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Seeking green pastures

By **RICHARD BLOCKER**
Lay Director

Through the years I have noticed that many folk will periodically look for a greener pasture. Perhaps we all have done so, and probably still do, more than we realize. We covet what others have and do. We envy their life.

Behind the covetousness and envy is a desire for happiness, security, health, and love, among other things. Basically, we seek fulfillment by way of the things of this world. We view happiness as a result of obtaining worldly things. They look better or appear to offer more than what we already have. The green pasture over there seems greener than the pasture over here.

Over time, we begin to focus on the negatives of our situation more than the positives. As we look around, we see the positives – but not the negatives – of someone else’s situation. Their job looks better than ours. Their marriage seems more pleasant. Their house, their car, their life itself just simply appear to be more attractive than what we have.

Those other pastures seem green from where we stand. Our pasture seems brown by comparison. Why? Because we see the positives of those other things, those other situations and we compare them to the negatives of our own possessions and situation. The pasture over there has no fences. The sun always shines over

there. The air and the water are plentiful and fresh over there. We reason that we wouldn’t be trapped or restricted over there.

Then we put our strength and energy, sometimes all our resources, in taking possession of those ‘green’ pastures. Typically, we even reach a point of willingly giving up our positives to obtain that elusive happiness. We will even justify our actions by concentrating on our current negatives.

Once we get to that ‘green’ pasture, in time we discover that it, too, is brown. What’s more, we usually discover that it has briars growing in it. Before long the negatives of our new pasture grow strong in our thoughts and the positives grow weak.

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Life is a funny thing

By **DAVID LEE**
Spiritual Director

It’s a funny thing, this life welive.

For some it can last a long time, like a Church member of mine who just celebrated 100 years.

Or, it can last a short time, like a minister friend, Jerry Herston, who died at age 56 in a car wreck on June.

Or, it can last a very short time, like it did for my great niece Taryn,

who lived just 74 days and died of SIDS.

As I heard recently at a funeral, “It’s not how long you live, but how well you live.”

That’s a good thought! How well are you living? I mean really living! Are you making the world better by just being in it; or Are you making it more bitter?

As Christians we are called to be the “salt of the earth and the light of the

w o r l d . ” Sometimes I know I’m doing the right thing and other times I wonder. I guess we all feel that way at one point or another.

But, I do want to make the world a better place. Don’t you? Let’s be intentional about influencing others for the Kingdom of God!

David Lee Walk #
31 Table of Paul Lester
Memorial UMC, Oneonta

Carolyn's 'Quiet' Corner

Uh-oh! I forgot

By CAROLYN PHILLIPS
Community Coordinator

Have you ever just forgotten something? I know I have – by getting busy with my everyday life and easily forgetting things that I have committed to do.

All of us do this. I have started referring to these times for me as “senior moments.”

We have 150 inactive applications in the database - too many to list. Many of these applications are quite old. I would like to ask you to contact the office if you have submitted an application for your pilgrim and maybe forgotten about it.

If you would contact the office if you have not received anything concerning your pilgrim within the past six months, I would appreciate it. It would be regrettable if folks would like to attend the Walk, and we do not have them scheduled.

Sometimes we lose contact with our pilgrims. Sometimes they move. Sometime circumstances in their life prevent them from coming.

Things like this happen and it is OK. I just need to know and I will do anything I can to help you.

In our pilgrim's guide we find these words: *There are times in our lives to scatter stones that build walls, to gather stones that build bridges between alienated individuals. Teach us the times to seek out the fellowship of the body of Christ, the solitude of meditation, to serve others with humility and love.*

For every activity – silence, speech, mourning, dancing, weeping, laughing, tearing, mending, loving and hating – for all these we praise you. Help us use them to know your work in the world and our calling to that work. AMEN.

Enjoy your summer, and I hope to hear from you!

