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Sponsorship challenge launches

By **LINDAHOLT**
Lay Director

Welcome to our Sponsorship Challenge! Sometimes we need a nudge to kindle our fire, awaken our spirit, spark our interests, and warm our hearts.

We are hoping the Challenge does that for all of us. As a former coach, I love a challenge! After lots of thoughts and prayers, the Challenge was born. It began with Walk 482, our first Walk of the year, and will end with Walk 491 in November, our last Walk of the year.

It was presented at the Cluster Leadership Training in February, which was well attended by board members, cluster lay directors, and leaders from the various clusters. Everybody left that meeting with a new excitement, which is being spread throughout the Emmaus Community.

We want everybody to become excited, to attend cluster meetings, and to be challenged to increase our sponsorship. This is how the Challenge works. On every walk this year, we will total the number of Pilgrims sponsored by each cluster



grouping. The Alabama Emmaus Community has 19 Clusters. These Clusters are in one of the following groupings, and each grouping is represented by a different color for our Challenge. Please see below:

- o Athens/Moulton-Decatur/Shoals (Yellow)
 - o Birmingham East/Birmingham South/South Shelby (Purple)
 - o Cheaha/East Alabama (Orange)
 - o Cherokee-DeKalb/Gadsden/Marshall (Pink)
 - o Cullman/Blount County (Green)
- (Please See Holt Page 2.)**

Get your feet wet stepping in

By **TIMALEXANDER**
Spiritual Director

I've long been a fan of Joshua. While not getting near the recognition that Moses got, Joshua's role is very important. I once read that everyone from Cecil B. DeMille to Disney has done a movie on Moses, but there are no movies on Joshua.

However, without Joshua leading the people of Israel into the Promised Land, Moses leading them out of Egypt and through the Wilderness for forty years would not have meant nearly as much.

I love the story of the crossing of the Jordan in Joshua Chapter 3. We are told that the Jordan overflows all

its banks during the time of the crossing, so crossing the river was a major challenge. God told Joshua to have the priests carry the Ark of the Covenant to the edge of the water and then to stand in the water. God didn't tell Joshua what would happen next, just for the priests to stand in the water.

Joshua tells the priests to do this, and in an act of faith, they do it. When they set their feet in the water, the overflowing waters of the Jordan River stopped flowing. And the priests stood on dry land and all the people of Israel crossed the river on dry land and entered into the Promised Land.

Not knowing what would happen, the priests stepped into

the flooded waters of the Jordan. They got their feet wet. All they knew was the promise that God had made to Joshua, "as I was with Moses, so I will be with you." (Joshua 3:7b NKJV)

Often we get called to places or ministries or situations that we don't know where to start or how it will turn out. Our call is not to know every answer or how everything will turn out. Our role is to "get our feet wet," to step out in faith knowing that God will be with us.

On February 2, 2016, a tornado hit the small community of Sapps, which is near the town of Aliceville where I

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- o Franklin County/Haleyville/Hamilton (Blue)
- o Huntsville (Red)
- o Tuscaloosa/West Alabama (Turquoise)

Each cluster grouping has a yardstick marker, and every inch on the yardstick represents a new Pilgrim on each Walk. The yardstick marker will be officially marked at the board meeting by the board rep and then shown at the cluster meetings.

This number of pilgrims will also be seen on the colorful "Holy Spirit Stick," which I will take to every board meeting, every cluster I attend, and to every candlelight and closing. The "Holy Spirit Stick" represents the eight cluster groupings, and on the ends are ribbons to represent the color assigned to each cluster grouping.

A single ribbon represents every Pilgrim in 2019. At the last board meeting this year, on Nov. 16, it will be announced which cluster grouping has the most sponsorship for the year. I will go to the winning Cluster and present them the "Holy Spirit Stick." If there are other clusters in their grouping, they will be invited to attend.

Sponsorship... let's all do our best and the Holy Spirit will do the rest!

Alexander

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live. I was invited to an organizational meeting of the Unmet Needs Committee of the Pickens County Disaster Relief Fund.

As sometimes happens to pastors, I had a funeral the morning of the meeting and arrived to the 2:00 p.m. meeting late – only to find out that I had been elected as co-chair of the committee. My first response was "What?" But it was true.

Now, I am the least likely or qualified person to hold this position. I have no building skills or knowledge of how to build anything. The committee had no money and we had a number of homes damaged that were not insured.

