

# The Grapevine

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### At your service

## We are called to be the Church

By **LYNDABOTTCHER**  
Lay Director

The words in the headline above are found on page 28 of your Pilgrim's Guide as part of the Affirmation of Faith within the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It is a simple, yet profound statement. We all know it to be true.

But what does it mean to us, and what are we going to do with it?

Each of us knows that the purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to build church leaders. Each of us knows that when we spent those 72 hours on our original Walk, Christ was re-presented to us where we were at that moment.

Ideally, we have maintained and nurtured our relation-

ship with Him as we continue the journey. Many of us have been a part of re-presenting Christ to other Pilgrims as they begin their journeys.

In February of this year, a new ministry began where Bud and I worship. It is an intentional outreach to the unchurched. Those who might be called 'the least of these' have been targeted. There is a worship service at 1:00 on Sunday afternoon in the fellowship hall. A warm meal is served, praise songs are sung, and there is a short talk given by one of our pastors, or other lay or clergy in the area.

When the Shepherd's Table began, the vision of the Conference was in focus: *Every church challenged and*

*equipped to make disciples of Jesus Christ by taking risks and changing lives.* Some of the words in that simple statement have come into sharper focus – such as 'challenged,' 'risks,' and 'changing.'

There are four teams who cook and serve one Sunday a month. There are others who set up, greet, play and/or lead singing, keep the nursery, and eventually those who will serve as Bible study leaders. All who are regular attendees are deeply touched – more than could have been imagined – by the presence of the Holy Spirit as they fill the servant's role.

For some of us, there are parts of town we never saw, and **(Please see Bottcher Page 3)**

## Christmas presence fills the air

By **LYNNDIMON**  
Spiritual Director

"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us... Psalm 46-10-11.

Christmas is about God's promise to be "with us," Emmanuel! The beautiful words of Psalm 46, which remind us of this truth, were some of my mom's favorite words of scripture, and she shared them with me often over the years I was growing up.

Perhaps that was just her way of telling me to "be still" sometimes! I treasure the lessons my mom taught me through these words of scripture. I now know these words must have been words of great comfort and sustenance for her through all the seasons of life, assuring her that the Lord is indeed faithful and is "with us" always.

Mom spent the last three years of her life in a nursing home, held captive by the ravages of the cruel disease Alzheimers. I'll never forget the last time she left the nursing home for a day's visit with her family.

It was Christmas Day.

We spent that Christmas at my niece's home. We were uncertain about our decision to take mom out of the nursing home, fearful that she would become disoriented and confused. Quite the contrary, though!

As all the family gathered around the table and prepared to bless the meal, we asked Mom if she'd like to ask the blessing. We really asked her out of respect, not thinking that she would be able to do it.

Her memory and speech had deteriorated so by that time. We were all stunned, though, when she began to pray with a voice as strong and clear as she had ever spoken and words that

**(Please see Dimon Page 3)**

## They brought three gifts with them

By CAROLYN PHILLIPS  
Community Coordinator

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king.

Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews?"

We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him." They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him.

They brought out their gifts of **gold, frankincense, and myrrh**, and presented them to him. (Matthew 2: 1-2, 11)

As Christmas approaches, David and I have been asked by our daughter and son-in-law to do something really different this Christmas for our two grandchildren.

Beginning this year, they want us to give them just three gifts. Now I am afraid this may be really hard for us, but wish us luck.

They have explained to Carrie Grace and Luke that Baby Jesus received only three gifts that first Christmas.

In Dr. Neil Chadwick's sermon entitled "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh," he concentrates not on who the "Wise Men" were or where they came from, but on the gifts they brought to the Baby – Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. All these items were very precious and expensive and were given to honor the one believed to be the King.

These gifts would provide the means necessary for a long and expensive journey into a strange land for Joseph, Mary and Jesus.

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From the Vineyard

## *Children teach us the greatest lessons*

By GREG SPOON  
*Grapevine* Editor

Joseph King gave away his lunch recently to a homeless man in downtown Birmingham. Joseph is not a very big young man; in fact, he is a little shorter than the average seventh grade boys in his grade.

But what Joseph lacks in vertical size, he makes up with a bigger-than-average heart and a warm smile when he meets people.