**Love in Christ, Carolyn Phillips, AL Emmaus Walk #63
Table of Ruth, Talladega FUMC**

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New Agape room groundbreaking set

The time has come for us to begin the Agape Room addition, Sat., Aug. 18, as part of our 25th Anniversary celebration, we will have the Agape Room Groundbreaking at 4 pm behind Hutto.

Following the groundbreaking, at 5 p.m., we will have a Community barbeque at the McKinney-Atkins dining room (Retreat Center). Reservations for the barbeque need to be made using the Training Event Registration Form in this *Grapevine*. The Registration Form is also available on the Emmaus Web page.

We plan on beginning with the foundation right after Labor Day, Sept. 3-8. The next activity is the concrete slab and termite treatment.

Those activities are planned for Sept. 10-15. A special Agape room page is available at the Alabama Emmaus Web site. A current timeline for the building is posted and updated as needed. The page is available at: www.AlaEmmaus.org.

The dates for each activity are tentative and subject to change as the construction advances, on the materials and monies available and on the weather.

Whenever changes are made, the page will be updated. The major activity is listed in the first column and the dates for that activity are in the second column. The third column gives the specific activities.

Listed in the fourth column are materials and supplies needed for each activity. The fifth column contains the types of equipment needed for the activities.

Finally in the last column are the special knowledge and experience needed. In each of the activities community members will be able to serve in the build-

ing by providing labor and service.

We will keep a current schedule with additional details on the Emmaus web site to keep everyone advised. Many have indicated that they will make additional gifts to the agape fund once we actually begin.

We have at this time approximately \$42,000.00, in the Agape Room account. The estimated total cost, totally contractor built, is approximately \$106,000.00. The community has indicated it will provide much of the labor.

We have estimated that the Community can provide approximately \$40,000.00 worth of labor. Therefore, we need approximately \$25,000.00 additional monies, or the equivalent in gifts of materials and supplies. Three persons of contact have been established.

Gifts of money – send to Ted Hagler, 1513 Bridgewater Lane, Birmingham, AL 35244, Treasurer@AlaEmmaus.org, 205-985-9608

Gifts of materials – contact Larry Scott, 2361 Hwy. 22 West, Alexander City, AL 35010, lscott@charter.net, 256-329-1000

Gifts of service – contact Bud Vann, 4700 Chris Drive, Birmingham AL 35235-8675, budvann@bellsouth.net, 205-655-8083, cell-205-305-4392

If you wish to furnish materials, supplies or equipment, review the needs and contact Larry Scott.

If you, your church, mission team, or etc. wish to supply service to the construction of the building, contact Bud Vann.

Bud will be out of the Country during July, so during July please contact Ken Hanby, 4904 Lakeview Estates Drive, (Please See Agape Page 7)

Blocker

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Soon we see another green pasture on yonder hill. The justification begins again. And so it goes throughout our life.

The reality of what happens when we seek happiness from the world is that the void in our heart is never filled, the happiness is fleeting, and the want never leaves.

As believers, we are quick to say the answer is Jesus Christ. That is true. But, I know many believers that still seek green pastures. I know believers that every day seek happiness through worldly things. They always want something. Something that they believe will increase their happiness.

Actually, we are all afflicted with those desires because it is the root of our sin nature. We seek to feed self. It is important to understand the role self plays in our life. It is self that is the root of sin. It is self that separates us from God. Satan, you recall, fell from grace be-

cause of pride. He wanted people to worship him. It was pride, or focusing on self, that is the sin introduced into creation that caused Adam and Eve to stumble. It separated them from God and it separates us from God. We are all born with that same focus on self. We think self can provide happiness and we think happiness comes from worldly things; those 'green' pastures.

If seeking to fulfill self separates us from God, why do we still seek those worldly things after we become believers? The obvious answer is that the sin nature does not go away when we become believers. Perhaps another answer is we don't fully understand all that it means to be a Christian.

