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Observations, information, reflections, and some more

By **BILL BEATTY**
Lay Director

First of all I would like to thank Ricky and Kathy Hall for the outstanding job they did on putting together the August Training Event. I know it was a lot of hard work, and their love for Emmaus was clearly evident. We had more people in attendance than we have had in years, and the feedback was very positive and encouraging.

On Friday night, as many of you know, we held our yearly Memorial Service. It is a special time to remember any of our "Emmaus Family" that have gone home to be with our Lord this past year. It is a time of sharing and reflection on many wonderful people that have given us all so much inspiration.

I want you to know that your Board of Directors is working hard on many committee and conference room changes and improvements.

These are coming up for approval this fall. Make a note for next year's Training Event. It is vital for you to stay informed so please plan to attend.

We have four walks left this year: Women's Walk 478, Sept. 20-23; Women's Walk 479, Oct. 11-14; Women's Walk 480, Oct. 25-28 and Men's Walk 481, Nov. 8-11. We need more Pilgrims for the fall walks. Walk 478 has 21, Walk 479 has 16, Walk 480 has 15 and Walk 481, the last one for this year, 28. I can't think of a better gift that you could give someone than that of sponsoring them on an Emmaus walk.

If for some reason that person cannot go, then please ask someone else. Think back to your walk and how it changed your life... wouldn't you want to do that for someone else? They are out there it is just that some need more asking than others!

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Experience Communion anew

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Spiritual Director

My Name is Tim Alexander, AL Emmaus Walk 212. I sat at the Table of Peter, and I worship at the Aliceville First, Hebron and Panola United Methodist Churches. I am honored and thrilled to serve as your Community Spiritual Director.

As I write this, I am looking ahead to services to be held at my churches in the near future. One of the special days will be Oct. 7, World Communion Sunday. It is a day when my congregations will join with Christians all over the world in receiving the Holy Eucharist.

Emmaus has become a major part of my life since my

original walk in November 2000.

One of the results of that walk for me was a renewed appreciation and love for Holy Communion. Many others have shared with me the same results from their Emmaus Walks, and I believe many of you feel the same way.

From the emphasis on Holy Communion in the Means of Grace Talk to the Holy Communion services themselves during the walk, Communion took on a new and deeper meaning for me and many others.

In I Corinthians 11:23-26, Paul writes, "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and

when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

In the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup, Jesus Christ is represented to us. Like Cleopas and the other disciple on the original Road to Emmaus with

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Jesus, our eyes are opened, and we recognize Jesus when we break the bread.

I hope you and your churches will share in the sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of October. But even more I hope you will enter into Holy Communion each time you receive it with a renewed anticipation of the presence of Jesus Christ. I would like to close today with a prayer from the UM Book of Worship written by Barbara Dunlap-Berg for World Communion Sunday:

"O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. "For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."
(UM Book of Worship, #431)

I look forward to seeing you at Camp Sumatanga in the months to come, visiting with you, and worshipping with you, and sharing in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with you.

DeColores! Tim

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Remember... CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU, and all the rest of us as well, to build Emmaus strong again. Our ultimate purpose is to send these Pilgrims back into their churches to become leaders. I believe with my whole heart that we can build Emmaus back to where it once was at 16 walks a year. If we decide to build with one pilgrim at a time, one walk at a time, we will reach our goal. We are 19 clusters, but we are ONE Emmaus. However you want to look at it, *sponsorship is the lifeblood of Emmaus!*

It was sad to see Chuck Worley's term of service come to an end as our Community Spiritual Director. At the same time, it is such a blessing to usher in our new Community Spiritual Director Tim Alexander. We had a packed house for Candlelight with numbers estimated at north of 450. Tim said it might have been one of the largest crowds he had ever preached to. I would also like to welcome Dorothy Ann Webster as our new Assistant Community Spiritual Director. With Tim and Dorothy Ann, we are going to be in great hands for our up coming walks.

We are beginning to see signs of our Emmaus community starting to grow again! I look forward to working with all of my brothers and sisters to make this happen.

DeColores! Bill Beatty

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My father's arms

By ANGELRAIT
Community Coordinator

My emotions are all over the place. It's 5:00 am, and I can't sleep. I am just sitting here mesmerized as I look at the pictures of my newest grandchild, Georgia Grace. I love seeing the pictures. It's just so hard to put into words except "flesh of my flesh." I am drawn particularly to the one where she is wrapped in her daddy's arms totally focused on his face. Just 4 days old, and she senses peace and comfort, safe in her daddy's arms!! There is just something about a father's arms!

Arms are powerful, especially Jesus' arms. I can see Jesus as a child, holding out his arms to His mother and wrapping His arms around her neck telling her that He loved her. I can see Jesus' arms as a teen working with Joseph as a carpenter; His arms getting stronger and stronger everyday. Then as He came in to His time, His arms were again very important as He was leaving home to start His ministry.

Jesus held His arms *open* to the 12 Disciples welcoming them as His brothers. He held His arms *open* to the little children saying, "Let them come to me." I can just imagine Him picking up the children and twirling them around in a circle while in His arms. He held His arms *open* to the sick, the poor, the hungry. His arms were always open to all, never turning away anyone!

