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Joyful Noise

By Jane Hagler, Community Lay Director

'Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness, come before His presence with singing,' Psalm 100:1-2 (KJV).

Singing is such a special part of the Emmaus experience. How many of us have gone home after an Emmaus function with at least one song still going through our brain? I know I have. I must admit that I am in the group that makes a joyful noise. But I still sing. Through my Emmaus experiences I have learned so many 'new to me' songs. A lot of them are now some of my favorites. I hope everyone has had a similar experience. My friends in the choir at church will often quote St. Augustine, 'He who sings prays twice.' It is good for us to sing hymns and songs of praise. May we all sing God's praises with joy.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Memorial Service and/or Training Event in August. Attendance was so good extra chairs had to be added for the Memorial Service. As usual it was a special time to remember loved ones. There was a good turn out for the Training Event. A couple new topics were added this year. These classes were well attended. I hope everyone left Saturday with a little more knowledge than they came with. If you have suggestions about future classes, please let me know.

De Colores,
Jane Hagler
Alabama Emmaus Walk # 32



A Childlike Faith

By Terri Milstead, Community Spiritual Director

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." - Matthew 18:1-5

A few summers ago, we asked families to keep their children in our contemporary worship service instead of sending them to children's church and we did everything we could to make it a fun, family friendly hour of worship. We offered popcorn and drinks in the lobby. We brought some bean bags into the front of the space and invited the kids to sit there during worship. We sang songs and we danced. We had children and youth read the scriptures. And, we watched a different Pixar animated short each week and I preached about the Biblical truths illustrated in those fun little films. The first week, I preached about the Golden Rule as seen in the short For the Birds. At the end of the sermon, I asked the church to consider the interactions they knew they would have in the week to come and how they could be ready to live out the Golden Rule in those interactions.

Then, I started to ask a few hypothetical questions:

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“How will you treat the waiter or waitress who serves you a meal when you go out to eat?” I asked. A tiny little hand shot up from one of the bean bags in front. I looked down at a sweet angel named Aubrey and nodded to her to answer.

“Friendly.”

“How will you treat the grocery store clerk?” I asked.

Little hand. A nod.

“Friendly.”

“How will you act when your parents ask you to clean up your room?”

“Friendly.”

“When your brother or sister asks you to play with them?”

“Friendly.”

Question after question, this child showed us all how to answer, how to love others as ourselves. Her answers were simple and direct. She was clearly ready for the week she had ahead, which she had already told us was full of dance camps and VBS.

“Friendly.”

I’m pretty sure she didn’t know exactly what I meant when I said that if we asked for the little part of God that is in each of us to help us see the little bit of God that is in every other person we meet that we would find that, one interaction at a time, it’s not as hard as the world might tell us it is to follow the Golden Rule.

She may not have understood those words exactly, but Aubrey knew what it meant. With her hand raised eagerly in the air to share what she knew, it was obvious it was right there in her heart and soul. She knew it as well as anyone else in the room.

Although children are not allowed to be present at the gatherings that take place during walks, let us never forget to take our own childlike faith with us

when we work walks, when we attend opening or candlelight or closing, and wherever else life takes us.

De Colores



<h2>Upcoming Walks</h2>					
Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
515	Sept 28-Oct 1	Sherry Johnson	Sherill Clontz	Huntsville	Ken Albrecht Anne Parris
516	Oct 19-22	Bill Rush	Gary Formby	B’ham South/B’ham East/South Shelby	Julie English Denise Cone
517	Nov 9-12	Vickie Johnson	Jeff Armbruster	Franklin/Haleyville Marion	Jackie Mize Lynda Hall
518	Feb 1-4	Cathy Parker	Paul Vick	East Alabama/ Cheaha	Judy Anderson TBD
<p>*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!</p>					

Upcoming Walk Schedule

<u>WALK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
515	Sep 28-Oct 1	Women
516	Oct 19-22	Men
517	Nov 9-12	Women
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

Upcoming Chrysalis Schedule

<u>JOURNEY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
109	Dec 8-10	Young Men
110	Feb 23-25	Young Ladies

Praying For You

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

To **Dianna McQueen (187)** in the loss of her husband, **John McQueen (178)**

To the family of **Gene Rozelle (413)**

To the family of **John B Roberts (119)**

To the family of **Danylu Sibley (204)**

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An Incredible Journey

By Angel Rait, Community Coordinator

In June of 2017, Ricky Hall, the Alabama Emmaus Board Lay Director at that time, called to offer me the job as the Community Coordinator for Alabama Emmaus. I was thrilled to accept and the "office" was moved to my home 2 months later. That was the beginning of an incredible journey for me.

