

Alabama Emmaus Community News

# The Grapevine

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## Some things old, some new

By **BILL BEATTY**  
Lay Director

It is hard for me to believe that it is now July, and half this year is already gone. It is true that the older I get the faster time flies. We are now in our summer break and preparing to kick off the fall walks.

The next major event on our calendar is the August Training Event Aug. 10-11. There are have been many changes in Emmaus this past year that you need to be aware of. We have updated our by-laws, candlelight instructions, team selection guidelines, housing, and much more. Camp Sumatanga has a new camp director and this has also brought changes that you need to know about. You do not want to be in the middle of a walk and discover that procedures have changed. Get informed now and stay ahead. This August meeting could be the most informative training event we have had in years. PLEASE DO NOT MISS IT!

Also during August, we have a change in our spiritual directors. Chuck Worley's term of

service will expire. Chuck has been such a blessing and much help to me and to Emmaus. He has done an amazing job, and we will all miss him and his wonderful devotions. Our new spiritual director will be Tim Alexander. He is going to do a great job, and I look forward to working with him for the rest of the year.

We have five walks left in this year. Attendance has been very good for this first five, but I want us to make the last five even better! My goal this year has been to focus on sponsorship. It is the lifeblood of Emmaus, and without it we cannot survive. My heart breaks when I see Clusters struggling to get enough people to their meetings and to fill their teams for walks. If a Cluster will make it a priority to sponsor, they can change their direction.

Think about what Emmaus has done for you and your life. If not for Emmaus, I do not know if my faith walk with the Lord would have ever been

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## *In the cool of the evening*

By **CHUCK WORLEY**  
Spiritual Director

Two years ago I sat in the cool of an Oxford evening enjoying the peace and quiet while watching the sun drift slowly below the horizon. Night Hawks were twittering and swooping doing what Night Hawks do. The quiet was shattered by the incessant ring of my cell phone (which I think has become permanently attached to my belt).

The call was from a number with which I was not familiar so I let it go to voice mail. The message was from Ricky Hall asking me to return his call, which I did. He was inviting me to serve as the Spiritual Di-

rector for the Alabama Emmaus Community. I told him I would pray about it and get back to him. I then began calling every human I knew who was ever associated with Emmaus, Lynda, Mac, Bill, John, Paul, George, and Ringo (who never returned my call). And yes, I prayed. A lot.

I became comfortable with the fact that God may well have been calling me to this new aspect of ministry. I called Ricky back, accepted the call, and WOW. It has been as wonderful walk among sisters and brothers.

I have been honored to share Word and Table with all of you. We have laughed, talked, prayed, and sometimes cried as

we walked along the Emmaus Road together. I have enjoyed the show and tell devotions I shared with the Board and the Community. You made it so easy. So many new friends. So many re-newed friendships.

Everywhere I have turned there was a brother or sister enjoying their walk as well. Last week I was with a group of Scouts in the deep woods shadowed by Mt. Cheaha. A huge hunk of humanity walked up to me, began talking and after determining I was a Christian, he asked if I had ever been on an Emmaus Walk. A new friend

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as close as it is today. Emmaus changed my life. Please give someone else the opportunity to experience the same wonderful gift you received when you went on your walk.

We have five walks left this year: Men's Walk 477, August 9-12 (41 invited); Women's Walk 478, September 20-23 (24 invited); Women's Walk 479, October 11-14; Women's Walk 780, October 25-28; Men's Walk 481, November 8-11. As you can see, we need to work hard on filling up our walks for the fall. Please help Emmaus grow...sponsor a husband, wife, son, daughter, mother, father, relative, friend, neighbor, friend, church member, stranger... pass on the gift you received.

I look forward to seeing ALL of you at the August Training Event Aug. 10!

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Bill Beatty  
Community Lay Director

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was made.

I sit in the cool of a Cullman evening enjoying the peace and quiet while watching the sun sink slowly into the horizon and realize I am beginning a new Fourth Day experience. This walk began with a phone call from God. Funny, it sounded just like Ricky Hall. You, the Alabama Emmaus Community have been for me a blessing and a catalyst for growth in faith, wonder, and spirit. I thank you for allowing me walk along with you. I wonder what the next phone call will bring.

Decolores.

**The Emmaus Board  
THANKS  
Chuck Worley for his  
year of service!**

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## The Emmaus Jar

By ANGELRAIT  
Community Coordinator

Imagine sitting at our Emmaus Training Event Aug. 9-10. As it begins, you think of all the things you should be doing; you are busy. "Do I really have time for this?" you ask yourself.

