

Alabama Emmaus Community News

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## My theme this year: Sponsor

By **BILL BEATTY**  
Lay Director

How time flies! This is my last article for the Grapevine this year. It seems like it was only yesterday that I was dreading taking pen in hand to write my first article. Needless to say, writing is not my favorite choice of communication. Thank you all for bearing with me.

It was put on my heart to make this a year about sponsorship. Every article I have written has been in some part or the other about the ultimate importance of sponsorship. You might wonder why this is. It is because I see every report that tallies the number of Pilgrims that each Cluster sponsors on each walk.

We have 19 Clusters and

eight Cluster Groupings. Unfortunately, there are many Clusters that did not sponsor a single Pilgrim this year. On the other hand, there are a few that sponsor four to five Pilgrims on each walk. Please understand I do not mean to belittle any Cluster, but I know if a Cluster does not sponsor that sooner or later that Cluster will die. We have seen this before and are watching it happen again right now. If things do not change, I fear for the demise of some of our Clusters.

The good news is there is help available. We have people we can send to you that can give presentations on sponsorship, new ideas for reaching out in your community, packets of information for new Pilgrims and

much more. We want to help you succeed. It takes all of us together to be successful. When we pool our resources and put our minds together, with God's help, anything is possible.

The reason that the Emmaus Walk exists is to spread the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and to build up leaders. Our world is starving to find this love. Every time I speak before the Pilgrims at their walk, I am amazed to see how the Holy Spirit has changed their lives.

They have laid their life-long hurts on the altar and been filled with God's love and joy. Their testimonies at closing are so powerful. It breaks my heart to know what a wonderful gift  
**(Please See Beatty Page 2.)**

## Synergy brings unity

By **TIM ALEXANDER**  
Spiritual Director

"Synergistic" has been a favorite word of mine for years. One of my first memories of the word is from Dr. Bill Ravis' pharmacology class. Dr. Ravis used the word often.

I think it may have been a favorite word of his as well. It is an adjective with the meaning, "relating to the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects."

In the world of pharmacy, it is when two or more medications are combined to have a greater outcome together than they would separately. Probably the greatest example in the pharmacy world is the antibiotic known as Septra or Bactrim.

The ingredients trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole are combined together to form one of the most dispensed antibiotics on the

market. While those two medications are on the market individually, they are rarely dispensed. Why? Because they don't work nearly as well alone as they do together.

I think synergistic is a good adjective to describe the Alabama Emmaus Community and Emmaus Walks. Individuals come together from many communities and from many different walks of life. Clergy and laity. Team members and pilgrims. Board meetings, team meetings, and Emmaus Walks aren't perfect gatherings. Personality conflicts exist. Disagreements happen. Keys are misplaced. Toilets stop up. But..... (Don't you love it in the Scriptures when a "but" or a "yet" shows up to change the direction.) synergy takes place when the Holy Spirit shows up (and shows out) and God moves in a mighty way through and sometimes in spite of us as individuals.

When I think of salvation, I remember that we see two sides working together in a  
**(Please See Alexander Pg. 2.)**

## Story behind painting

# “Jesus, Jesus”

By ANGEL RAIT  
Community Coordinator

I am sure that you all have seen the “Jesus, Jesus” print at Camp. But some of you may not know the story behind the print. The artist is Sarah McCleskey, and she was commissioned to paint a gift for the Alabama Emmaus Community for helping the Bluelake Community get started.

She was only told to use the Walk to Emmaus story found in Luke, no particular verse, just to pray. Her favorite part of that scripture is the verse that says “In the breaking of the bread they recognized Him.” Here is her story:

*“The face of Christ in the painting is not from any face I have known or seen. I did not have a model. A minister I love, who has served Holy Communion countless times, “broke” at least a dozen pieces of bread while I watched memorizing the gesture – so that I would position the hands of Christ correctly in the painting; the last detail in the garments and in the background were planned in an attempt to give full attention to the Christ figure. The smile on His face is to show the delight He must feel when He reveals Himself to any of us, and when we recognize Him.*

*The small figure of the of the crucified Christ was not planned into the painting. It was not an idea of mine. It simply seemed to emerge as I painted. As did the shadows of the two other figures – presumably the pilgrims on the road – emerge. These I saw only after I had finished the painting.*

*Pictures like this one have “come to me” from time to time for as long as I can remember. My part is to stay as true as I possibly can to the teachings of Jesus, to develop my talents and abilities, to be quiet and listen, to stay in tune, and then, when the message comes through, to drop whatever else is going on in my life and paint.*

*I think this process could be called divine inspiration. I know that I am only a channel through which this inspiration moves. I am only an instrument -like a brush is – and no more. But being an instrument of His is the most important part of my life. I pray only and always that I may continue to be one of the “brushes” used by the Master Painter.”*

Hallelujah! What an incredible story. The prints are available on the pilgrim’s book table on every walk. We will also make them available for the community at Candlelight. They are only \$10.00, and all of the money goes into the scholarship fund. We have a new supply of prints, so now is the time to bless your wall with Jesus.