Now, six years later, it is time for my next journey – spending more time with my favorite priorities. First would be my GRANDS. Ten-year-old Jack lives in Ft Collins, Colorado and five-year-old Georgia lives in Lincoln, AL. Other priorities include having time to be more involved in my church, time to consider traveling, and time to get back in the yard with my flowers. And it is time to take better care of myself in hopes of receiving better health reports from the doctor.

It has been a wonderful six years serving this amazing ministry. I went on my Emmaus Walk in June of 1998, Walk #173. It changed my life into a life of ministry. This position has provided me the privilege of learning why and how things are done the way they are in the Emmaus Office. There is a "reason" for everything!

I have met the most amazing friends through you, the Community, as well as the Emmaus Board. Thank you for always being patient not only as I was learning this job but especially as we all struggled through that Emmaus "Covid" experience. Every day has been a new experience, but the best part was YOU!

Since I always seem to talk about Sponsorship, I think it is appropriate to include it in my last article. So, BE GOOD SPONSORS! Keep this beautiful fire for Jesus ignited because this world just needs more Jesus. Also, I want to add that when you serve on a Walk, make sure to follow the specific committee details provided by the Lay Director. We want every Pilgrim to have the same experience as Walk #1.

I would love to stay in touch with you, my email is angelrait75@gmail.com.

May God continue to bless you, and I look forward to seeing you at Camp!

I love you all!
De Colores!

Angel Rait, sjc #173
Table of Martha

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 516
October 19-22, 2023**

Lay Director Bill Rush (Perseverance)

Assistant Lay Directors

Stirling Rait
Jim Frazier
Mark Elliott
Cliff Myers
Stephen Milstead (Fourth Day)
Mike Williams (Priority)

Spiritual Director Gary Formby (Means of Grace)

Assistant Spiritual Directors

John Simmons (Obstacles to Grace)
Sam Frazier (Justifying Grace)
Wes Savage (Sanctifying Grace)
Todd Henderson (Prevenient Grace)

Music Chairman Linn Lower

Assistant Table Leaders

Gene Thrailkill (Changing Our World)
Duane Shroyer (Body of Christ)
Jimbo Blackmon (Discipleship)
Bruce Dooley (Piety)
James White (Christian Action)
Steve Duffee (Growth Through Study)
Scott Mitchell (Priesthood)

Table Leaders

Hank Patterson
Brian Ledlow
Rick Parsons
Danny Bass
Stephen Robinson
Michael Theodoras
Todd Walker

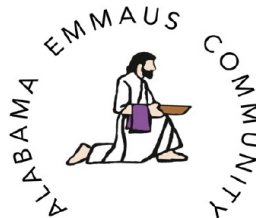
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Denise Cone

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Prayer Vigil Amy Floyd 205-833-3915
Housing Mel Travis 205-999-3788
Candlelight Kay Davis 256-627-8438
Clean-up Chuck Ferguson 205-260-7127
Closing Lynn Carmichael 205-616-3018
Entertainment Carol Scroggin 706-766-4102
Follow-up Sandra Oden 205-541-2457
Prayer Chapel Kristy Akin 205-229-2786
Sponsor's Hour Julia Rudd 205-936-2282
Worship Vicki Herring 205-305-0587
Photographer Mel Travis 205-999-3788
Humble Servants Rhonda Rush 205-919-5118
Jack Bailey 205-281-1256

