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St. Benedict & Anonymous Servanthood!

By Deanna Shotts, Community Lay Director

To begin, I want to thank ALL those who planned, supported, carried out and participated in the Memorial/Training event. Recognizing the 40th year of Alabama Emmaus was wonderful. The birthday party theme added to the feeling of joy and celebration as we heard from special speakers, learned how we can better serve on Emmaus teams and, of course, shared snacks and meals together.

As an Oblate of St. Benedict, I periodically read through his "little rule" for life. For me, the Benedictine vows of Stability, Faithfulness and Obedience are core to the spiritual journey. In Chapter 7, Benedict names 12 "steps" or facets of humility and points out behavior that can be an obstacle to that facet. I cannot think of these vows or read this chapter without thinking of Emmaus and our call to anonymous servanthood.

Anonymous means "with no name known or acknowledged." Humility means "absence of pride or self-assertion." Are you making a connection? In her commentary on Benedict's rule, Joan Chittister says humility is the "basis for right relationships in life."

We are given a perfect example of these characteristics in Luke 7:36-38. A woman "brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them." This woman offered Jesus radical hospitality. We are to offer the Pilgrims radical hospitality. The name of this woman is unknown but her actions have been recorded for all time. Our names may remain unknown and Pilgrims may never see **(Please See Shotts Page 2.)**

A Masterpiece Revived

By Paul Vick, Community Spiritual Director

Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT: "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

What an honor and a humbling thing to be considered Spiritual Director for Alabama Emmaus Community. When I attended Walk 297 I began to ask God to stretch me to do His work. And over the years, as I have followed in obedience, He has abundantly said yes to my prayers.

I confess that I have continued to experience Dying Moments of My Priorities, and my life of Christian Action has not always aligned itself with His will, Yet He continues the courtship of His Prevenient Grace. Yes, my Fourth Day is a continuous stretching to do "the good things he planned for us long ago". This year as we continue our Road to Emmaus experience, may we walk in humility and gratitude for those good things Christ has for us to accomplish. May we be a masterpiece of stretching beyond what we are capable of producing on our own.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Enjoy the cooling of Autumn and the up-coming Walks to Emmaus. And when the Stretching seems severe, just remember whose masterpiece you are. De Colores

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our faces, but our willingness to be conduits of Jesus' love to them will remain with them the rest of their lives.

Pages 21-25 of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus Team Manual addresses Team Formation. If you plan to serve on a Walk for the first time or for the 50th time, I invite you to read these pages. Email me (marydshotts@gmail.com) and I'll be glad to share them with you. There is valuable information for EVERY team member on Spiritual Formation; Team Conduct; Obstacles to Service; Discipline; and Obedience and Servanthood. In these pages, I hear a call to stability, faithfulness, obedience and humility.

The main obstacle to service that is discussed is "egos getting in the way." Can this be because we haven't internalized the "12 steps" of humility that Benedict recognized? As I read through this section, here are just a few questions that came to my mind and I invite you to ponder them with me:

Do I call attention to the service and sacrifice of others, thus making the Pilgrims feel they are expected to feel gratitude toward us? Do I have a personal need for recognition? OR, do I allow the Holy Spirit to lead Pilgrims to an awareness of service, sacrifice and gratitude?

Do I talk more than I listen? Do I unconsciously or even intentionally try to direct Pilgrim responses to various aspects of the weekend.

Do I instigate applause or recognition for speakers, music leaders, or other team members, thus calling attention to the person (people) rather than the message they share as they speak or serve? OR, do I allow affirmation for the speakers and others to begin with the Pilgrims.

There's a lot of I in these questions. Egos are tricky things so let us all meditate on our own state of humility and how we engage in anonymous servanthood. I trust God will help us become even better servants on Walks to come.

God Nudges

By Angel Rait, Community Coordinator

I had a most incredible experience recently. I was asked by our Youth Director to help one day during Youth Missions Week. I normally agree to help for one day, but this year I was behind at work due to computer issues, so when Kristie called, I was prepared to turn her down. She sounded somewhat discouraged on the phone. She was coming down with something and didn't feel well, and a lot of her adult volunteers had already backed out. She is a hard gal to refuse, so I reluctantly said yes.

