is a life-changing experience. Who might you want to afford that opportunity?

God Bless...

DeColores,

Lane

2024 Walk Schedule

<u>WALK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
518	Feb 1-4	Women
519	Mar 7-10	Men
520	Mar 14-17	Women
521	Apr 18-21	Women
522	May 2-5	Men
523	Aug 8-11	Men
524	Sept 12-15	Women
525	Sept 26-29	Men
526	Oct 17-20	Women
527	Nov 7-10	Women

Board Bits

The 2024 Alabama Emmaus Overnight Training Event and Memorial will be Friday and Saturday, August 9-10. Please see the registration form at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Also, the deadline to turn in names of Alabama Emmaus pilgrims who have passed away since May 30 of last year for the memorial service that will be held on Friday night of the Training Event is May 31. Any names turned in after May 31 will be a part of the 2025 memorial. Names should be turned in to Lane Berry at office@alaemmaus.org. Please include contact information of family, so they can be invited to the memorial.

The Grapevine

Alabama Emmaus Office, PO Box 2531
Gadsden AL 35903
256-441-6140

Web: www.AlaEmmaus.org
email: Office@AlaEmmaus.org

Address changes should be sent to: David Hall, 849 County Road 3926, Arley, AL 35541, or emailed to DHall92727@aol.com

Praying For You

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to members of the Emmaus Community and their families in the loss of loved ones.

The family of **Wilson Webb (117)**

Dana (124) and Jeff (137) Fleming in the loss of her mom, **Joyce Jones (190)**

Don Alexander in the loss of his wife, **Kathy Alexander (254)**

The family of **Mike Riley (New Life 6)**

Mark Dearen and family in the loss of his mom, **Chloe Dearen (113)**

Barabara Meigs (261) in the loss of her husband, **Paul (254)**

Ruth Mary Norris (482) in the loss of her husband, Bob

Sally Moore (182) and family in the loss of her daughter, **Shanna Moore Ozbirn (238)**

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 521
April 18-21, 2024**

Lay Director Melissa Barnes - Perseverance

Assistant Lay Directors

Dot Brewer - Fourth Day
Tinia McLaughlin - Priority
Julie Thomas
Juanita Meyer
Norma Lemley
Janice Stewart

Spiritual Director Preston Headrick - Means of Grace

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Lynn Gibson - Preventive Grace
Paul Wilson - Justifying Grace
Alicia Rhodes - Obstacles to Grace
Jeff Fleming - Sanctifying Grace

Music Chairperson Chris Barnes

Assistant Table Leaders

Jaime Rickert Gibson - Priesthood
Patricia Bush - Piety
Diane Cannon - Growth Through Study
Angie Baines - Christian Action
Karen Worley - Discipleship
Tracy Morrison - Changing Our World
Renee Rimer - Body of Christ

Table Leaders

Lynn Gregory
Jill Kjar
Judy Voss
Esther Lawley
Carol Frazier
Sonya Guy
Tracy Dent-Rivers

Board Reps

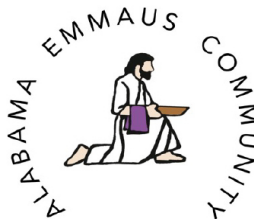
Bobby Jones
Mary Lynn Whitten

Committees

Agape	Liz Moxley	205-999-0400
Food Service	Danny Lemley	205-799-8151
Refreshments	Mary Wilson	205-242-6120
Prayer Vigil	Polly Bailey	205-792-9315
Housing	Mark Scogin	205-349-7175
Candlelight	Dale McNeese	205-662-4229
Clean-up	Tony Humphries	205-650-9076
Closing	Joy Jones	205-799-3972
Entertainment	Chris Barnes	205-454-7401
Follow-up	Judy Trull	205-596-3477
Prayer Chapel	Danielle Eppes	205-499-0717
Sponsors' Hour	Roy Bush	205-860-1161
Worship	Jacque Allred	205-275-2534
Photographer	Ryan Rickert	662-574-2474
Humble Servant	Joel McLaughlin	205-861-5225