In this season of reflections on thankfulness and giving, I remember over and over Joseph's simple act of kindness, one not extended with any thought of return generosity.

His joy radiated from his eyes and smile as he told the elderly man, "You have a better day, sir."

Lessons we learn from children. And he never knew I witnessed the whole event at all.

"God will bless you, young man," the elder replied. "God blesses those who help others in need."

Joseph just smiled.

The next day, in class, when I asked Joseph what part of the seventh grade class field trip to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute interested, or "touched," him the most, he replied without hesitation, "I gave a homeless man my lunch."

His reply created a few turned heads among his classmates, but when he continued speaking, they understood more.

"A lot of times, adults say not to talk to those

people," Joseph said, "but they are just like I am, well, except that I have food to eat every day.

"I know some homeless people are bad and hurt others, but you just can't judge everyone by what a few do."

Lessons we learn from children. Or are at least reminded of.

We went on that class period to discuss giving to others in general. I told my students that I would rather help someone, not knowing if that person was truly in need, than risk not helping someone at all.

Immediately, Joseph raised his hand.

"Yeah, Mr. Spoon, your job is not to judge what that person does with what you give," he said emphatically. "If they did something like buy beer or cigarettes with the money, they will have to explain that to God. You had the right intention."

I must admit that what Joseph said was exactly what I was thinking, but a little hesitant to phrase it just that way in class, so I told him I agree with his statement.

Joseph King is a give-until-it-hurts...and then give some more...kind of boy. I know his parents are proud of his giving spirit.

His lesson to me that day in first period English troubled my waters a bit. What kind of giver am I? How easily can I give?

Lessons we learn from children. What has God said to you through Joseph?

Have a blessed and thankful Christmas season.

**Bottcher**

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to be quite honest, we never wanted to see them. There are people within six blocks of our church building who are actually hungry.

What about you and yours?

One of the two professions of faith so far from this group has come from a girl who

turned 15 in September. Her background and environment would curl your hair. And even though her spirit is renewed, changing her world will take some time.

I have struggled with that time. But I have learned an unexpected dimension of servanthood in the process. If

she asked Jesus into her life – and she did - He came. He is faithful, and He is there. She is still in the same environment – and He is there with her – in the physical, emotional, and spiritual squalor.

And He is still serving and redeeming in it.

I have to fight the impulse

to run! What am I prepared to do with that?

I am continuing to answer that question. It's a day-to-day process.

But as I do, I realize that while I may not live in the SAME squalor, there are areas of my life that may be just as unpleasant  
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**Dimon**

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deeply touched our hearts! Tears of joy flowed freely among us as we all listened and felt the presence of the Lord “with us” in Mom’s simple, yet powerful Christmas blessing.

The greatest present of all that year came not in a box or a bag, but in the words of my mom’s prayer. What a holy moment it was for all of us! God was indeed “with us”!

What I know, my friends in Christ, is that God is always “with us,” yet we often miss or, as our words and actions might betray, doubt His presence.

Ironically, it is at Christmas, the very season of the year that celebrates God’s

presence among us, that we are most prone to overlook His presence with us. We can get so caught up in the hectic scheduling of parties and shopping that we may miss Him entirely.

And even when our bodies are tired and still, our spirits remain restless, distracted by many things. My prayer for us this holy season is that we will “be still” and know that “the Lord of hosts is with us.”

Heavenly Father,  
Help us to be still, both our bodies and our spirits, that we may know your presence with us this Christmas and ev-

ery other day of the year. Help us to be mindful of the witness our actions and words make this Christmas.

By looking at our lives during this holy season, will the world be assured that you are indeed “with us”?

Help us to recognize you in the unfamiliar faces and places, just as you surprised the world on that first Christmas when you came to earth in the form of an innocent baby, your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Christmas Blessings!  
**Lynn Dimon**  
**Walk 71, Table of Martha, Pastor of Crumly Chapel UMC in Birmingham**