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

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## Beatty

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we have to share and then realize how far we are from our potential. We can do this one Pilgrim at a time. Please help spread His Good News. We are His hands and feet, and HE IS COUNTING on YOU!

In closing, I want you to know that my Emmaus walk changed my life forever.

I love each and every one I’ve met on this journey. It has truly been an honor to have served as your Community Lay Director this year. Please remember this... We cannot lose; the Lord is on our side. The only way we can fail is if we quit. In the spirit of cooperation and charity let’s make our Emmaus stronger than ever. Each of you has been a blessing to me.

I especially want to thank Linda Bottcher and Sandra Jones for all they have done this year to help me. Without these two, I don’t think I could have made it. They are the true spirit of Emmaus.

DeColores! Bill

## Alexander

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synergistic way. God’s grace works together with our faith. Ephesians 2:8-10 says, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (NKJV)

The combination of grace and faith brings about changes in us – forgiveness, salvation, new life, the hope and promise of eternal life, and so much more. We could never do it on our own. It takes the gift of God’s amazing grace. Combined with faith – it’s synergistic!

THANK YOU...

Bill Beatty  
for your service  
to the  
Alabama Emmaus  
Community  
as our  
2018 Lay Director!

We appreciate you!!

Board adjusts guidelines for teams

## ***Additional policy changes on tap***

In the last issue, some of the recent policy changes resulting from a new Camp Sumatanga administration were reported. There are other changes in the works now that affect the guidelines used by Alabama Emmaus Walk teams.

Many of these changes are updates to material, while others are efforts to make the material easier to understand. When the Community was small and members from several different areas worked together on teams, there was what might be called an “oral tradition.” Everyone relied a lot on verbal sharing of how things were done from team to team.

As a result, the schedules and committee guidelines often assumed a certain basic knowledge. For some time it has been apparent that this needed to change. The Community is far too large now to

depend on this basic knowledge being acquired in this way.

First on the list to become more user-friendly was the Assistant Lay Director Schedule. The revision effort began in July, and it soon became quite clear that several committee guidelines would need to correspond.

At the Sept. 29 meeting of the Board of Directors, the revised ALD Schedule and accompanying documents, as well as the guidelines for Food Service, Agape, Housing and Registration and Technical Support were presented for discussion and approval.

These documents are now being updated to reflect the recommendations made by the board. It is hoped that the project will be complete and that the new material will be provided to the board in its January 2019 overnight board meeting.

**Let's *FILL UP* Emmaus Walks for 2019!**

**Whom is God calling through YOU?**

<b>UPCOMING WALKS</b>					
<b>WALK</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LAYDIRECTOR</b>	<b>SPRITUALDIRECTOR</b>	<b>CLUSTER</b>	<b>BOARDREP</b>
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
<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>
482	Feb 21-24	Deborah Naugher	Lloyd Gibbs	Gadsden/Dekalb/ Marshall	Lamar Hiett
<b>483</b>	<b>Mar 7-10</b>	<b>Tim Cotton</b>	<b>Mitchell Williams</b>	Huntsville	Al Killen
484	Mar 21-24	Julie English	Ted Leach	BhamE/ BhamS/ S Shelby	Jerry Nelson
<b>*Men's Walk</b>		Reminder: Candlelight service begins at 7:45; Closing begins at 4:45. Please remember that children are <i>not</i> to be present in Hutto or at meals during a walk!			

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 481  
November 8-11, 2018**

Lay Director	Bobby Jones (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Danny Lemley (Priority) Jay McCollum (Fourth Day) Paul Hass Matt Hammond Elbert Patterson Edgar Pruitt
Spiritual Director	Woody Jones (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Heath Allred (Prevenient Grace) Dave Bailey (Justifying Grace) Jeff Fleming (Sanctifying Grace) Alicia Rhodes (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Mike Brewer
Asst. Table Leaders	Ken Baines (Priesthood) Mark Wheat (Study) Ken Hanby (Discipleship) Mike Whitten (Changing Our World) Stephen Frost (Christian Action) Butch Burgess (Body of Christ) Jesse Broadbent (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Daniel Caruthers Dennis Gregory Toby Rickert Ryan Rickert Steve Meyers Charles Stewart Paul Wilson
Board Rep.	Katie Woodward, Terri Alexander

