

Alabama Emmaus Community News

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Step out of your comfort zone

By **LINDA HOLT**
Lay Director

The month of August is here with the excitement of kids and teachers starting back to school. After 30 years of teaching and coaching, I have vivid memories of those first weeks of school.

In 1970, and at the age of 22, I had just graduated from college, and was anxiously awaiting my first teaching/coaching job at a junior high school in Huntsville. With 1,200 students, my lesson plans quickly included the daily goal of survival!

These kids taught me more than I could ever teach them...about real life, real challenges, and real love...unconditional love. I had so many questions. Why would God place me here? After many prayers, God let me know that this was exactly where He wanted me to be. Sometimes we must step out of our comfort zones and let God use us according to His plans.

God continued to show me His plan...His awesome plan for my life. He used me in many

amazing ways, and I am so thankful for all the wonderful memories. God continued to lead me on a glorious journey after I retired from teaching and coaching.

I stepped out of my comfort zone again and let God use me according to His plan when going on my Emmaus Walk in 2008. In the last 11 years, joy has filled my life as I have sponsored Pilgrims, attended Cluster Meetings, served on Walks, participated in a Reunion Group served my church, served on the Emmaus Board, and shared my faith and love for the Lord with others.

Stepping out in faith has not always been comfortable, but it is always comforting. As we follow God's plans for our lives, we must remember that in and of ourselves, we are nothing and can do very little, but in Christ we can do all things He asks us to do (Philippians 4:13).

Please prayerfully consider Sponsorship. Ask God to help you in this wonderful act of agape love. If you have never sponsored or it

(Please See Holt Page 2.)

Center your days in God

By **DOROTHY ANN WEBSTER**
Spiritual Director

What an honor and a privilege it is to serve as the Spiritual Director for the Alabama Emmaus Community! I have enjoyed learning from Tim Alexander, and I will strive to put what I have learned into service for you...with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, of course!

As I write this message, school has started in Decatur, where we live. Backpacks are packed and blessed, and classes have begun. Likewise, activities at church that run on a school-year calendar are beginning. Everything always seems so busy this time of year! The busy-ness itself can be exciting!

In the midst of the changes, the new routines, and the busy-ness, it is easy to get lax about our time with God. "I'll do it tomorrow," we may think. "Today is just too full!"

I have recently been studying John

Ortberg's book *Soul Keeping* with a class at church. Throughout the book, he uses the image of a stream to describe our soul. He challenges us to be faithful keepers of the stream.

A "keeper" not only makes sure bad stuff is kept out of the stream. A "keeper" also makes sure the stream has what it needs to be healthy. Ortberg quotes his friend Dallas Willard often. One of the quotes comes from Willard's book *Renovation of the Heart*.

Willard writes, "Our soul is like a stream of water, which gives strength, direction and harmony to every other area of our life. When that stream is as it should be, we are constantly refreshed and exuberant in all we do, because our soul itself is then profusely rooted in the vastness of God and his kingdom, including nature; and all else within us is enlivened and directed by that stream.

(Please See Webster Pg. 2.)

Help process move smoothly

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Emmaus Training. We cannot stress enough the importance of attending this event, especially since all committees have recently been updated with multiple changes. The date has already been set for next year, so we encourage you to go ahead and mark your calendar for August 14-15, 2020. **SAVE THAT DATE!**

Let's talk a minute about sponsors. *First of all, if your original walk has been within the last year, you must have a co-sponsor.* The purpose is to have an experienced person help you take care of all the responsibilities and to make sure nothing is left off. It is actually a good idea to co-sponsor all the time. It is nice to have the help and it also provides an automatic back-up person in case of emergencies.

On the application to attend the Emmaus Walk there are some very important instructions written between the pilgrim and sponsor(s) information that needs to be read carefully. It states:

"..... THE REMAINING \$130.00 IS TO BE PAID WHEN AN ASSIGNED WALK IS ACCEPTED....."

An application cannot be processed without the \$30 registration deposit. When a pilgrim receives his/her invitation for a specific Walk, the remaining balance of \$130 should be mailed with the acceptance letter. All paperwork should be complete and all money paid prior to the Pilgrim checking in on Thursday night of the walk.

Similar information is also stated on the Pilgrim's invitation: *"We have received your pre-registration fee of \$ _____. The balance due is \$ _____. **ANY BALANCE IS DUE WITH YOUR ACCEPTANCE.** Checks should be made payable to Alabama Emmaus Community."*

The sponsor letter has a reminder of this as well, *"Remind (your pilgrim's name) **THAT HIS/HER BALANCE IS DUE WITH HIS/HER ACCEPTANCE.** Your pilgrim's balance is \$ _____."*

I am asking you, the Emmaus Community, to help comply with this. The Walk gets off to a smoother start when all the paperwork is complete, and the full focus can be on making the Pilgrims feel welcomed when they arrive! Thank you for your help in this matter.

Angel Rait, #173, Community Coordinator

Holt

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has been many years since you have, pray about it, think about it, and act on it if God is leading you in that direction.