<b>Upcoming Walks</b>					
Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
296	Jan 19-22	Stella McDuff	Carl Long	Moulton/Decatur/Shoals	Lynda Bottcher
<b>297</b>	<b>Feb 2-5</b>	<b>Neil Odom</b>	<b>Tommy Gray</b>	<b>Birmingham East</b>	<b>Ted Hagler</b>
298	Feb 16-19	Sara Bryant	Mark Parris	Birmingham South	Julia Rudd
<b>299</b>	<b>Mar 2-5</b>	<b>Vic Hamilton</b>	<b>Kevin Thomas</b>	<b>East Ala/Cheaha</b>	<b>Larry Scott</b>
300	Mar 6-9	Janet Hartline		Cherokee/Dekalb	Jim Bissonnette
301	Mar 30-Apr 2	Annette Creest	Sandra Locke-Godbey	Cullman	Vicki Parsons
302	Apr 27-30	Jerry Frame	Dallas Culver	Franklin	Lynda Bottcher
<b>Men’s Walk</b> *Mid-Week Walk		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 296  
February 2-5, 2006**

Lay Director	Stella McDuff (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Elaine Beard (Priority) Beth Burden Susan Cosby (Fourth Day) Dianna Hurst Anita Long Lori Mills
Spiritual Director	Carl Long (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Rod Morgan (Prevenient Grace) Rachel Blankenship (Justifying Grace) Jeff Flemming (Sanctifying Grace) Matthew Mangino (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	John Schuessler
Asst. Table Leaders	Peggy Lamon (Priesthood of All Believers) Judy Woolley (Growth Through Study) Cathy Dutton (Christian Action) Linda Brocato (Discipleship) Lynn Littrell (Changing Our World) Tammy Hayes (Body of Christ) Sandra Burfield (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Connie Alexander Jane Eady Rosemary Lewey Jennifer Massey Vikki Reich Bobbi Shelton Mary Young
Board Rep.	Lynda Bottcher

**Committees**

Agape	Gloria Watson	256-446-8883
Meal Service	Billy Hudson	256-637-2065
Refreshments	Stephanie Hendrix	256-247-5974
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Gayle Littrell	256-247-5601
Housing	Danny Killen	256-764-0407
Candlelight	Fred Mason	256-381-5682
Clean-Up	Team	
Closing	Mike Miller	256-383-8811
Entertainment	David Lawler	256-381-3393
Follow-Up	Howard Jaggars	256-381-4227
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Bob McDuff	256-764-8575
Sponsors' Hour	Tom Watson	256-446-8883
Worship	Diane Hudson	256-637-2065
Photographer	Mitchell Stevens	256-766-3675
Humble Servant	David Lawler	256-381-3393

Name	City	Sponsor
Glenda Woods	Albertville	Larry/Regina Gregory
Marie Pell	Albertville	Larry/Regina Gregory
Judy Hale	Alexander City	Greta Locke
Myra Collett	Berry	Donna Thackerson
Nicole McKinney	Bessemer	Pat Brasher
Brittney Rentschler	Birmingham	Robert/Nancy Rentschler
Virginia Gmazel	Birmingham	Pam Bowdon
Cecelia Walker	Birmingham	Molly Clark
Barbara Orr	Birmingham	Bebe Abner
Erika Rentschler	Birmingham	Robert/Nancy Rentschler
Lori Henderson-West	Birmingham	Zeno Haselden
Phyllis Molock	Boaz	Paul & Barbara Meigs
Jan Thomas	Brownsboro	Elizabeth Spratt
Anita Gray	Center Point	Julia Rudd
Alisha McDonald	Columbiana	Merrie Lynne Pearson
Lichele Owen	Columbiana	Zeno Haselden
Marion Henderson	Columbiana	Zeno Haselden
Freda Monroe	Crossville	Linda Bouldin
Brenda Wisener	Cullman	Mickey & Kay Phillips
Bertha Jones	Cullman	Dianne Herfurth
Lindy Landers	Decatur	Randy & Debbie Burbank
Rebecca Cummings	Fayette	Dee Rowe
Debra Fennell	Goodwater	Butch Fennell
Diana Sampson	Guntersville	Larry & Regina Gregory
Sandra Schultz	Hanceville	Patricia Strickland
Phyllis Quick	Hayden	Lem Carter & Judy Houser
Sherry Cowan	Hazel Green	Denise Murphy
Judy Simpson	Huntsville	Sallye Reppucci
Thelma Schaefer	Huntsville	Liz Spratt
Susan Lockridge	Huntsville	Peggy Schlemmer
Patty Caldwell	Huntsville	Becca Phillips
Laurie Douthit	Jacksonville	Nancy Parker
Mary McCoy	Killen	Anita Long
Sandra Ferguson	Leighton	Ella Ferguson
Barbara Gannon	Meridianville	Denise Terry
Sylvia Gilliland	Moody	Terri & Randy Russell
Mary Ann Thomas	Muscle Shoals	Eric & Rosemary Brown
Doris Goodson	Nashville	Janet Hanbury
Fran Hopkins	Northport	Russ Hopkins
Kay Burroughs	Northport	Ken & Barbara Hanby
Erin Plunkett	Pelham	Margaret Shelton
Diana Wilson	Piedmont	Connie Hicks
Lynn Headley	Pinson	Pam & Neil Branham
Sherry Williams	Rainbow City	Evelyn Muskett
Mamye Smith	Rainbow City	Mary Brigmon
Anne Vinson	Red Bay	Joan Cleveland
Peggy Vick	Red Bay	Joan Cleveland
Rose Petruzella	Replap	Paige Shelnut
Cindy Hutchins	Russellville	Susan Borden
Paula Terrell	Russellville	Susan Borden
Cathy Payne	Russellville	Susan Borden
Kathy Britton	Russellville	Eddie Britton
Kate Windle	Springville	Dawn Tucker
Debbie Johns	Sylacauga	Wallis/Stephanie Wesson
Judi Vick	Sylacauga	James & Dian Long
Penny McCormick	Trussville	Sid Clements
Mellony McNeal	Trussville	Lisa Bramer
Kim Parker	Tuscaloosa	Pat Faile
Hope Collins	Tuscaloosa	Andrea Collins
Mary Meadows	Tuscaloosa	Nola Stakem