Being a Christian is more than just believing. It is becoming one with Christ. When we do become one with Christ we are to die to self so that Christ can live through us. It is self,

remember, that is the root of our self nature. In reference to what the Apostle Paul said, it is no longer we that live, but Christ that lives in us. We no longer live for ourselves. We live for Christ. He lives his life through us. Our body becomes his body. Because we have died and Christ lives in us, it is no longer Richard and Marsha and Fred and Bill and Mary. It is Jesus and Jesus and Jesus and Jesus. Thus, we are one body. We are one in Jesus – the body of Christ.

What does that have to do with green pastures? An old familiar verse of Scripture gives us the answer. "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Psalms 23:2a You see, only God can lead us to green pastures. We don't get there by our efforts. Our efforts lead to the brown pastures of this world.

Nor do we get there by just believing. We get there by truly becoming one with Christ;

becoming a disciple laying down our life to let Jesus live his life through us. Jesus said, "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Matthew 10:39 Give God complete control of your life. Only He can lead us to green pastures.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God. Then the green pastures will come...and stay.

Richard Blocker, Walk 180, Table of Luke, Asbury UMC, Madison, Alabama

Remember to register for this year's Annual Training Event. Information can be found on the insert in this issue!!

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
323	Aug 16-19	Pat Seal	Alan Beasley	Franklin/Hamilton/Haleyville	Ponda Gordon
324	Sept 6-9	Tom Caudle	Mac Buttram	Madison/Cullman/Huntsville	Dick Titus
325	Sept 13-16	Terri Russell	Barry Hallman	Oneonta/Gadsden/Cheaha	Ken Hanby, Sr.
326	Oct 11-14	Beth Burden	Sandra Locke Godbey	Athens/Shoals/Moulton/Decatur	John Schuessler
327	Oct 25-28	Noah Funderburg	Hal Noble	Tusc./W. Ala/B'ham S	Ted Hagler
328	Nov. 8-11	Patsy Wilkerson	Lloyd Gibbs	Marshall/Scottsboro/Cherokee-Dekalb	Jim Bissonnette
329	Dec 6-9	Tom Carden	Bill Brown	S. Shelby/E. Ala/B'ham East	Vicki Parsons

Men's Walk
*Mid-Week 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 323
August 16-19, 2007**

Lay Director	Pat Seal (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Kelly Moore Scott Godsey Robert Wood (Priority) Elliott Gordon (Fourth Day) Mike Tutich Lee Page
Spiritual Director	Alan Beasley (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Jeff Flemming (Prevenient Grace) Bryan McIntyre (Justifying Grace) Ricky Smith (Sanctifying Grace) Eric Brown (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	John Schuessler
Asst. Table Leaders	Jimmy Gardner (Priesthood) Jimmy Gregg (Study) Tony Mize (Discipleship) Lanny Norris (Changing Our World) Stewart Ozbirn (Life In Piety) Hal Keeton (Christian Action)
Table Leaders	Gene Matthews John Davidson Ken Farr Paul Huffman Mark Dearen W.G. Cochran Jerry Howell
Board Rep.	Ponda Gordon

Committees

Agape	Nikki Tutich	256-332-0180
Meal Service	Jan Page	256-356-9946
Refreshments	Sara Nix	205-993-5517
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Karla Huffman	256-356-9032
Housing	Pat Hardin	256-332-3449
Candlelight	Patricia Farr	256-332-3864
Clean-Up	Lee Page	256-356-9946
Closing	Willa Dean Gregg	256-332-3887
Entertainment	Jamie Cosby	
Follow-Up	Shelia Woods	256-332-7133
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Sue Hellums	256-356-9006
Sponsors' Hour	Rhonda Crutchfield	256-332-3753
Worship	Susan Goggans	256-332-3008
Photographer	Buddy Perdue	
Humble Servant	Buddy Perdue	