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Neely Andrews	Columbus, MS	Sarah Rickert
Robin Bauer	Jacksonville	Suzanne Batchelor & Sylvia Cashen
Deanna Duren	Gordo	Cindy Woodring Kiker
Alyssa Elliott	Haleyville	Gina Frazier & Carlin Burrow
Sherry Howard	Huntsville	Desiree Smith & Rhonda Rush
Ruth Jacobson	Northport	Barbara & Ken Hanby
Katie Kirk	Birmingham	Tracey Evanko & Anita Gray
Tyler Lancaster	Northport	Andrew Lancaster
Deborah Mcclean	Fayette	Mary Ham Wilson
Morgan Purcell	Hamilton	Dianna Cantrell
Tina Robinson	Bankston	Dana Gilliam & Margaret Kuntz
Janie Ross	Fayette	Gerald Ross
Tracy Sullivan	Tuscaloosa	Betsy & Ronnie Brasher



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 522
May 2-5, 2024**

Lay Director Mike Williams - Perseverance

Assistant Lay Directors

Lane Berry
Todd Walker
Tim Jolley - 4th Day
James White - Priority
Stephen Milstead
Kelly Saylor

Spiritual Director Mark Adams - Means of Grace

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Vicki Mann - Prevenient Grace
Joey Croft - Sanctifying Grace
David Socha - Obstacles to Grace
Bradley Petrey - Justifying Grace

Music Chairperson Bill Truetell

Assistant Table Leaders

Wes Neyman - Discipleship
Jack Bailey - Changing our World
Bob Dehaven - Body of Christ
Cliff Myers - Pristhood of all Believers
J D Ryan - Life of Piety
Bob Townley - Christian Action
Bruce Carpenter - Growth Through Study

Table Leaders

Joshua Tanner
Howard Beason
Jonathon Harris
John Myers
Charlie Baker
Mitch Floyd
Eddie Gore

Board Reps

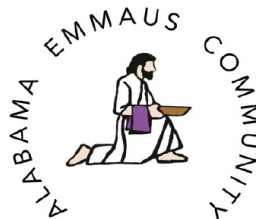
Debra Baker
Will Clay

Committees

Agape	Lisa Socha	
Food Service	Joey Colgrove	256-393-8831
Refreshments	Jessica Winfrey	256-558-8445
Prayer Vigil	Gail Hiatt	256-659-6161
Housing	Lisa Saylor	256-509-3060
Candlelight	Sterling Rait	256-225-3840
Clean-up	Joe Edmondson	256-677-5171
Closing	Jim Harris	256-572-3026
Entertainment	Bill Truetell	205-999-1292
Follow-up	Nancy Beason	256-878-2044
Prayer Chapel	Tami Kelley	256-506-6116
Sponsor's Hour	Vivian McCrae	256-738-4640
Worship	Angela Jolley	256-506-5858
Photographer	Andy Powell	256-478-7611
Humble Servant	Dana Williams	256-302-3337

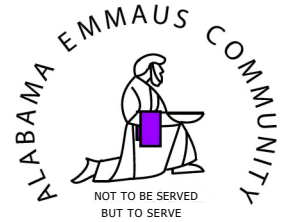
Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Jordan Gray	Fayette	Dana Gilliam & Priscilla Gray
Jorge Martinez	Bremen	Zendy Martinez & Kay Parker Phillips
Dustin Murray	Hamilton	Melinda Shay Pounds & Sarah Emerson
Mark Patty	Weaver	Barry Thompson
Taylor Peterson	Helena	Gene Ingram
Anthony Reynolds	Albertville	Terry Fulwider
Floyd Rodgers	Fayette	Ebony Rodgers & Dana Gilliam





Alabama Emmaus Community
 Annual Overnight Training Event
 Retreat Center - Camp Sumatanga
 August 9-10, 2024
 Registration from 5-7 PM



Serving on an Emmaus team is something to be anticipated! It can be an ultimate form of service and a source of blessing to the giver and the receiver. Is this your calling? Would you like to know more? This is your golden opportunity! The Alabama Emmaus Annual Training Event for team service is to be August 9 & 10, 2024. The training sessions will be enjoyable as well as informative. As with any Emmaus event, there will be food, fun, fellowship, and music. Come spend some quiet time at camp, renew old friendships, and make some new ones. This is a great event for your new pilgrims!