## Alabama Emmaus Walk 297 February 16-19, 2006

Lay Director	Neil Odom (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Neil Branham (Priority) Gene Thraikill Wayne Bates Bain Brown Gene Rayfield Jimmy Shields
Spiritual Director	Tommy Gray (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	J.W. Hallman Barry Hallman Herb Robertson Robin Scott Jerry Rhodes
Music	Ron Fincher
Asst. Table Leaders	Steve Spitzer (Changing Our World) Randy Russell (Christian Action) Terry Walker (Discipleship) Eric Barr (Priesthood of All Believers) Phillip Edwards (Growth Through Study) Robert McDuffie (Life In Piety) Scott Segars (Body of Christ)
Table Leaders	Sid Clements Buster Lilly James Marbut Randy Yergert Neil Segars Jim Riddle Clifford Dunn
Board Rep.	Ted Hagler

### Committees

Agape	Terri Russell	205-699-6236
Meal Service	Kathleen/Bill Drake	205-631-3576
Refreshments	Christine Yergert	256-830-9499
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Barbara Marbut	205-681-6710
Housing	Dolores Bunn	205-833-7783
Candlelight	Royce Hunt	205-467-7067
Clean-Up	Jim Harvey	205-647-7488
Closing	Stephen Hayman	205-856-2464
Entertainment	Joan Matlock	205-681-6090
Follow-Up	Regina Gregory	205-498-3342
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Lyn Cosby	205-856-7488
Sponsors' Hour	Chairyl Barr	205-681-7581
Worship	Rhonda Walker	205-655-3962
Photographer	Bobby Hailey	205-629-6140
Humble Servant	Dick Lamont	205-854-0755