The task seemed impossible. But with the help of a number of local volunteers, a few work teams from out of town and out of state, Habitat for Humanity, a few grants, donations from individuals and churches, the North Alabama Conference of the UM Church, and many prayers, we eventually got people back in their homes. We got our feet wet, stepped out in faith and God was with us.

So I have to ask you: where is God calling you? To what is God calling you? To whom is God calling you? I encourage you to "get your feet wet." Step out in faith. And remember that God is with you.

DeColores!

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Sponsor Someone Soon

By ANGEL RAIT
Community Coordinator

Linda Holt has added tremendous enthusiasm this year with the Holy Spirit Stick of Sponsorship and her excitement is contagious. Our cluster Lay Director came up with a theme for 2019:

SSS – Sponsor Someone Soon.

Have you ever sponsored someone? When was the last time? Someone at the last board meeting shared that she has sponsored 50 pilgrims!! WOW, that is amazing. Someone else said there is a man in their cluster who sponsors someone on every men's walk. WOW, what a wonderful thing to do! You know we were asked the question at closing, "What did your Emmaus Walk mean to you and what are you going to do with it?" I think that gentleman took this seriously!

It is time for all of us to get serious about sponsoring. Here are a few suggestions:

- You are encouraged to sponsor even if you are "new" to Emmaus. Just get a co-sponsor to help you for that first year after your Walk.

- Have you asked your family members to go on a Walk? Have you even talked with them about the Walk to Emmaus and how it changed your life? This is a great place to start!!

- How about the people you work with? I am sure they have noticed a change in you since you have been on your Walk. Offer them the same gift you received when someone sponsored you.

- How about your friends? The people in your Sunday School Class? Your neighbors? The folks in your Bible Study? The person who fixes your coffee at Starbucks?

- Has someone told you no? Ask them again when you feel the time is right and they might be ready! Don't give up on them, God certainly hasn't given up on you!!

- Attending closing and hearing new pilgrims share their experience will spark a fire in you to share this experience with others.

- Print off some applications and keep them in your car, because you never know when God will place an opportunity in your path!

In Luke 24:13-34, two disciples were on the Road to Emmaus. Those two disciples' hearts were burning during their conversation with Jesus. Their enthusiasm could not be silenced and flooded their whole being. After they encountered the risen Christ, they must have felt a happiness to share the Good News with others. They immediately returned to Jerusalem to share their experience. What a wonderful example of what we should do after our walk to Emmaus. *I can't wait to go to the post office and find an application with your name filled out as the sponsor!*

SSS!

DeColores, Angel Rait, sjc #173, Table of Martha, Pell City UMC



Let's **FILL UP** all
2019 Walks!
God is calling
whom through **YOU?**

Camp changes food calculation method

When something has been done the same way for years, it often takes some time and some repetition to get the word around that it's changed.

This is to inform the Community about a change involving Emmaus Food Service. Camp Sumatanga is now planning and preparing the food for Emmaus Walks based strictly on the numbers the team reports to them on the Monday of the Walk.

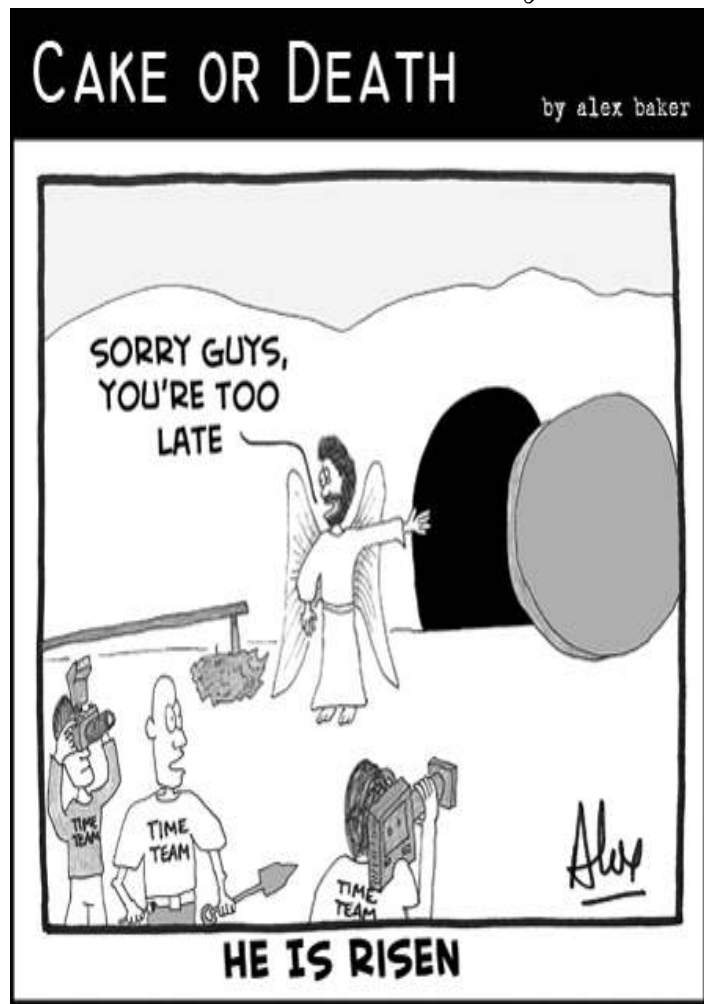
In other words, the Food Service Committee is to turn in the count of all team members who will be eating meals and any non-team members who register to serve a meal and eat. These numbers will be exact, with no projecting. The Camp then buys the food according to these numbers.