Then one of the facilitators gets up in front of your group and sets out a mayonnaise jar, a box of pebbles, a box of sand and 2 full cups of coffee. He begins by placing as many golf balls as possible in the jar and then asks, "Is it full?"

"Yes," we all agree.

Next the box of pebbles is poured in, filling in small gaps all around the golf balls.

"Mmmm," he says. "What about now?"

"Yes," we respond!

Then the box of sand is poured in, and we watch in awe as it completely fills in even smaller empty gaps in the jar that we hadn't even noticed. Last the facilitator pours in the 2 cups of coffee.

"Now it is absolutely full?"

"YES!!!!!"

The facilitator explains, "This is your Emmaus jar, a symbol of your life after Emmaus. The **golf balls** represent *important things*: God, family, friends, health, favorite passions; the things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The **pebbles** represent the *things that matter* like your job, house, car and serving on Emmaus Walks. The **sand** represents everything else, the *small stuff*. If you fill your Emmaus jar with the small stuff first, there is not room for the *important things* and the *things that matter*. So, remember the points of those 15 talks you heard and discussed on your Walk. Take time to notice your spouse, play with your children, get medical check-ups, really see those around you, help someone in need, have a devotion time, pray and attend church. Take care of the 'golf balls' first, setting them as your priorities, and remember, the rest are just "pebbles and sand."

Then you notice that he hasn't explained what the coffee represents, so you ask. He smiles and explains that no matter how full your life may feel, there should always be room to enjoy a cup of coffee with a friend; time to share how you have filled your Emmaus jar! Invite a friend for coffee and share your Emmaus experience. Let the talks, the love, and the peace of God you felt at camp really show through. Then hand over an application and invite your friend to an Emmaus Walk (check the Alabama Emmaus website for applications and Walk dates). Wouldn't it be wonderful for everyone to have their own Emmaus jar? Let's make our Emmaus experience visible to others, and to live our lives so that others want what we have! God calls us to share Him with others so hopefully this will be one of your "golf balls"! JUST DO IT!! Let's make 2018 the year we all have coffee with a friend, and don't forget to take along an Emmaus application! See you at the Training Event!

DeColores!

Angel Rait, sjc Walk 173, Table of Martha

## Sponsoring requires careful planning

Most Pilgrims arrive at camp without a lot of knowledge about what goes on during the weekend of a Walk. Amazing!!! There are lots of reasons why - some better than others! For one thing, good sponsors don't want to color their Pilgrim's experience with details of their own.

And, they are careful not to spring any of the wonderful surprises. So - why is it that too many Pilgrims are later treated as if their weekend was spent in a Holiday Inn Express? It's as if they magically know how to turn around and sponsor someone else!!!

Granted, the ride home is a great time to fill in the blanks. But think about it. These folks have not even begun to build a frame of reference for what they are hearing. How can they nail all that information down?

And - what about all our Emmaus jargon? How can it make sense to them yet? Besides - they want to be telling their sponsor what *they* experienced!

When a first-time sponsor goes it alone, there can be difficult results. Real life happenings include sponsors who replaced a Pilgrim who couldn't go at the last minute with someone who had never even applied.

Another time team members, who didn't realize that sponsoring a Pilgrim on a Walk they were working is ill advised, were about to bring the Pilgrim with them early and let them stay in the sponsors' work area. Fortunately, they asked someone first.

There is a way things work. And like anything new - a new job, a new baby, a new car - it takes some time living with and experiencing new things to really understand how they work. That's why a few years back the Board of Directors required each of us who is sponsoring for the first time to have a co-sponsor. This can be our own sponsor, or anyone with a lot of good experience. After all, there were two on the road to Emmaus.

***Save the Date...August 10-11!!***

It's almost here! The annual training event is just around the corner. Register to attend TODAY!!

## UPCOMING WALKS

WALK	DATE	LAYDIRECTOR	SPRITUALDIRECTOR	CLUSTER	BOARDREP
<b>477</b>	<b>Aug 9-12</b>	<b>Butch Fennell</b>	<b>Mike Densmore</b>	<b>E. Ala/Cheaha</b>	<b>Brenda Kent/ Willie Johnson</b>
478	Sep 20-23	Pat Putnam	John Simmons	Franklin/Haleyville/ Hamilton	Lynda Hall/ Joan Cleveland
479	Oct 11-14	Shirley Hayes	TBA	Cullman/Blount	Rita Speegle/ Bob Manney
480	Oct 25-28	Kim Henry	TBA	Shoals/Moulton/ Decatur/Athens	Chad Bottcher/ Patsy Killen
<b>481</b>	<b>Nov 8-11</b>	<b>Bobby Jones</b>	<b>Woody Jones</b>	<b>Tuscaloosa/WA</b>	<b>Katie Woodward/ Terrie Alexander</b>