Name	City	Sponsor
Jimmy Beason	Albertville	Nancy Beason
Paul Locke	Anniston	Larry Busby
Mike Slocum	Athens	Tom Pieplow
Johnny McCulley	Athens	Tom Pieplow
Ted Kirby	Birmingham	Jeff Schneider
Huey Davis	Birmingham	Jerre Rhoades
Brad Wideman	Birmingham	Mark Bond
Ken Clements	Birmingham	Bob Williams, Jr.
John Ryan	Birmingham	Bob Williams, Jr.
Dave Taylor	Charleston	James Taylor
Kendrick Burns	Cherokee	Bill Deegan
Jim Bates	Cleveland	Perry/Joann Gargus
Wes Walker	Columbiana	Zeno Haselden
Kevin Walkup	Columbiana	Zeno Haselden
Russell Taylor	Columbiana	Zeke Haselden
Ed Boutwell	Columbiana	Tom Nolen
Jason Head	Columbiana	Shawn Lipscomb
Chris Lindsay	Crossville	Jason Garrett
John Godwin	Decatur	Sam/Lisa Barnett
Bobby Clingan	Florence	Elliott Gordon
Steven Newton	Florence	Thomas Martin
Wayne Scott	Florence	Bobby McDuff
Mickey Hines	Florence	Bobby McDuff
Timothy Pierce	Florence	Bobby McDuff
Grant DeMuth	Guntersville	Robin Scott
Chris Holmes	Harvest	John Newton
David Darnell	Helena	George Scott
Bill Hightower	Hoover	June Davidson
Taylor Cox	Hoover	David Cox
David Bittinger	Huntsville	Bruce Parris & Sam Hayes
Jimmy Jackson	Huntsville	Harvey/Tana Lane
Larry McCoy	Killen	Carl Long
Michael Darnell	Madison	Buddy Slaton
Steve Hill	Madison	Ron Sell
Tim Bailey	Moody	Carol Karrasch
Wendell James	Mt. Olive	Tom Weaver
Sam Stribling	Muscle Shoals	Donald Armstong
Kevin Rose	Muscle Shoals	Fred Mason
Wade Dailey	Northport	Bob Prince
John Causey	Northport	Woody Jones
Tommy Raburn	Northport	Jerry Moss
Roger Mills	Northport	Charles Price
Tim Clements	Northport	Paul Bourgeois
Matt Smith	Oneonta	Carol Roberts
Johnny Ray	Oneonta	Kelly Ray
Jason Mayes	Pinson	Tom Weaver
David Shelton	Pinson	Doug/Susan Logan
T. Ray Mauldin	Pinson	Julia Rudd
John Farley	Rainbow City	Anna Mullin
Frankie Phillips	Rogersville	Thomas Thompson
Don Owen	Rogersville	William Wallace
Dean Cosby	Rogersville	Jamey Cosby
Joe Ferguson	Rogersville	Sandra Ferguson
David Donaldson	Sheffield	Chuck Beard
Tyler Jones	Sheffield	Brad Bernard
Morris Burnham	Snead	Charles Burnham
Lee Witherington	Sylacauga	Wallis Wesson
Paul Vick	Sylacauga	James & Dian Long
Bill Hebson	Sylacauga	Bob Hagan
Alton Johns	Sylacauga	Tom Carden

## Pricing changes to take affect in 2006

By **LYNDABOTTCHER**  
**Lay Director**

We don't always like change, but it just seems to hang around. There are some changes you need to be aware of that will be affecting details of your sponsorship, and your team participation.

Please read and make others aware.

Recently, Camp Sumatanga made a decision to use what is called the 'American Plan.' This means that anyone who spends the night at camp will have included in their fee for the night the price of dinner that evening, breakfast the next morning, and lunch at noon that day.

A new Team Registration form has been created that reflects this change, and

prices per night include the meals. In response to this change for Emmaus teams, the camp will now provide a fresh set of towels each day to each room.

If your used towels are outside the door each morning, they will be picked up at the same time the clean ones are delivered. This change begins with Walk 296 next month.

At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, Treasurer Ted Hagler presented figures that indicate that costs per Pilgrim have risen well beyond the \$130 fee that is charged.

This fee was last changed in 2001.

He proposed, and the board approved, an increase to \$160 per Pilgrim to attend a

Walk. This will affect those scheduled for Walk 297 in February 2006 and beyond.

If you have already paid the full \$130 with applications you have submitted, you will be notified of the extra \$30 when your Pilgrim is scheduled.

*The \$30 registration fee will remain the same.* This is the non-refundable portion if your Pilgrim does not attend.

No one ever likes to raise fees, and least of all your board.

However, it would not be possible to continue to pay our costs without this increase.

We hope you will work with us in a spirit of cooperation and charity. Please let us know if you have questions.

## Give our pastors thanks with grateful heart

The Walk to Emmaus is definitely a lay movement. But it would never happen without the help of the clergy. As lay people, we often just take it for granted that a minister can help us work a Walk, or be the Spiritual Director for a Cluster – *or for the community!*

We operate for the most part on a Monday through Friday schedule, and enjoy the majority of the Walks on the weekends.