Those arms that welcomed, healed, comforted, and held unconditionally were later part of a beating. Those same arms were forced to carry a huge chunk of wood to the top of a hill. When our Savior was put on the cross, He was placed there with His arms *WIDE OPEN*, still offering us all a chance to be a part of eternity. And just as Jesus held us in His arms and placed us in our mother's womb before we were born, I also see Him on His Mercy Seat next to a peaceful lake, and He gathers us into His arms at our eternal home.

Do you remember experiencing the power of Jesus' arms while you were on the Walk to Emmaus? Perhaps it was in the worship room at Dying Moments. His arms certainly carried away a room full of junk that day. For me it was Candlelight as His arms carried me through that heavenly line. How perfect are Jesus' arms, no matter where we are, they are a place of comfort and peace! We know that we are called to be the "hands and feet" of God, but I believe we are also called to be the "arms" of God. We too should always reach out to others with open arms, welcoming, comforting and lots of holding! We should always extend an invitation to attend an Emmaus Walk so that *everyone* has an opportunity to experience the power of being in His arms.

Oh Lord, have patience with us as we learn to keep our arms *WIDE OPEN*! Thank You for always providing a comfortable safe place. And thank You for wrapping your loving arms around Georgia Grace. Amen!

Angel Rait, sjc
Walk #173, Table of Martha
Worship at Pell City FUMC

Camp changes to bring team changes

As many of you know, Gene Joiner is the new Camp Sumatanga Executive Director. And with changes in administration come changes in policies and procedures. One of the changes for Emmaus is with team members and their fees. No, the amount hasn't changed. But for many years the Lay Director or the Housing Chair for each team has on the Monday of the Walk week, turned the total number of team members who would be eating breakfast on Friday morning. Now Housing is asked to turn in the total number of meals for the Walk weekend on that Monday.

This is, of course, so that the camp kitchen can more accurately plan and order the food for the weekend. In the past, if a registered team member had an emergency and at the last minute was not able to serve on a Walk, the whole registration amount paid was refunded. This is the room and board and team fee total. As is now stands, if a team member has been included in the count on that

Monday, and is later unable to serve, the \$72.00 portion that pays for meals will not be part of the refund.

Another change for teams is that the camp will no longer have the projector already set up in the Pilgrims' Chapel and it will be stored in the Banner Room. Instructions for handling this are being drafted and will be sent to Lay Directors as soon as completed and approved. The Refreshment Room – Myrtle Gordon Lounge – now has tea urns to brew the tea for lunch and dinner and coffee machines to brew coffee for our meals. Affected committees will have these instructions in the near future.

When change occurs, it usually requires revisions to our team guidelines and several of those are being prepared for presentation in the September board meeting. This will be a time to stay in touch – to be at Cluster, to be sure to get your issue of *The Grapevine*, and to be in the know!

Let's FILL UP the remaining Walks for 2018!

WHOM could you sponsor?

UPCOMING WALKS

WALK	DATE	LAYDIRECTOR	SPIRITUALDIRECTOR	CLUSTER	BOARDREP
478	Sep 20-23	Pat Putnam	John Simmons	Franklin/Haleyville/ Hamilton	Lynda Hall/ Joan Cleveland
479	Oct 11-14	Shirley Hayes	Walter Cash	Cullman/Blount	Rita Speegle/ Bob Manney
480	Oct 25-28	Kim Henry	Tony Jones	Shoals/Moulton/ Decatur/Athens	Chad Bottcher/ Patsy Killen
481	Nov 8-11	Bobby Jones	Woody Jones	Tuscaloosa/WA	Katie Woodward/ Terrie Alexander
482	Feb 21-24	Deborah Naugher	Lloyd Gibbs	Gadsden/Dekalb/ Marshall	Lamar Hiatt
483	Mar 7-10	Tim Cotton	Mitchell Williams	Huntsville	Al Killen

***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 479
October 11-14, 2018**

Lay Director	Shirley Hays (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Kerry Hanvey (Priority) Susan Copeland (Fourth Day) Dianne Herfurth Kay Phillips Joyce Doak
Spiritual Director	Walter Cash (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Dudley Brock (Prevenient Grace) Lisa Holmes (Justifying Grace) Chris Herbert (Sanctifying Grace) June Wilson (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Bob Bentley
Asst. Table Leaders	Kathleen King (Priesthood) Carol Garette (Study) Jill Strickland (Discipleship) See Below (Changing Our World) Connie Butler (Christian Action) Lori Tafazoli (Body of Christ) Melanie Skillman (Life In Piety) Nella McGraw (No Talk)
Table Leaders	Sherry Fincher (Changing Our World) Sandy Parker Carol Law Tina Holcomb Mary Nell Saunders Amy Armstrong Sara Manney
Board Rep.	Bob Manney, Rita Speegle