If there are any non-team members who come to serve a meal and wish to eat, but have not registered with food service, they will be served last, and if there is food left.

Another part of this new policy is that meal costs are not refundable. If a team member is listed in the count on the Monday of the Walk, but then for some reason is unable to work it, the cost of meals will be deducted from the refund given to that person.

The cost of meals for a team member working all weekend is \$72. If a Pilgrim is listed and unable to attend, the Camp will absorb any of those losses.

This policy will keep costs down and hopefully forestall any increases in the near term.



UPCOMING WALKS

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
483	Mar 7-10	Tim Cotton	Mitchell Williams	Huntsville	Al Killen Linda Case
484	Mar 21-24	Julie English	Ted Leach	BhamE/BhamS/S Shelby	Jerry Nelson Dianna McQueen
485	Apr 25-28	Denise Burford	Amy Parsons Vaughn	Cheaha/E Alabama	Willie Johnson Paul Webb
486	May 2-5	Buddy Purdue	Alan Beasley	Franklin/Hamilton/ Haleyville	Joan Cleveland Jackie Mize
487	Aug 15-18	Melanie Skillman	Barry Hallman	Blount/Cullman	Bob Manney Kay Parker-Phillips
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

*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 485
April 25-28, 2019**

Lay Director	Denise Burford (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Brenda Causey (Priority) Teely Samson (Fourth Day) Stephanie Kirby Chrystal Whitehead Susan Vickers Stephanie Terrell
Spiritual Director	Amy Parsons-Vaughn (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Jack Causey (Prevenient Grace) Ted Anderson (Justifying Grace) Chris Whitehead (Sanctifying Grace) Abi Carlisle-Wilkie (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Don Saxon
Asst. Table Leaders	Brandi LaBenne (Priesthood) Linda Stanfield (Study) Judy Thompson (Discipleship) Angel Rait (Changing Our World) Christine Brightbill (Christian Action) Suzanne Bachelor (Body of Christ) Judie Wesson (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Woni Nelson Brenda Kent Judy Anderson Debra Fennell Debbie Hicks Dianne Wingfield Katrina Upchurch
Board Reps.	Willie Johnson, Paul Webb

Committees

Agape:	Valrie Bain	256-454-8813
Meal Service:	Chuck Belitz	256-362-6412
Refreshments:	Sterling Rait	256-225-3840
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	SuBette Crisp	256-591-0416
Housing:	Kathy Mitchell	256-794-5196
Candlelight:	Becky Willis	256-820-0471
Clean-up:	David Burford	256-831-5259
Closing:	David Burford	
Entertainment:	Carol Scroggin	706-766-4102
Follow-up:	Linda Kociaba	256-283-8727
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Sylvia Cashen	256-435-8660
Sponsors' Hour:	Fred Muenzmay	256-496-0121
Worship:	Glenda Prestridge	256-831-6820
Photographer:	Bon Crisp	256-283-6466
Humble Servant:	Bill Prestridge	256-831-6820