Name	City	Sponsor
Jack Quinn	Albertville	Rebecca Killebrew
James Blair	Alexander City	Mike Howard
Billy Storey	Anniston	Mary Storey
Matthew Daily	Arab	Beverly Simpson
Chris Holmes	Arab	John Newton
Lance Hallman	Arab	Steve & Cathy Hallman
Michael Zabala	Auburn	Taylor Cox
Danny Harris	Birmingham	Bob Kristofco
Shane Naish	Birmingham	Brad Felton
Casey Smith	Birmingham	Jennifer Head
Mike Morgan	Birmingham	Bill Arnold
Andy Ogles	Birmingham	John Turner
Jim Key	Birmingham	John Williams
James Slaughter	Birmingham	Amy Parsons Vaughn
Charles Harnach	Birmingham	Sid Clements
Kevin Walkup	Columbiana	Emmaus Friends of CUMC (Shawn Lipscomb)
Buddy Edgeworth	Cottondale	Ken Hanby, Jr.
Clark Branch	Cullman	Thomas Caudle
Gary Hawkins	Cullman	Allen Hawkins
William Murray	Cullman	Bob & Betsy Murray
Craig Gentry	Dahlonega	Ivy Hubler
Andy Davis	Decatur C	arolyn Davis
John Davis	Florence	George Lair
Keith Collier, Jr.	Florence	Dan Highfield
Van Brown	Florence	Eric & Rosemary Brown
Brian Nelson	Gadsden	Phil Blair
Ken Payne	Gadsden	Phil Blair
Daniel Robinson	Grant	Brent Maddox
Paul Roberts	Hamilton	Melissa Roberts
Jim O'Dillon	Hanceville	Kathy O'Dillon
Dennis Shaw	Holly Pond	Mickey Phillips
Wesley Barlow	Holly Pond	Mickey & Kay Phillips
Sal Rodas	Hoover	Chrystal Henderson
Bennett Weir	Huntsville	Larry Lowe
Jimmy Jackson	Huntsville	Harvey & Tana Lane
Dick Richardson	Huntsville	Billy Bell
Meekel Richardson	Huntsville	Vern Spearman
Paul Thiel	Huntsville	Ardis Thiel
Jeff Kyser	Huntsville	John Newton
Greg Nilsen	Leeds	Karl Herman
Neal Harvey	Lexington	Cindy Harvey
James Gulley	Lexington	Cindy Harvey
Tim Clark	Madison	Vern Spearman
Greg Edwards	Madison	Vern Spearman
Ben Plummer	Madison	John Ryberg
Tim Cowles	Madison	John Ryberg
Karl Wurstner	Madison	Jill Wurstner
Chester McKinney	Muscle Shoals	Gil Griggs
Dan Starkey	Muscle Shoals	Marshall Lewey
Max Akin	Muscle Shoals	Craig Taylor
Marc Sherrill	Northport	Ronnie & Sandra Brasher
James Tidwell	Northport	Woody James
Ken Clements	Pelham	Bob Williams, Jr.
Sean Brown	Phil Campbell	Alan Wilson/Jamey Cosby
Michael Wynn	Pinson	Robert McDuffie
Keith Mayo	Rainbow City	Jeff Lyles
Ace Howe	Red Bay	Jerry Frame
Tony Shirley	Rogersville	Phillip Springer/Cathy Bryant

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**Alabama Emmaus Walk 324
September 6-9, 2007**

Lay Director	Tom Caudle (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Dale Presto (Priority) Jerry Caudle Tim Culpepper Ken Albrecht Jimmy Fish (Fourth Day) Steve Neyman
Spiritual Director	Mack Buttram (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Peter Von Herrmann (Prevenient Grace) Jeff Helton (Justifying Grace) Tony Tidwell (Sanctifying Grace) Dudley Brock (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Barry Thompson
Asst. Table Leaders	Ronnie Heaton (Changing Our World) Wendell Copeland (Christian Action) Tim Pierce (Discipleship) Jethro Harbison (Priesthood) Bill Friday (Life In Piety) David Bussman (Body of Christ) John Strickland, Sr. (Study)
Table Leaders	Chester Freeman John Strickland, Jr. Gordon Boyd Steve McSwain Mickey Phillips Dan Bell Tom Morris
Board Rep.	Richard Titus