It turned out that Wednesday was the day she needed me - ALL DAY, 8:15-4:15. How could I possibly give up a whole day, and especially a Wednesday when my Reunion Group meets? I certainly didn't want to miss my Reunion Group, but I also didn't want to let Kristie down, so I went.

We began the day with breakfast followed by a devotion led by one of the Youth. I was amazed and shocked by the depth of this young lady's message. We then jumped into the service projects for the day. One group worked on packing 70 backpacks with school supplies while another group baked 12 dozen batches of brownies. When both projects were completed, we took the brownies to our downtown businesses. We thanked them for their service and gave them a card that the kids had made from the Youth Group and told them God loves them. All of the businesses were so appreciative.

After lunch we divided up into groups of three to go visit our elderly "Shut-ins." Once again, my heels were dragging, as I was wondering how this was going to go with YOUTH! But again, I was amazed.

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Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
504	Sept 8-11	Danielle Eppes	Woody Jones	Tuscaloosa West Alabama	Danny Lemley Mike Whitten
505*	Sept 22-25	Fredrick Martin	Mac Buttram	Shoals/Athens/ Moulton	Clay Hammond Donna McDaniel
506	Oct 20-23	Rhonda DeHaven	Kelly Clem	Gadsden/Marshall/ Cherokee-DeKalb	Wilson Webb Butch Fennell
507*	Nov 10-13	Bruce Parris	Mac Buttram	Huntsville	Sherry Johnson Ken Albrecht

***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!

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The three in my group were awesome at asking questions and talking about themselves. Before we knew it, an hour had passed. The second visit was similar, but we also received some profound advice. Mrs. Dot told us that her parents did not go to church, so she didn't attend church until she could drive and take herself. She said that was the best thing she ever did: attend church, find Jesus, and make Him Lord of her life! She told us that it was a decision that she kept the rest of her life.

We ended the day with all groups meeting back at the church. We all shared a good thing about the day. I was practically in tears after everyone had a turn telling about their day. Some responded about how fun it was baking the brownies and getting to lick the spoon when they finished. Some were sad that one of the people they were to visit was not home. Some said they didn't have enough time to visit and wanted to stay longer. Another was excited to find out that the shut-in knew her Grandma. On and on they went with only good things to share! A day I was reluctant to participate in because I "didn't have time" turned out to be the best use of my time! I am so thankful that I chose to listen to God that day instead of me. Isn't this what the "Changing Our World" talk is all about? You start with yourself, then others, then your community, then the world. Working to make this place we live in more Christ centered. Don't ignore those nudges from God as you might just be surprised about the blessing you will receive!

Angel Rait, sjc #173

New Chairs!

Anonymous servanthood has led a donor to provide enough funds to complete our project of 300 new chairs for Hutto. A total of 319 chairs along with 3 racks that will hold 176 of those chairs has been delivered to Camp.

May God richly bless all who participated in this project.



The Grapevine

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BOARD BITS

In its June meeting, the Alabama Emmaus Community Board voted to add the following reminders to the guidelines of every Team Committee:

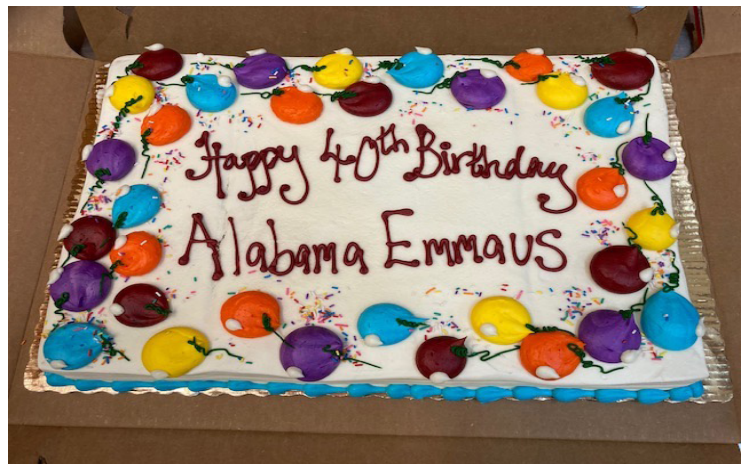
- *While Emmaus is based in Wesleyan theology, we must always keep in mind and be sensitive to the fact that there will be Pilgrims attending who are from varying faith backgrounds and church cultures.*
- *We must also be sensitive to "unknown" victims of abuse, especially on Women's Walks, and conduct ourselves in ways that create a safe environment for all.*