If you are a new Pilgrim, get your sponsor or someone who is active in your community to co-sponsor with you and share some of the responsibilities. Just step out of your comfort zone and let God lead you as you pay your love forward through Sponsorship.

Our Sponsorship Challenge is "revving up" for the remaining four Walks in 2019! Not only will our "Holy Spirit Stick" have additional colorful ribbons (for every new Pilgrim), but it will make lots of noise!

Let's all make some noise about Emmaus and be enthused and excited for our four upcoming Walks in 2019.

Linda Holt 2019 Community Lay Director

Webster

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Therefore we are in harmony with God, reality, and the rest of human nature and nature at large."

What a powerful reminder of the importance of our quiet time with God for the health of our souls, even—and especially—when we face many demands! I find that when I fail to take time to center my soul in God, to listen to the Holy Spirit's whispers, and to meditate on God's word, my life gets crazy. I am not as able to handle challenges. I get short-tempered and irritable. However, when I take the time I need with God, the Lord restores my soul, and renews my life. Then I am able to live a more Christ-centered life.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. —Psalm 23:1-3a NRSV

I hope your days will be centered in the God who restores our souls!

DeColores, Dorothy Ann Webster

Which Cluster has added the
most ribbons to the
"Holy Spirit Stick"?

Find out Soon!!

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THANK YOU...

Tim Alexander
for your service
to the Alabama Community
as Spiritual Director!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



<http://thebackpew.com>

CHURCH HOPPERS - The unofficial logo for those who switch churches on a whim rather than principle. An Xtreme Sport for today's church.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



THE CHURCH CLOCK SIN
Woe unto thee that turneth thy head to checketh ye ol clock in the back of the church whilst thy pastor/priest clergy type still preacheth... lest ye be turned to a pillar of salt.

UPCOMING WALKS

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
488	Sep 5-8	Donnie Armstrong	Dale Cohen	Shoals/Athens/ Moulton/Decatur	Patsy Killen Brian Moore
489	Sep 19-22	Jamie Rickert	Lynn Gibson	Tuscaloosa/W. AL	Terri Alexander Sherry Lockhart
490	Oct 10-13	Don Johnson	Mike Dunbar	Cherokee-Dekalb/ Marshall/Gadsden	Lamar Hiatt Teresa Holderfield
491	Nov 14-17	Joyce Smith	Sherill Clontz	Huntsville	Al Killen, Linda Case
492	Feb 20-23	Rhonda Rush	John Simmons	Bham E/Bham S/ Shelby	Dianna McQueen
493	Mar 5-8	Chuck Belitz	John James	Cheaha/EAlabama	Paul Webb
494	Mar 19-22	Carla Roberts	Tim Alexander	Franklin/Haleyville/ Hamilton	Jackie Mize

*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!

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 489
September 19-22, 2019**

Lay Director	Jamie Rickert (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Tinia McLaughlin (Priority) Julie Thomas (Fourth Day) Jaunita Meyer Dana Gilliam Angie Baines Esther Lawley
Spiritual Director	Lynn Gibson (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Tim Alexander (Prevenient Grace) Preston Headrick (Justifying Grace) Sherri Reynolds (Sanctifying Grace) Alan Beasley (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Chris Barnes
Asst. Table Leaders	Sonya Guy (Priesthood) Ashely Barksdale (Study) Judy Voss (Discipleship) (Changing Our World) Deborah Clinton (Christian Action) Patsy Cosby (Body of Christ) Jill Colburn (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Rachel Caruthers Michelle Gibson Norma Lemley Gaynor Scogin Janice Stewart Jenni Strickland Mary Lynn Whitten
Board Reps.	Terri Alexander, Sherry Lockhart

Committees

Agape:	Ryan Rickert	662-251-8164
Meal Service:	Danny Lemley	205-799-8151
Refreshments:	Mary Wilson	205-242-6120
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Polly Bailey	205-792-9315
Housing:	Jacque Allred	205-275-2534
Candlelight:	Dale McNees	662-574-0355
Clean-up:	Grier Stewart	205-792-6295
Closing:	Charlotte Balentine	205-792-1999
Entertainment:	Toby Rickert	662-386-0270
Follow-up:	Angie Broadbent	662-574-1343
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Mark Scogin	205-349-7175
Sponsors' Hour:	Gail Calloway	205-792-2107
Worship:	Dot Brewer	205-799-8904
Photographer:	Toby Rickert	
Humble Servant:	Toby Rickert	