Our pastors' main activities, as well as

preparations for them, are on the weekends. When they work on a weekend Walk, they must make all sorts of arrangements to cover their duties at home and at church.

Our Community Spiritual Directors truly give of their time in a sacrificial manner. When they agree to serve as the Assistant SD, they become the Spiritual Director for the Alabama Young Adult Chrysalis.

When they become the Spiritual Director for our Community, they may spend an entire Saturday at Camp. Team Selection

may take all morning; a board meeting may be scheduled all afternoon, and then there is the officiating at Candlelight. These activities really impact their preparation for Sunday. This is truly a sacrifice, and we see these servants give this time and effort gladly!

When you see your pastor, or any of those who are active in the Community, give him or her a special hug, and thank them with a grateful heart for their service.

It's a part of Emmaus we could not do without!

### Phillips

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The "Magi" gave their very best to honor and worship Him. The three gifts represented the three roles of Jesus.

His kingly office is represented by the gold. His divinity

by the frankincense, and His humanity by the myrrh.

They offered him incense as their God, gold as their king, and myrrh for suffering and death.

We try so hard to please others with materialistic things and sometimes forget the gift of love we were given over 2,000 years ago.

This Christmas I recom-

mend three gifts. Love your children, celebrate His love, and love others as you love yourself.

**Carolyn Phillips, Walk 63, Table of Ruth, Talladega First United Methodist Church**

### Botcher

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to Him: undiscovered and unrepentant pride; an inflated sense of stature and/or importance; a lack of patience with those who may not see things the way I do, or do them the way I think best; a dogged determination to correct to my own point of view.

The squalor may be quite equal. I'm sure the smell is the

same.

And yet He remains with me, too – serving, redeeming, calling and making me able to serve and redeem as part of His Body, the church. He never gives up on me. He just loves me unconditionally. Wow!

We have so much joy and fun as we participate in the vari-

ous activities of Emmaus. **And well we should!!!**

This is why we are called to be the church – and not the pig pen!!! All of us are beggars, looking for the one who tells us where to find bread. All of us are Prodigals!

The whole idea is to find the bread, come to our senses,

and come home to our Father.

Then we are in a place to take the risks of inviting others to changed lives – **and to the party!!!**

De Colores!

**Lynda Botcher, Walk 23 Table of Dorcas, Tusculumbia FUMC**

## To every thing there is a season

By **LYNDABOTTCHER**  
Lay Director

How the seasons fly by! It's hard to believe that 2005 is almost over! It has been a joy to serve you as Community Lay Director – one of the highest privileges ever afforded me! But January is coming soon, and Ken Hanby will take over the reins as your new CLD. I know you will begin now to pray for him and

### *Congratulations to new Board members Tim Culpepper, Ponda Gordon, John Schuessler, and Dick Titus*

support him.

We also have four new board members whom you elected. They are Tim Culpepper, Ponda Gordon, John Schuessler,

and Dick Titus. I know you join me in congratulating the Class of 2008, who will assume their duties in January. Please add them to your prayer list as well.

Our thanks go to Dee Ann Creel, Mike Creest, Nancy Frame, and Jerry Howell as they leave the board in December, for their hard work and commitment to the Alabama Emmaus Community. Each of them served at least three years and worked numerous Walks, in addition to attending all those board meetings.

Give them a hug when you see them!

## *Chrysalis community needs caterpillar sponsors*

By **TERRY ROGERS**  
YAC Lay Director

Do you have a son or daughter age 18 to 24? Do you have a grandson or granddaughter age 18-24?

Do you have nieces, nephews, neighbors, cousins, friends, church members?

Of course you do.

Why not consider sponsoring them for Chrysalis? Chrysalis is based on the Walk to Emmaus, a three-day experience of God's love and grace.

What's the difference between Chrysalis and Emmaus? Not much.

The Chrysalis movement believes that the college-age years are the most critical time in a person's spiritual formation.

During this time young people make many major decisions about religion, lifestyle, vocation, and lifelong partnerships through marriage.

They also face the greatest temptations in their lives.

Some of the talks during a Chrysalis journey focus on these

decisions and the importance of remaining in a Christian community.

Those who have worked both Emmaus walks and Chrysalis journeys find them similar yet uniquely targeted at the age group participating.

So, please consider sponsoring someone. Experiencing God's love in such a unique way, just as we did on our Walk, can make a difference in their life.