Committees

Agape	Luann Prickett	205-274-0559
Meal Service	Sandra Sloan	256-739-6079
Refreshments	Rita Presto	256-362-4852
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Bob Sloan	256-739-6079
Housing	Jo King	256-734-8031
Candlelight	Teresa Presto	256-739-4152
Clean-Up	Jody Taylor	256-734-5092
Closing	Minnie Heaton	256-739-0930
Entertainment	Judith Taunton	256-734-0290
Follow-Up	Mary Ann Caudle	256-739-1301
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Bill Peinhardt	256-739-1439
Sponsors' Hour	Shirley Johnson	256-739-3565
Worship	Judy Thompson	256-835-9306
Photographer	Mike Creest	256-739-2782
Humble Servant	Celia Caudle	256-734-7731

Name	City	Sponsor
Johnny Guzman		Ken Hanby, Jr.
Phillip Collie	Albertville	Delynn Sims
Mike Scott	Alexander City	Dianne & Larry Scott
Russell Hestley	Anniston	Belinda Blackburn
Jerry Leake	Anniston	Arthur & Patsy Young
Don Hill	Arab	Marty Bearden
Ben James	Arab	Brad Fleming
Greg Nix	Arab	Bill & Sharon Bailey
Krel Buckelew	Baileyton	Lydia Guthrie
Dexter McFarlin	Birmingham	God's Humble Servants RG (Mike Hodges)
Bill Pritchard	Birmingham	Tom Wood
Rodney Wilder	Boaz	Becky Price, Randall/ Sandra Pankey
David Kernea	Canton	Frances Kernea
Johnathan Shelnut	Cullman	Mark Holmes
Kermit Tucker	Decatur	Charles/Sonja Langham
Kelly Lee	Eastaboga	Chuck & Judy Belitz
Kin Taylor	Florence	Brant Rutledge
David Collier	Florence	Monday Morning Live (Bill Jordan)
Daniel Murphree	Grant	David & Judy Davis
Roy Rollings	Guntersville	Paul Claborn
Warren Jones	Guntersville	Paul Meigs
Jerry Albright	Haleyville	Jerry Cagle
Mack Head	Hampton Cove	Ralph Jones
Christopher Gordon	Hoover	Bob Gordon
Andrew Bevel	Huntsville	Tamara Bevel
Ken Burwell	Huntsville	Richard/Marsha Blocker
Scotty Winfrey	Huntsville	Beth & Craig Herr
Jerry Fishback	Huntsville	Elizabeth Bowman/Spike McRoy
Bill Barlow Killen	Thomas	Martin & Elliott Gordon
Charles Garrett	Leesburg	Lloyd Gibbs
Don Tucker	Leesburg	Lydia Tucker
Roger Bolton	Madison	Scott Thackerson/Jeff Williams
Bill Jackson	Madison	Jim & Barbara Harris
John Hiebel	Mathews	David Cox
Dan Hallman	Mt. Olive	Martin & Andrea von Herrmann
Eddie Mitchell	New Market	Bill Glover
Chester Norris	Northport	Connie Spiller
Tim Haskew	Northport	Tim Clements
Richard Couch	Oxford	Bill & Glenda Prestridge
Shane Calvert	Oxford	Friendship RG (Danielle Calvert)
Michael Phillips	Pinson	Donna Byers
Stacy Ozbirn	Red Bay	Heather Ozbirn
Austin Rich	Rogersville	Jamey Cosby
Doug Clement	Russellville	Pat Seal & Jamey Cosby
Bob Hollowell	Steele	Jerry Hastings
Joshua Horton	Town Creek	Michael Parker
Ray Conwell	Tuscaloosa	Bill Beverage
Cooper Shattuck	Tuscaloosa	Brad Almond
Sam Matherson	Tuscaloosa	Tim Clements/Tommy Raburn
D. L. Ryan	Tuscaloosa	Ken Hanby, Jr. & Sr.
Randy Waldrep	Tuscumbia	Bill Deegan
Steve Finch	Tuscumbia	Amy Jon Finch
Mike Gregg	Vestavia Hills	Harry Dinken
Joe Beddingfield	Woodville	Janet Hartline