All training sessions will be held on Saturday. This is your information sheet and registration form. You may copy this form as needed. Please note the deadline for registration! On the second page of this form is the tentative schedule of events and a list of classes. Please fill out the "Registration for Classes" section with the classes you would like to attend. (Note: the candlelight class is only taught in the first session).

The costs for housing and meals are also listed on the second page. Participants will stay in Buildings 1, 2 and 3, and rooms are first come, first served. If you wish to serve the pilgrims of Walk 523, which will be the same weekend, you must contact the Food Service Chairperson of that walk. Remember, there is a limit to the number of servers. Meals for the Training Event will be in Lodge Dining Room. Rooms may be secured for Friday and/or Saturday nights. A registration fee of \$5.00 is requested of each person who attends the Training Event. This fee covers materials that will be provided. Please submit your form by Aug 1st. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Bill Rush (205) 612-9397 or wmgrush@gmail.com.

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TODAY TO BILL RUSH
AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW
Registration Deadline is August 1st, 2024

Name: _____

Cluster: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____

(Cell) _____

Email: _____

TOTAL HOUSING	\$	
TOTAL MEALS WITHOUT HOUSING	\$	
PARTICIPATION FEE *PER PERSON*	\$	5.00
TOTAL PAYABLE		
Please make checks payable to:		
ALABAMA EMMAUS COMMUNITY	\$	

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM

TO: Bill Rush

1855 Lake Ridge Road

Homewood, AL 35216

(205) 612-9397

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 9th

5:00-7:00 Registration, 2nd Floor, McKinney-Atkins
 6:00 Dinner, Lodge Dining Room
 7:00 Welcome & Singing
 7:15 Memorial Service
 8:00 Break
 8:15 Guest Speaker
 8:45 Lane Berry, Alabama Emmaus Coordinator
 9:00 Singing and Announcements
 9:15 Good Night

Saturday, August 10th

8:00 Breakfast in Lodge Dining Room
 8:00 Registration, 2nd Floor McKinney-Atkins
 8:15 Announcements & Singing
 8:30 Devotion
 8:00 Break
 10:00 Class I
 10:45 Break
 11:00 Class II
 12:00 Lunch in Lodge Dining Room
 1:00 Butch Fennell, Community Lay Director
 1:15 Class III
 2:15 Closing

TENTATIVE CLASSES

Assistant Lay Directors
 Table Leaders & Assistant Table Leaders
 Music
 Refreshments
 Candlelight
 Housing & Registration
 Sponsor's Hour/ Closing / Follow-Up
 Speaker's Prayer Chapel / 72 Hour Prayer Vigil
 Agape
 Meal Service
 Worship
 Tech Support

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES

CHOICE #1 _____

CHOICE #2 _____

CHOICE #3 _____

HOUSING AND MEAL INFORMATION

Participants will be housed in the buildings at the Retreat Center. Each room has two double beds and a bathroom with a shower. Linens are furnished. Handicap accessible rooms are available on request.

Please circle the option you are choosing. Room cost includes Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, and Saturday Lunch.

ACCOMODATIONS	NO. OF NIGHTS	COST PER PERSON PER NIGHT	TOTAL COST
Retreat Center (<i>circle one</i>)			
1 Person for 1 night or more		104.00	
2 Persons for 1 night or more		70.00	
3 Persons for 1 night or more		63.00	
4 Persons for 1 night or more		60.00	

IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL, IT MUST BE DONE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd OR YOU WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY RESERVATIONS MADE

Meal Rates: Rates for anyone not staying overnight. Dinner, breakfast, and lunch are included for anyone staying overnight. Meals will be served in Lodge Dining Room.

MEALS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
Breakfast		\$10.00	
Lunch		\$12.00	
Dinner	\$15.00	N/A	

NOTE: These meals will not be in the dining room with the pilgrims of Walk 523. If you wish to serve a meal on Walk 523, please contact the Food Service Chairperson of that walk. If room to serve is available, make reservations and pay the walk meal service chairperson at the time you serve.