**Committees**

Agape:	Melissa Barnes	205-454-7402
Meal Service:	Norma Lemley	205-344-1012
Refreshments:	Mary Wilson	205-242-6120
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Don Odum	205-331-0133
Housing:	Jill Hanna	205-345-1264
Candlelight:	Dot Brewer	205-799-8904
Clean-up:	Larry White	205-394-4806
Closing:	Gaynor Scogin	205-799-3561
Entertainment:	Joy Jones	205-799-3972
Follow-up:	Barney Cargile	205-339-8636
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Danielle Eppes	205-499-0717
Sponsors' Hour:	Lynn Gregory	205-752-3456
Worship:	Holly McCollum	205-242-5966
Photographer:	Carol Frazier	662-328-5397
Humble Servant:	Bob Hoffman	205-752-6006

Name	City	Sponsor
Jeff Walker	Albertville	Mitch Floyd
Casey McCormick	Albertville	Brian Franks
Jaime Alcala	Arab	Lori Reece
Kenneth Fox	Athens	Clay Jackson
Greg Patrick	Athens	Clay Jackson
Robin Downs	Athens	Clay Jackson
Robbie Taymon	Athens	Clay Jackson
John Eaton	Athens	Clay Jackson
Michael Mezick	Auburn	Cameron Dodwell
Sam Smith	Boaz	Stacey Smith
Randy Nelson	Childersburg	Randy Nelson
Dee Giles	Coker	Charles Bush
Eric Perrigin	Columbus	Ryan and Sarah Rickert
Nick Duncan	Crossville	Larry Bernard, Josh & Misty Brogdon
Fred Webster	Decatur	Dorothy Ann Webster
Jason Haggard	Elkmont	Clay Jackson
Randall Ham	Fort Payne	Ben Shurett
John Kayima	Geraldine	Jim Elliott
Frank Terry	Gordo	Dave Bailey
Randall Beasley	Guntersville	Jim Elliott
Richard Hayes	Guntersville	John Warren
David Mote	Hartselle	Glenn Stokes
Taylor Hudson	Hueytown	Dot Brewer
Alan Green	Huntsville	Vern Spearman
John Nevels	Huntsville	Kade Haas & Ken Mason
Spencer Pendley	Huntsville	Mary Beth & Robert Pendley
		Bo Harrison, Connie Cook, Joe Foster
Justin Parker	Huntsville	Ed Fuller
Joe Vonderheide	Madison	Billy Bell & Chad Steed
Chris Higginbotham	Pelham	Brandi Guthrie, Ray & Nancy Miller
Roy Davis	Pell City	Paul Webb & Steve Burke
David Mooror	Piedmont	Ted Anderson
Jeff Chandler	Ralph	Randy Smith
Clay Barnes	Trattville	Lee Hamilton
Pete Lockhart	Trussville	Don Evans & Jim Morton

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 482  
February 21-24, 2019**

Lay Director	Deborah Naugher (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Pam Myrick (Priority) Jacque Clay (Fourth Day) Pam Long Martha Herston Debra Carmack Paula Wright
Spiritual Director	Lloyd Gibbs (Means of Grace)
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Table Leaders	Michelle Messer Debra Campbell Peggy Lindsay Melonie Crawford Cat Reynolds Van Pruitt
Board Reps.	Larmar Hiatt

**Committees**

Agape:	Lisa Smith	256-490-6464
Meal Service:	Bob DeHaven	256-835-0686
Refreshments:	TBA	
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	TBA	
Housing:	Will Clay	256-393-1705
Candlelight:	Don Lang	256-673-1713
Clean-up:	Jay Myrick	256-557-6868
Closing:	TBA	
Entertainment:	Mr. G	706-766-4102
Follow-up:	Trish Harnen	256-508-9632
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Judi Vick	256-267-7579
Sponsors' Hour:	Ann Seah Frasier	256-506-4272
Worship	Kaye Carter	256-558-7603
Photographer:	Ken Durbin	256-568-0726
Humble Servant:	David Wilson	256-878-3409

Name	City	Sponsor
Martha Miller	Florence	Patricia Jester & Revonda Twesme
Jessica Clark	Gallant	Britt Corley and Ted & Jane Hagler
Beth Webster	Huntsville	Ginger Liles
Sarah Melendez	Huntsville	Sandra May
Kim Johnson	Madison	Jana Killen

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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.

To **Carolyn Brown (104)** in the loss of her son, Stephen Brown.

To **Lynda Bottcher (23)** in the loss of her brother, **Tom Wagnon (344)**

To **Pat Hogan (107)** in the loss of her husband, Bob Hogan

To **Paul Presto (125)** in the loss of his wife, **Jo Presto (126)**

To the family of **Roger Cooper (194)**

To the family of **Pat Finley (87)**

To the family of **Julia Dixon (266)**