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 325
September 13-16, 2007**

Lay Director	Terri Russell (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Cindy Colvin (Priority) Amy Crim Alice Edwards (Fourth Day) Kim Hamby Marcia Musso Patsy Young
Spiritual Director	Barry Hallman (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Cam Price (Prevenient Grace) Harvey Beck (Justifying Grace) Berry Faust (Sanctifying Grace) Gary McRae (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Jeff Price
Asst. Table Leaders	Sabrina Price (Priesthood) Lyn Cosby (Study) Jamie Chappell (Discipleship) Lisa Holmes (Changing Our World) Gail Hiatt (Life In Piety) Connie McDuffie (Christian Action) LeeAnn O'Toole (Body of Christ)
Table Leaders	Sharon Canada Beth Dunn Jadell Dunn Gail Hodge Melissa Rollins Sandi Tracy Rita Trutel
Board Rep.	Ken Hanby

Committees

Agape	Christy Shelnut	205-681-5641
Meal Service	Robert McDuffie	205-681-9030
Refreshments	Bain Brown	205-369-7630
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Rhonda Walsh	205-681-3038
Housing	Mary Jerome	205-680-9075
Candlelight	Elise Pass	205-681-2644
Clean-Up	Steve Colvin	205-681-0394
Closing	Sally Cofield	205-274-8033
Entertainment	Paige Shelnut	205-683-0040
Follow-Up	Helen Alexander	205-680-2037
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Virginia Powell	205-625-7346
Sponsors' Hour	Chairyll Barr	205-681-7581
Worship	Luann Scott	205-582-5127