Applications for sponsorship can be found on our Chrysalis website, [www.alabamayac.com](http://www.alabamayac.com).

Please contact me (trogers@stmartins.ws) or our Chrysalis Community Coordinator, Deb Welsh ([welshdebl@aol.com](mailto:welshdebl@aol.com)), for more information on sponsorship. Journey #49 for young women will be March 17-19, 2006, and Journey #50 for young men will be April 21-23, 2006

## YAC has a history, too

By **TERRY ROGERS**  
YAC Lay Director

We hear about the history of the Walk to Emmaus at each walk as we learn everyone's favorite song, "De Colores." (By the way verse # 463 is my favorite; what's yours?)

Have you ever wondered how Chrysalis began? Probably not, but it's worth hearing anyway.

Chrysalis, which is the Walk to Emmaus specifically formed for high school and college-aged young adults, began in 1984 in response to numerous requests from Emmaus communities for a "Youth Emmaus."

By 1994, the Chrysalis movement for high school students had expanded to nearly 100 communities across the USA, Australia, and South Africa.

The very first Chrysalis for college-aged young adults took place in 1989 sponsored by the Upper Room and the Alabama/West Florida Emmaus Community.

Alabama's in the Chrysalis history books.

Our own Chrysalis community, Alabama Young Adult Chrysalis, began with Journey 1 on Aug. 26-29, 1993, led by the Holy Spirit and Barry Turner, Lay Director. The Rev. Dale Clem served as the Journey Spiritual Director.

Now, 12 blessed years later, our next journey is #49 and will be held March 17-19.

### Pilgrims 296

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Sarah Beall	Tuscumbia	June Davidson
Suzanne Moore	Tuscumbia	Gloria & Ed Smith
Beth Bosheers	Tuscumbia	Lisa & Sam Barnett
Kim Benos	Vestavia Hills	Holly Mims
Louise Simons	Vincent	George Hollis
Bonnie Day	Wellington	Bill & Nancy Parker

### Pilgrims 297

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Jason Hammond	Trussville	Scott Latham
Bobby Hosey	Trussville	Tom Weaver
Don Griffin	Trussville	Sid Clements
Joey Butler	Trussville	Jeff Darden
Vin Porter	Tuscaloosa	Brad Almond
Chuck Jay	Tuscaloosa	Jerry Moss
Scott Penuel	Tuscaloosa	Donald Davis
Ed Borden	Tuscumbia	Susan Borden
David Bryant	Wellington	Bill & Nancy Parker

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## *Praying for You*

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

**Becky Wilson (234)**, for the loss of her mother, and **Kevin Wilson (220)**, for the loss of his grandmother, Mary Arnold Jennings Keith.

**Ellen Coker (27)**, **Jim Furio (174)** and **Cynthia McGahan**, for the loss of their mother, **Peggy Furio (4)**.

**Lem Carter (104)** and **Martha Overton (171)**, for the loss of their sister, Ruth Thomas.

**Jeannie Agee (218)** and **John Tanner (70)**, for the loss of their father, Tommy Tanner.

**Laura Bawcum (240)**, **Lisa Manly (236)**, **Patricia Tate (168)**, and **Lynda Vest (226)**, for the loss of their father, John (Jack) Baker.

**Debra Willey Scott (13)**, for the loss of her husband, **Jeff Scott (12)**

**June Kendrick (15)**, for the loss of her husband, and **Tim Kendrick (46:FE)**, for the loss of his father, **Bill Kendrick (12)**.

**Tom Carden (213)**, for the loss of his mother, Tommie Carden.

**Paul Bennett (194)** for the loss of his wife, and **Gail (91)** and **Lamar Hiatt (105)**, for the loss of their daughter, **Melanie Bennett (175)**.

**Royce Warren (285)**, for the loss of his mother, Earline Warren.

**June Morrison (50)**, for the loss of her husband, and **Denise Cone (176)** and **Lisa Webster (43)**, for the loss of their father, Albert Morrison.

**June Morrison (50)**, for the loss of her brother, Richard Anderson.

The family of **Alma Breedlove (45)**.

**Leigh Murphy (18)**, for the loss of his mother, Louodine Redwine Murphy.

*"...neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 8:38-39