This information has been sent to all Cluster Leaders for sharing and is currently being added to all guidelines.

These reminders are closely related to a portion of the Canon of the Emmaus Teams that is read at all Team Meetings:

"The Holy Spirit calls for my love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control in all things. Therefore I will serve in humility and gratitude."

Prayerfully focusing on the Pilgrims and yielding to the Holy Spirit will indeed produce these graces in us.



Praying For You

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

To **Rob Crook (224)** in the loss of his wife, **Lynn Crook (225)**

To **Bobby Terrell (347)** in the loss of his wife, **Paula Terrell (307)**

To **Derryl (Cur), Glen (80), Kevin (57)** and David Thomas in the loss of their mother, **Ruth Thomas (25)**

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 504
September 8-11, 2022**

Lay Director Danielle C. Eppes - Perseverance

Asst. Lay Directors

Sarah Rickert - Priority
Katie Woodward - Fourth Day
Dana Gilliam
Angie "Gigi" Broadbent
Angie Baines
Mary Lynn Whitten

Spiritual Director Woody Jones - Means of Grace

Asst. Spiritual Directors

Alicia Rhodes - Prevenient Grace
Preston Headrick - Justifying Grace
Tyrone Rivers - Obstacles to Grace
Sherri Reynolds - Sanctifying Grace

Music Chair Sonny Skinner

Asst. Table Leaders

Tracy Morrison - Priesthood
Patricia Bush - Piety
Leah Alexander - Growth through Study
Michelle Gibson - Christian Action
Tracy Rivers - Discipleship
Melissa Tuten - Changing Our World
Lynne Gregory - Body of Christ

Table Leaders

Kacie Davis
Sonya Guy
Deborah Clinton
Judy Voss
Candice Robbins
Pam Lacy
Jill Kjar

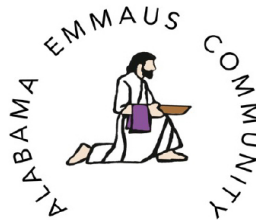
Board Reps Danny Lemley
Mike Whitten

Committees

Agape: Ken Baines (205) 792-7097
Food Service: Norma Lemley (205) 344-1012
Refreshments: Holly McCollum (205) 242-5966
Prayer Vigil: Kathy Mason (205) 339-6560
Housing: Mark Scogin (205) 349-7175
Candlelight: Danny Sims (205) 752-7034
Clean-up: Ryan Rickert (662) 243-2190
Closing: Bobby Jones (205) 210-3824
Entertainment: Ken Baines (205) 792-7097
Follow-up: Butch Burgess (662) 327-6410
Prayer Chapel: Joel McLaughlin (205) 861-5225
Sponsors' Hour: Karen Worley (205) 331-9233
Worship: Jacque Allred (205) 275-2534
Photographer: Carol Frazier (662) 889-3526
Humble Servant: Reginald Eppes (205) 826-4917