Name	City	Sponsor
Kristy McDaniel	Albertville	Misty Brogdon
Juanita Jackson	Altoona	Misty Brogdon
Sandra Farrington	Berry	Dana Gillam
Stephanie Stern	Florence	William Vaden
KaSara Streetman	Florence	April Vaden
Sharon Spader	Guntersville	Connie Hannah
Nancy Pye	Guntersville	Barbara Meigs & John Myres
Cheri Gober	Hackleburg	Brad & Lisa Nichols
Holly Laue	Huntsville	Rebekah Massey
Iris J. Smith	Huntsville	Eula Pugh & Alice Gero
Grace Langhout	Huntsville	Edith K Pickens
Heather Porter	Huntsville	Jackie Langhout
Tosha Phillips	Killen	William Vaden
Cheryl Datuin	Killen	Tony Datuin
Mae Nickles	Leesburg	Andrea Eldridge
Kim Johnson	Madison	Jana Killen
Dorothy Phillips	Muscle Shoals	Myra Yates
Tracy Dollar	Northport	Sherri Trick
Carolyn Allen	Springville	Paulette Clemants/Carol Smith
Kellie Collins	Tampa	Steve Marshall
Pat Russell	Town Creek	Pat Lee
Ann Thaxton	Town Creek	Tony Datuin
Sue Shelton	Tuscaloosa	Sherri Trick
Ashley Mitchell	Florence	Pete Peeden
Misty Buerhaus	Florence	Pete Peeden
Heather Porter	Huntsville	Jackie Langhout
Elynn Smith	Huntsville	John Ryberg

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 486
May 2-5, 2019**

Lay Director	Buddy Perdue (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Ricky Hall (Priority) Alan Wilson (Fourth Day) Jeff Bowling Rocky Stone Jerry Gann Clyde Putman
Spiritual Director	Alan Beasley (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Bo Lloyd (Prevenient Grace) Elliott Gordon (Justifying Grace) Jeff Fleming (Sanctifying Grace) Mitch Nethery (Obstacles)
Music	Pat Seal
Asst. Table Leaders	Scott Godsey (Priesthood) Gene Matthews (Study) Chris Burcham (Discipleship) Greg Gunnin (Changing Our World) Justin Trulove (Christian Action) Robert Wood (Body of Christ) Donald Jones (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Hal Keeton Ed Blackburn Lynn Griffin Paul Huffman Keith Bishop Ken Farr Dennis Upchurch
Board Reps.	Joan Cleveland, Jackie Mize

Committees

Agape:	Kathy Hall	256-810-0894
Meal Service:	Tony Mize	205-486-2787
Refreshments:	Nancy Bowling	256-577-0863
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Karla Huffman	256-668-0452
Housing:	Jennifer Swinney	256-627-0731
Candlelight:	Debbie Wood	205-269-4488
Clean-up:	Patricia Farr	256-332-3864
Closing:	Patricia Farr	
Entertainment:	George Childree	205-495-2012
Follow-up:	Dolores Sparks	256-668-2141
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Lee Page	256-668-0747
Sponsors' Hour:	Lynda Hall	205-412-0410
Worship	Kim Perdue	256-668-1946
Photographer:	Kim Perdue	
Humble Servant:	Judy Burcham	256-412-1296

Name	City	Sponsor
Charles Lawson	Arab	Chris Graves & Jeremy Patterson
Joe King	Centre	Samuel Eldridge
Ben Nelson	Childersburg	Woni Nelson
Daniel Terry	Coker	Dan Robertson
Wabon Cameron	Grant	Doug Moody
Rod Gunter	Guntersville	Paul Meigs & Mike Rucks
Bernie Swider	Guntersville	Paul Meigs
Bill Crosby	Huntsville	Billy Bell, Chad Steed, & Joe Vonderheide
Brian Webb	Huntsville	Terry Fulwider
Stacy Terry	Northport	David Hill
Ashley Kimbrough	Prospect	Al & Jana Killen
Dave Hollis	Tuscaloosa	Dan Robertson
Andrew Talton	Albertville	Jason Talton
Jake Smith	Huntsville	John Ryberg
Murray Edmondson	Madison	John Ryberg
Corey Williams	Madison	John Ryberg

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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 the family of **Doris Bishop(69)**

To **Michelle Murray (433)** in the loss of her husband **Myron Murray (222)**

To **Jack Lawrence (High Desert #2 CA)** in the loss of his wife, **Kerry Lawrence (High Desert #2 CA)**, to **Pete Lawrence (Chrysalis)** in the loss of his mother, and to **Rusty (351)** and **Pam (348) Congo** in the loss of their daughter.

To **Al Killen (388)** in the loss of his mother, Annie Killen

To **Brenda Quesenberry (375)** in the loss of her husband, **Billy Quesenberry (396)**

To **Mike Creecy (306)** in the loss of his wife, Francine Creecy

To **Donna Wells (166)** in the loss of her father, Hubert V Parker

To **Paul Stevenson (16)** in the loss of his mother, **Helen Stevenson (NAS)**