Name	City	Sponsor
Cindy Cash	Ashville	Teresa Holderfield
Diane Landgraf	Ashville	Teresa Holderfield
Darlene Brown	Birmingham	Lee Mathews & Robin Brady
Jenny Painter	Boaz	Kristy McDaniel & Misty Brogden
Jackie Handley	Cherokee	Leslie & Ralph Waldrep
Ashley Mitchell	Florence	Pete Peeden
Misty Buerhaus	Florence	Pete Peeden
Tam Pitman	Florence	Barbara Johnson
Cora Bird	Florence	Barbara Johnson
Rachel Berry	Florence	Wes Akin And Bill Jordan
Myrna Holloway	Gadsden	Sandra Smith-Williams
Katharine Barns	Gadsden	Alison Bowling
Rhonda Kimbrough	Good Springs	Ashley Kimbrough, Al & Jana Killen
Vicky Banks	Gordo	Dave Bailey
Nancy Vandergriff	Guntersville	Jennifer Dickie
Rhonda Nall	Hanceville	Sherry Fincher & Sandy Parker
Julia Boehme	Harvest	Tom Burson
Linda Quarles	Helena	Debbie Weaver
Kelly Collins	Helena	Jerry and Dottie Nelson, Erin Adair & Bruce Dooley
Holly Laue	Huntsville	Rebekah Massey
Nita Herrington	Huntsville	Henrietta Burson
Kathryn Young	Huntsville	Nancy Nolen
Kerstin Savoie	Madison	Full Circle Reunion Group
Memory Lowery	McCalla	Susan Blackmon & Stephanie Lawley
Sandra King	Meridianville	Peggy Lumpkin/Peggy Parks
Donna Manning	Oneonta	Emilie Sims & Regina Hall
Holly Boyett	Owens Cross Rds	Rebekah Massey
Jessica Wood	Sheffield	Teresa Seal
Claressa Talley	Sheffield	Mary Kate Mills, Lynda Bottcher & Janie Oaks
Debra McCoy	Talladega	Billy McCoy
Stacy Tice	Vina	Ritchie Burt and Lisa Nichols
Vonette Scott	West Blocton	Susan Blackmon

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 490
October 10-13, 2019**

Lay Director	Don Johnson (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Will Clay (Priority) Bob Dehaven (Fourth Day) Jay Myrick Charlie Baker
Spiritual Director	Mike Dunbar (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Paul Vick (Prevenient Grace) Joey Smith (Justifying Grace) Sam Eldridge (Sanctifying Grace) Vicki Mann (Obstacles)
Music	"G" Scroggin
Asst. Table Leaders	Rod Eddelman (Priesthood) Red Clay (Study) Andy Reynolds (Discipleship) Philip Mann (Changing Our World) Teddy Crawford (Christian Action) Bob Reynolds (Body of Christ) TBA (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Jason Talton Todd Walker Howard Beason Steve Watson Justin Patterson
Board Reps.	Lamar Hiett, Teresa Holderfield

Committees

Agape:	Melanie Crawford 256-706-9153
Meal Service:	Cat Reynolds 912-617-6534
Refreshments:	TBD
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	TBD
Housing:	Neeysa Biddle 256-878-6117
Candlelight:	Laurie Douthat 256-435-3913
Clean-up:	Jacque Clay 256-490-5008
Closing:	TBD
Entertainment:	"G" Scroggin
Follow-up:	Ricky Hall 256-810-0894
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Gail Hiett 256-659-6161
Sponsors' Hour:	Shelia Johnson 256-239-8291
Worship	Deborah Carmack 256-312-5607
Photographer:	TBD
Humble Servant:	TBD

Name	City	Sponsor
Gary Garris	Ashville	Mike Harris & Chip Vann
Rob Phraner	Athens	Mark George
Steven Porter	Athens	Tony Jones
Tom Yates	Brent	Melinda Burnett
Jerry Wooten	Collinsville	Kent Bouldin/Tim McKee
Brian Burnham	Meridianville	Chris Burnham
Daniel Tulibagenyi	Montgomery	Mark George
Arlie Ramsey	Owens Cross Rds	Rusty & Pam Congo
Hoyt Patterson	Talladega	Paul Webb, Steve Burke & Roy Davis
John Hutchinson	Talladega	Paul Webb, Steve Burke & Roy Davis

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Newsletter of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Walk to Emmaus

Literature options

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

The Alabama Emmaus Community has access to a lot of great books to continue your journey after your Walk. Listed below are some of the books offered to the Community on Saturday night prior to Candlelight.

- Sponsorship
- Coming Down from the Mountain
- Fruit of the Spirit
- What is Chrysalis?
- One in the Spirit
- Spiritual Growth through Team Experience
- The Role of Agape
- Group Reunion
- The Early History
- Day Four

These books are produced by The Upper Room. They are \$6.00 each and are located in the foyer in Hutto. The Board Representatives for the walk occurring will be at the Registration Table to assist you with your purchase.

Worship booklets are also available for \$2 each and DeCOLORES bumper stickers are available for \$1. Worship booklets, Day Four books and DeCOLORES bumper stickers are available on Sunday night prior to Closing.

DeColores!

Kathy Hall, Walk 379 Literature/Permanent Committee

Praying for You

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

To the family of **Ruth Martin**

To **Pat Maddox (25)** in the loss of her husband, **Jim Maddox (24)**

To **Sylvia Holman (278)** in the loss of her mother, Christine Harris

To **Joel Maxwell (174)** in the loss of his father, Lowell Maxwell