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Adria Hamilton	Albertville	Misty Brogdon & Ethan Brogdon
Julie Blumenthal	Birmingham	Julie Pappalardo & Suzanne Scott Trammell
Sandra White	Birmingham	LaShawn Reese, Jessica Winfrey & Mike Williams
Shirley McCracken	Duncanville	Rob Stringfellow
Rachel McCauley	Fayetteville	Angela Steelman
Brilee Breidenbach	Foley	Amy Talton
Cass Vickery	Hackleburg	Amber Steward & Jodi Trulove
Lynn Roebuck	Hoover	Heather Monsma & Tara Glass
Donna Johnson	Huntsville	Pat Thorn
Rene Parker	Huntsville	Steve Neyman
Arlene Zanolunghi	Huntsville	Sandra May & Sarah Melendez
Paige Gross	Indian Springs	Denise Cone
Erin Melicks	Killen	Will Vaden & April Vaden
Jeannie Allen	Montgomery	Kay Seale & JoAnne Draper
Terri Stacy	Northport	Shirley Jay
Karen Belles	Oneonta	Lana Beck
Kay Lambert	Piedmont	Bob DeHaven & Rhonda (Scott) DeHaven
Blanche Hockett	Pulaski, TN	Al Killen & Jana W. Killen
Dianna Watkins	Pulaski, TN	Al Killen & Jana W. Killen
Savanna Wong	Pulaski, TN	Al Killen & Jana W. Killen & Douglas Wong



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 505
September 22-25, 2022**

Lay Director Frederick Martin - Perseverance

Asst. Lay Directors

Hal Mills
Donnie Armstrong
Sanders Woodroof – 4th Day
Mitch Dobbins – Priority
Clay Jackson
Jimmy Grisham

Spiritual Director Mac Buttram – Means of Grace

Asst. Spiritual Directors

Bradley Hipps – Prevenient Grace
Greg Patrick – Justifying Grace
Larry Hogan – Obstacles to Grace
Tony Jones – Sanctifying Grace

Music Chair Wes Canestrari – 256-214-1392

Asst. Table Leaders

Buddy Carter – Body of Christ
Mike Creecy – Discipleship
Joe Peeden – Life of Piety
Glenn Stokes – Changing Our World
Andy Clem – Priesthood
Alan Schollian – Christian Action
Michael Carr – Study

Table Leaders

Tom Murphy
Richard Martin, Jr.
Jonathan Killen
Heath Reed
Rob Carpenter
Jack McDaniel
Charles Woodroof

Board Reps

Clay Hammond
Donna McDaniel

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Clean-up: Leasha Laster 256-810-0899
Closing: Billy Hargrove 256-777-4706
Entertainment: Kim Henry 256-206-1833
Follow-up: Jan Hargrove 256-777-4095
Prayer Chapel: Lynda Bottcher 256-412-0338
Sponsors' Hour: Ashley Carter 256-874-5065
Worship: Kris Murphy 256-777-0163
Photographer: Chad Bottcher 256-759-8908
Humble Servant: Julie Martin 256-777-4623
Scott Henry 256-777-6463

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Grayson Bailey	Athens	Martin Bailey
John Christopher Batts	Athens	Jack McDaniel
Patrick Boyett	Athens	John Boyett
Darren McNutt	Athens	Leah Beth McNutt & Caroline Canestrari
Caleb Greenwood	Boaz	Josh Brogdon & Ethan Brogdon
Joshua Greenwood	Boaz	Josh Brogdon & Ethan Brogdon
Richard Greenwood	Boaz	Josh Brogdon & Ethan Brogdon
William Ward	Bristol, TN	O'Iolade Erinkitola
Nathan Martinez	Columbus	Sarah Rickert & Ryan Rickert
Darren Shockney	Elkton, TN	Bethany Shockney & Dick Windsor
Justin Miller	Florence	Bob Young & Julia Young
Shawn Menke	Helena	Gene Ingram
Eric Ray	Helena	James White
Kent Stump	Hoover	Mike Miller
Jim Page	Huntsville	Jeff Langhout
Colin Cotton	Jacksonville	Ted Anderson
James Mitchell	Madison	Vern Spearman
David Tuggle	Pelham	Delona Nolen
Hamilton Blair	Toney	Billy Hargrove & Lesli Blair
Johnny Shideler	Tuscaloosa	Dennis Gregory
Randy Long	Vestavia Hills	Hank Patterson & Vestavia Hills Reunion Group