Name	City	Sponsor
Joyce Powell	Alabaster	John Powell
Donna O'Kelley	Albertville	Susan Jones
Sharon Bridges	Albertville	Shalynn Kilpatrick
Lynn Kelly	Alexander City	Cathy Parker
Leigh Yearkey	Alexander City	Karen Crowe
Katherine Richardson	Alexander City	Barbara & Fred Muenzmay
Dean Boucher	Anniston	Sonny Champion
Carolyn Thomas	Anniston	Lisa Cronan
Victoria Wester	Birmingham	Kat Jones
Mary Sink	Birmingham	Andy Sink
Mandy Smith	Birmingham	Jennifer Head
Janet O'Neil	Birmingham	Bob Williams, Jr.
Mary Grace	Birmingham	Jeff & Kim Anderson
Kristin Nichols	Birmingham	Brittney Rentschler
Beverly Self	Birmingham	Paulette Clements
Brenae Dunaway	Birmingham	Debby Kristofco
Kim Mason	Boaz	Ann Seay
Heather Venable	Cedartown	Kathy Talley
Sandra Davis	Centre	Pam & Jay Myrick
Nancy Neyman	Centre	Pam Myrick & Doris Davis
Bridget Ciolek	Centre	Pam & Jay Myrick
Fran Folmar	Columbiana	Damon Folmar /Shawn Lipscomb
Emily Lansford	Columbiana	Richard Pearson
Vickie Parker	Cullman	Debbie McGill
Kathy Gautney	Decatur	Sonny Gautney
Kelly Doak	Denver	Elizabeth Martin
Sheila Lee	Eastaboga	Chuck & Judy Belitz
Rosanne Valentine	Florence	Bud & Lynda Bottcher
Robbie Green	Florence	Judy & Tom Thompson
Kathy Parkinson	Florence	Bud & Lynda Bottcher
Georgia Stevens	Ft. Payne	Cheryl Hines
Jacqueline Douglas	Gadsden	Leigh Johnson
Debbi Barnett	Hokes Bluff	Andy Powell
Julia Griffith	Homewood	Lisa Elliott & Laura Eanes
Clara Goode	Huntsville	Patricia McCrory
Jo McDonald	Huntsville	Jane Hastings
Melissa Tepool	Huntsville	Chris Bragg & Heather Green
Lisa Layton	Huntsville	Chris Bragg
Katie Wilson	Huntsville	Heather Green
Kristian Crowe	Jacksonville	Kevin & Melissa Thomas
Kim Stevens	Jacksonville	Jax FUMC Disciple III Group (Ann Woodrow)
Betty Walker	Jacksonville	Laurie Douthit
Alice Prescott	Killen	Escoe Beatty
Bunnie Dalton	Lacey's Spring	Mary Ann Smith
Kelly Rhoads	Lexington	Cindy Harvey
Crystal Plummer	Madison	Lizzie Dragon
Cheryl Tillman	Morris	Kelly Morton
Betty McDougal	Nauvoo	Roger Watkins
Martha Heinfeld	Northport	Shirley Jay
Kay Burroughs	Northport	Ken & Barbara Hanby
Karen Davis	Northport	Becky Brown
Christie Marquard	Oneonta	Bill & Rita Treutel
Stacey Stanley	Oneonta	Bill & Rita Treutel
Liz Hicks	Oneonta	Grace Malek
Cynthia Couch	Oxford	Bill & Glenda Prestridge
Elsie Pemberton	Pelham	John Powell
Shirley Johnson	Piedmont	Jane Oswald
Donna Overton	Red Bay	Georgia McCaig

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Agape

25th anniversary celebration

Annual training event plans unveiled for weekend

This year the Alabama Emmaus Community celebrates its 25th year, 1982 – 2007. We will be celebrating our 25th anniversary during the annual Training Event, which is scheduled for August 17 and 18. The theme for the anniversary will be: Walks 1 through 322 lead by the HOLY SPIRIT and the Walk LD's. We will have a special time to honor the past Walk Lay Directors from Walks 1 through 322. A special 25th anniversary shirt will be available, and an order form is included in the registration form.

The Training and celebration will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday with music and singing. That will be followed with a special anniversary entertainment, and of course, some refreshments. At 8:00 pm we will celebrate with a Memorial Service the lives of those members of the Community that went home to be with the Lord since the 2006 Training Event.

Families and friends of those being honored and remembered are invited to come forward and serve as a candle is lit in their memory. Anyone wishing to speak will be given the opportunity. The Memorial Service is a very special time for our Community each year as we honor those that have gone before us.

Breakfast at 7:30 will kick off the activity on Saturday for those that spent the night and anyone who registers for Breakfast. Music and singing will crank up at 8:30 followed by the 25th anniversary celebration at 9:00. A short break will be followed with the first of three training sessions beginning at 10:30. The training sessions will be held in the conference rooms of each of the buildings of the

Retreat Center, McKinney-Atkins Building and other places if necessary.

We will gather back in the McKinney-Atkins Building for a Community Report from Richard Blocker, Community Lay Director. A community question and answer period will follow the report with all Board members present available for discussions. Lunch will follow at 11:45. Immediately after lunch there will be a discussion on sponsorship and the Emmaus office. Session #2 will begin at 1:45 pm, and following a short break, Session #3 will begin at 2:45. We will all gather back at the McKinney-Atkins Building for closing of the Training Event at 3:30.

The Community is invited to meet in the parking area behind Hutto at 4:00 pm for the official Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Agape room to be built for the Community. This is a very exciting event in the history of the Community and this long awaited addition for our Community and our ability to serve the pilgrims will begin at last. We ask that all members present remember that the pilgrims will be in the Conference room at this time.