\*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 478  
September 20-23, 2018**

Lay Director	Pam Putman (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Jackie Mize (Priority) Kathy Hall (Fourth Day) Nancy Bowling Kim Perdue Teresa Seal Jolene Stockton
Spiritual Director	John Simmons (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Elliott Gordon (Prevenient Grace) Preston Headrick (Justifying Grace) Jeff Fleming (Sanctifying Grace) Paula Calhoun (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Debbie Wood
Asst. Table Leaders	J.J. Headrick (Priesthood) Kim Robertson (Study) Carla Roberts (Discipleship) Leah Torisky (Changing Our World) Jennifer Swinney (Christian Action) Gloria McKee (Body of Christ) Peggy Vick (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Laura Beth Bailey Tracy Barton Patricia Farr Kitty Frederick Pattie Gann Ponda Gordon April Terrell
Board Reps.	Joan Cleveland, Lynda Hall

**Committees**

Agape:	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
Meal Service:	Ronald Crumpton	205-269-1829
Refreshments:	Anne Vinson	256-436-6500
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Laurie Bolt	205-706-7174
Housing:	Pat Hardin	256-710-9544
Candlelight:	Pat Seal	256-332-7545
Clean-up:	Johnny Hardin	256-436-5646
Closing:	George Childree	205-495-2012
Entertainment:	Dolores Sparks	256-668-2141
Follow-up:	George Farris	205-486-2003
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Jerry Howell	205-486-4108
Sponsors' Hour:	Ginger Gaddis	256-668-0376
Worship:	Clyde Putman	205-269-4006
Photographer:	Clyde Putman	
Humble Servant:		

Name	City	Sponsor
Christy Vanschoiack	Athens	Claire Vanschoiack
Marina Sherrell	Attalla	Crystal Wain
Jermeria Skillom	Batesville	Ashley Barksdale
Shannon Barnard	Boaz	Josh & Misty Brogdon
Leslie Waldrop	Cherokee	Ralph Waldrop
Holly Cole	Cleveland	Peggy Ellis
Kathy Richards	Columbus	Frank Frazier
Peggy Payne	Cullman	Debbie Hagood
Betty Achorn	Florence	Wannell Scott & Mary Tidwell
Joanna Hale	Gardendale	Whitney Foreman
Celeste Stapler	Guntersville	Jim & Barbara Harris Andera Withrow & Mary Dea Rains
Brooke Marbutt	Hackleburg	Jodi & Justin Trulove
Rachel Langley	Hackleburg	Jodi & Justin Trulove
Sharon Verble	Huntsville	Sandy Fisher
Terri Lynn White	Huntsville	Jana Killen
Shannon Gatewood	Huntsville	Juanita M Harris
Vicki Cape	Huntsville	Penny Adams
Claudette Greene	Huntsville	JoAnn Frazier
Lauren Colburn	Madison	David Howell, Devin Marbutt
Christine Malone	New Market	Sandy Fisher
Leanne Bains	Oneonta	VJ Brown
Ann Posey	Pelham	Jeri Short
Wendy Newell	Phil Campbell	Kim Taylor
Theresa Levinson	Scottsboro	Alan & Becky Richardson

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

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## *Upper Room* series Resources available

“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.

The family of **Nick Van Valkenburgh (NC:46)**

**Betty Burns (198)** in the loss of her husband, **Frank Burns (194)**

**Heather Lanham (290)** in the loss of her husband, **Art Lanham (430)**

**Pat Finley (87)** in the loss of his wife **Margaret Finley (89)**

The family of **Jerry Jackson (134)**

The family of **Linda Johnson (379)**

To **Nancy Lindsey (256)** and **Kevin Lindsey (257)** in the loss of her mother and his grandmother, **Betty Dress (146)**

**Fred (155)** and **Barbara (156) Muenzmay** in the loss of their son-in-law Marc Swartz

**Cathy Pitts (158)** in the loss of her husband, **Dan Pitts (127)**

The family of **Marsha Snoddy (211)**

The family of **Harold Patton (29)**

The family of **Billy Ware (20)**

The family of **Fred Holmes (70)**

The family of **Glynn Wheeler (12)**

The family of **Bill Farrar (16)**

The family of **Betty Johnson (39)**

To **Clay Hammond (391)** in the loss of his brother **Steve Hammond (NC:29)**