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Chase Barnard	Albertville	Ethan Brogdon & Terri Barnard
Lamar Shelton	Athens	Greg Patrick
Jeff Whitaker	Cherokee	Anita Whitaker
Ryan Phillips	Columbus, MS	Ryan Rickert & Sarah Rickert
Jeff Hefner	Cullman	Danny Mitchell & Warren Hodges
Anthony Wilson	Florence	Bradley Hipps & Pete Peeden
Tony Glenn	Hamilton	Judi J. Headrick & Preston Headrick
Shaun Harbor	Hamilton	Preston Headrick & Jessye Harbor
Glea Sarrell	Heflin	Jay Grubbs & Carol Sarrell
Mike Kern	Huntsville	Gary & Karen Kern and Mike & Nancy Nolan
Dan Schrimsher	Lincoln	Angel Rait
Ski Fields	McCalla	O'lolade Erinkitola
Howell Bailey	Munford	Paul Webb & Steve Burke
Stephen Tanner	Muscle Shoals	Tony Latham
Dusty Woodard	Northport	Billy Curington, Paul Wilson & Mary Ham Wilson
Andrew Landcaster	Northport	Billy Curington, Paul Wilson & Mary Ham Wilson
Joil Marbut	Oneonta	John Dobson
Bill McDonald	Oneonta	John Dobson
John Kochan	Piedmont	Ted Anderson & Judy Hay Anderson
Billy Lane	Roanoke	Ray Hare & Clay Tinney
Tim Fulton	Steens, MS	Ryan Rickert & Sarah Rickert



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 517
Nov 9 - 12, 2023**

Lay Director Vickie Johnson - Perseverance

Assistant Lay Directors
 Kathy Hall
 Carrie Black - Fourth Day
 Joanne Cox
 Dana Fleming
 Jennifer Swinney - Priority
 Konnie Thrasher

Spiritual Director Jeff Armbruster- Means of Grace

Assistant Spiritual Directors
 Jeff Fleming - Obstacles to Grace
 Preston Headrick - Justifying Grace
 Wannell Scott - Prevenient Grace
 Dorothy Ann Webster - Sanctifying Grace

Music Chairperson Sheilah Wiginton

Assistant Table Leaders
 Lisa Armbruster - Piety
 Sue Bailey - Discipleship
 Ana Colburn - Changing Our World
 Rebecca Danley - Priesthood
 JJ Headrick - Christian Action
 Lou Ann Hubbard - Grow Through Study
 Gloria McKee - Body of Christ

Table Leaders
 Laurie Bolt
 Kitty Frederick
 Tonya Haney
 Michelle Murray
 Pam Putman
 Kim Robertson
 Robin Smith

Board Reps Jackie Mize
 Lynda Hall

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Food Service	Tony Mize	205-269- 0344
Refreshments	Joan Cleveland	256-810-0639
Prayer Vigil	Jan & Lee Page	256-668-0075
Housing	Sara Emerson	205-495-1818
Candlelight	Rocky Stone	256-627-8325
Clean-up	Vickie Johnson	205-412-1804
Closing	Mark Dearen	205-468-7607
Entertainment	Shelia & Donald Jones	205-412-5823
Follow-up	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
Prayer Chapel	Deanna Shotts	205-412-2771
Sponsors' Hour	Mike Shotts	205-468-7181
Worship	Jeff Bowling	256-810-8970
Photographer	Joan Cleveland	256-810-0639
Humble Servant	Mike Johnson	205-412-2559

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Alyssa Turner	Alabaster	Brittany Oglesby & Liz Walker
Brandy McConnell	Ardmore	Greg Patrick
Lisa Carter	Athens	Greg Patrick
Briana Dugger	Athens	Greg Patrick
Jammie Patrick	Athens	Greg Patrick
Jody Shelton	Athens	Greg Patrick
Joy Tarpley	Cleveland	Crystal Payne
Wendy Pritchard	Dadeville	Tammy Wendling & Chip Vann
Regina Beams	Gordo	Kenneth (Ken) Baines
Ellie Burns	Guntersville	Charlotte Watts & Barbara Harris
Dianna Cantrell	Hamilton	Richard Cantrell & Preston Headrick
Nancy Cotton	Huntsville	Marilyn Sharp
Brenda Burns	Killen	Karen Burns & Patricia Farr
Pat Carter	Lexington	Clay Jackson
Marlera Gilbert	Madison	Terry & Susan Lewis
Pricilla Jones	Moundville	Lynn Gregory
Connie Estes	Northport	Norma Lemley