After this, the final part of the celebration will be a Community barbeque at 5:00 pm in the McKinney-Atkins dining room. After our meal we will celebrate with a time of singing and praising followed with a speaker. Everyone who wishes can finish the day by participating in Candlelight for Walk 323.

Ken Hanby, Walk 216, Table of John, Hargrove Memorial UMC, Tuscaloosa

Agape

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Northport AL, 35473, khanby@tjace.com, 205-339-7057 or contact Ted Hagler (see above).

We need certain qualified persons to be available for certain activities and for supervision. These special needs are listed in the sixth column on the timeline (available on the web page). Please let Bud or Ken know of your special skills. We also need anyone willing to serve and help build the room.

There will be plenty of jobs including general labor, holding boards, hammering, painting, etc., food and refreshments.

If questions, contact one of the Agape committee, Lynda Bottcher-256-381-6433, Viki Parsons-205-491-6545, Larry Scott 256-329-1000 or Ken Hanby-205-339-7057.

Please keep this project in your prayers.

De colores and Agape to all, Ken Hanby

Transformed by Christ

By TRACILOVEMAN

If you are reading *The Grapevine*, then you most likely know what happens on a Walk to Emmaus. I want to tell you a little about Chrysalis. A Chrysalis Journey uses the imagery of a caterpillar's transformation into a butterfly to represent the change that each one of us goes through when we accept Christ.

The first day of a Chrysalis Journey is a day of faith, a day of dying with Christ. As a caterpillar must die to being a caterpillar in order to become a butterfly, what must die in us in order for Christ to transform us into the people He wants us to be?

The second day of Chrysalis is a day of hope. The caterpillar has taken the leap of faith to form the Chrysalis, and even though we can't see what is happening inside that Chrysalis, we imagine all kinds of wonderful things. Just like in a Chrysalis,

Christ works in our hearts to bring about an inner transformation that may or may not be readily apparent. But we have hope that we, too, will rise with Christ.

Day three of a Chrysalis journey is a day to celebrate Christ's love. The butterflies emerge from the Chrysalis and fly with Christ. Christ has transformed us into His people. How will we use the gifts He has given us to help the world and fly with Christ?

The themes of the three days of Chrysalis are pretty much the same as a Walk to Emmaus. Some of the talks are organized differently, some of the worship services are different, the imagery used on the two weekends differs, but the intention of both Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends is the same—to bring all who are involved into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

The purpose of Emmaus

and Chrysalis is identical. Other than some peripheral differences, the main difference is the age of the participants. While Emmaus is for adults of all ages, Chrysalis aims to reach young adults between the ages of 18-26. Many people attend Emmaus Walks when they are young adults and have wonderful experiences. I would fall into that category. Other young adults, however, feel called to participate in Chrysalis and are more comfortable and able to be more open to God's leading when they are with others of their own age. If anyone knows any young adults who might be called to a Chrysalis weekend, the next weekend for young men is Aug. 2-5, and the next weekend for young women is Oct. 18-20. Whether we have attended an Emmaus or a Chrysalis we are Christ's new creations!

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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.

Harry Wilson (287), for the loss of his brother, Grady Wilson.

Pat Brasher (48), Christy Rogers (64), and Kathy Morgan (113), for the loss of their father, **Solon Cook (82)**

George Parr (49), for the loss of his father, George F. Parr

Larry Hogan (196), for the loss of his wife, **Pam Hogan (206)**.

Shirley Malone (281), for the loss of her sister, Mae Ewing.

Becky Dickinson (300), for the loss of her brother, Grady King.

Louise Simons (307), for the loss of her husband, **Kenneth Simons (205)**.

Jean Ham, for the loss of her father, Thurston Beasley.

Lynne Allee (95), for the loss of her mother, Mary Houston Stuart.

Bill Brown (108:PE), for the loss of his mother. The family of **James E. Darden (31:I)**.