Committees

Agape:	Carol Glover	205-213-7123
Meal Service:	Carolyn Jones	256-734-3078
Refreshments:	Sandra Weatherly	256-735-4398
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Gordon Boyd	256-734-3890
Housing:	Jim Doak	205-647-0921
Candlelight:	Lane Berry	256-506-6233
Clean-up:	DAvid Hays	256-565-4189
Closing:	Mark Holmes	256-507-1499
Entertainment:	David Phillips	256-315-2346
Follow-up:	Kathy Hall	256-332-0703
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	David Fisher	256-287-0267
Sponsors' Hour:	David Speegle	256-385-1401
Worship:	Amy Crim	205-274-7074
Photographer:	Zac Holmes	256-590-3041
Humble Servant:	David D. Hays	256-565-4189

Name	City	Sponsor
Sharon Ams	Birmingham	Susan Miller
Amanda Walden	Boaz	Tabitha Bissonnette
Charlotte Watts	Guntersville	Andrea Witherow & Jonathan Watts
Breeana Talley	Guntersville	Jim & Barbara Harris
Becky Freyenhagen	Gurley	Leigh Martin
Shema Joseph	Huntsville	Susan Lewis
Rachel Hamby	Huntsville	Susan Lewis
Sarah Melendez	Huntsville	Sandra May
Cindy Sapp	Maylene	Kathy Kikpatrick
Lee Anne Barrett	Odenville	Tanya Walker
Barbara Thompson	Rogersville	Tom Thompson
Emily Coe	Trussville	Wendy Farmer & Beckee Taunton
Catherine Sutton	Trussville	Wendy Farmer & Beckee Taunton

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 480
October 25-28, 2018**

Lay Director	Kim Henry (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Corie Hinkle (Priority) Amanda Hargrove (Fourth Day) Anna Clem Donna McDaniel Deborah Whitten Julia Young
Spiritual Director	Tony Jones (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Sammy Hayes (Prevenient Grace) Gary Formby (Justifying Grace) Larry Hogan (Sanctifying Grace) Terri Milstead (Obstacles)
Music	Wes Canestrari
Asst. Table Leaders	Callie Waldrep (Priesthood) Cathy Brett (Study) Laura Moore (Discipleship) Evon Zills (Changing Our World) Jean Peeden (Christian Action) Allison Brooks (Body of Christ) Ellie Lovvorn (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Beth Burden Ashley Carter Grace Kennington Celia Rudolph Jennifer Maloney Vicki Morese
Board Reps.	Chad Bottcher, Patsy Killen

Committees

Agape:	Frederick Martin 256-874-0957
Meal Service:	Rosemary Lewey 256-565-7356
Refreshments:	Betty Grisham 256-656-3980
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Kris Murphy 256-777-0163
Housing:	Scott Henry 256-777-6463
Candlelight:	Georgia McCaig 256-366-5949
Clean-up:	Roy Rudolph 256-366-7102
Closing:	Jim Maynard 256-755-6096
Entertainment:	Jamey Cosby 256-710-8296
Follow-up:	Lucretia Woodroof 256-874-1301
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Judy Rew 256-632-2968
Sponsors' Hour:	Mitch Dobbins 256-366-6323
Worship	Donna Schollian 256-431-7111
Photographer:	Jack McDaniel 256-655-6283
Humble Servant:	Lynda Bottcher 256-412-0338

Name	City	Sponsor
Tammy Edmondson	Albertville	Jennifer Hicks
Patricia Lambert	Athens	Mary Pat Martin
Carolyn Abercrombie	Gadsden	Bobbie Reeves & Lisa Smith
Pam Peek	Hokes Bluff	Bobbie Reeves & Lisa Smith
Judy Holland	Horton	Bobbie Reeves & Lisa Smith
Sue DeLary	Huntsville	Ricky Sparks
Mary Posey	Huntsville	Vern Spearman
Robbie Moore	Huntsville	Vern Spearman
Patricia Bush	Millport	Judy Trull
Joy Rittenberry	Millport	Judy Trull
Ashly Best	Oneonta	Max & Teresa Moody
Tammy Harvey	Rogersville	Neal Harvey
Jean Lamon	Trinity	Eual Lamon
Sammie Leach	Vestavia	Kay Davis
Angella Carlisle	Vestavia Hills	Suzanne Scott Trammell

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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.

Fred Gleason (87) in the loss of his wife **Mary Gleason (96)**

The family of **Bill Currie (441)**

Betsy King (200) in the loss of her husband **Chuck Dill (B'ham Walk)**

Linda Shaddix (72) in the loss of her husband **Rev. Jessie Shaddix (73)**

The family of **Steve Smith (268)**

The family of **Terry Wood (232)**

Carolyn Peinhardt (4) in the loss of her mother, **Hilda Freeman (11)**

Linda Mahan (372) in the loss of her husband, **Mike Mahan (367)**

The family of **Phillip Christopher (450)**

Sarah Sandlin (63) in the loss of her mother and to **Cindy Schuessler (21)** in the loss of her sister, **Kathy White (69)**

The family of **Joyce Dykes (26: Lafayette LA)**

The family of **Ray Sapp (LW:35)**

Carolyn Brown (104) in the loss of her son, **Steven Brown**

Jane Sims (43) in the loss of her husband and to **Jim Sims (304)** and **Mark Sims (183)** in the loss of his father, **James Ray Sims (42)**