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Be careful about what you say you'll never do

By **JOHN SCHUESSLER**
Lay Director

My wife, Cindy, went on her Walk (21) in December, 1984. Now, I've known Cindy most of her life, and when she came home that Sunday night she was glowing. I'd never seen her glow like that. She said then that she would like for me to go on a Walk.

I told her that I could see why she needed to go, but I saw no reason for me to go. In fact, I could think of a few more things she needed to work on, but I thought it best to leave that alone right then. She was gracious and didn't pressure me about going. Several years later, a good friend (Mr. B) suggested that I might consider what I was doing to Cindy by not going on a Walk. He said she had had a life changing experience at Emmaus, and she was not able to share that with me because I was so stubborn and thought I needed it the least. His subtle wisdom convinced me to go. I've relied on that wisdom many times since.

God used Walk 42 to change my life! A year later, Jonathan Watts called me to see if I would like to work on an upcoming Walk helping his wife Karen and him do the music. Just as before, I tried to get out of it. He got around

every excuse I could come up with. Again, God used that experience of working on a music team to change my life forever. I was starting to see a pattern forming.

In the summer of 2005, I was approached about considering running for the Board. As you may have guessed, I said I would never do that. I have always been somewhat rebellious and I considered most Boards to be made up of Pharisees. When asked about taking the job of Community Lay Director I immediately said "NO!" I guess this just shows what a good sense of humor God has.

Many times in my life I have felt God nudging me into something I didn't want. Many times I have balked. When I look back, I see His working in my life in many ways. I approach this year as your Community Lay Director with appreciation and a certainty that since I balked at it at first, then God must really have something He wants to teach me.

My prayer is that I will always be teachable. I ask for your prayers that all that I say and do as your Community Lay Director will bring glory and honor to Him.

John Schuessler Walk # 42 Table of Luke Tuscumbia 1st UMC

By **JENNY GALLMAN**
Spiritual Director

Do you ever find yourself making things harder than they really are? Admittedly sometimes things really are difficult! But sometimes, it's just not as bad as we may feel at the time.

I was driving down I-59 on my way to Birmingham the other day, trying to open a bottle of water. I was simply thirsty and needed a drink, but the top was stuck tightly. After unsuccessfully using all the strength I could muster with

my hands, I resorted to banging the bottle against certain parts of the car. I started with the steering wheel, but envisioned the airbag popping out in my face as I'm traveling 70 miles an hour down the interstate. So...my second choice was the door panel. When several hits against the door didn't loosen the top, I resorted to using my teeth as a pair of pliers in hopes of securing a tighter grip.

Once again unsuccessful, I located a pair of scissors and tried to poke a hole in the side of the bottle. I was really

thirsty...but it just wasn't enough to foster any success with my "interstate bottle-opening adventure".

Other things in life can prove to be truly difficult. Opening a stubborn water bottle just skims the surface of the deep well of trying times in life. It is our promise that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us... However, when a loved one dies and the grief seems unbearable; or a job is lost bringing insurmountable

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Chrysalis 2008

Praise in anticipation of things to come

Alabama Young Adult Chrysalis (AYAC) will be celebrating 16 years of Journey's this year. Chrysalis began in 1992 with much excitement and anticipation and is entering into 2008 much the same way. The start of a new year is exciting, motivating and is full of anticipation of what the year may hold.

As I was praying and preparing for our first board meeting on January 5th, I spent time reading and meditating on Ephesians 3:20, "now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us. (NIV) Did you notice God's word says "immeasurably more"! It is saying that we cannot even begin to measure nor imagine what God is able to do. That is strong.

In the midst of a circumstance two years ago I clung to that verse. In that time I prayed that verse over and over reminding God and myself what it says (I am sure He did not need reminding – but I did). I then set out to pray and ask and imagine all I could possibly think of knowing that God's word says He is able to do "exceedingly abundantly more"and He did! God answered my prayer in a way that I had not thought of nor imagined and it was by far greater than what I prayer for.

Ephesians 3:20 is our prayer for Chrysalis in 2008, knowing and trusting that God can do more than we ask or imagine. God has blessed Chrysalis for 15 years and we give Him all the glory for the many lives that have been changed. As we enter into the 16th year we know that as we pray and ask and imagine God "is able to do immeasurably more that we could ever ask or imagine" and in this we trust. "Let us sing God's praises in anticipation of things to come" (Charles H. Spurgeon)

2008 Chrysalis Board of Directors

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Carolyn's 'Quiet' Corner

Lean On God In 2008!

I received the following in an email and thought it was just too good not to share to begin 2008. Hope you enjoy it!

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old deacon who always prayed, Lord, prop us up on our leaning side.' After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently.

He answered, 'Well sir, you see, it's like this.... I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time, it's withstood a lot of weather, it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years. It's still standing, but one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall.

Then I got to thinking 'bout that and how much I was like that old barn. I been around a long time, I've withstood a lot of life's storms, I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing too.

But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning, at times.' Sometime we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't, so we need to pray,

'Lord, prop us up on our leaning side,' so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.

— Author Unknown —

De Colores!
Carolyn Phillips
Talladega 1st UMC
Walk 63, Table of Ruth

Silent servants: The hidden pearl of Emmaus

There is at least one aspect of Walk to Emmaus that is often overlooked or misunderstood. This is one of the most rewarding parts of not only Emmaus but also other events in life that we can ever experience. It is called Anonymous Servanthood.

What this term means to you may very well be different from my own definition, but if performed as a true act of agape, our blessings will be very much the same. I chose to use the term "true agape" because that is exactly what anonymous servanthood is.

Have you ever thought about what you do on an Emmaus weekend and why

you do it? 1 Corinthians 10:31 tells us whether we eat or drink or whatever we do, give God the glory. This means everything we do whether in the conference room or working as a Support Servant behind-the-scenes, our efforts are to bring glory to God, not a special focus on ourselves.

None of us would set out to do this intentionally, but it happens. The reason for this little note of wisdom is to alert you to this fact: sometimes we all like a round of applause, a drum roll, a 21 gun salute, the sound of our voice, or

our names in print. When it does happen, be sure you do all you can to redirect the credit to God. He is the only one worthy of praise!

John 3:30 says it all! I must decrease so He can increase. My anonymous service can only be a form of true agape if it remains unconditional; unconditional because it is supposed to be a gift of love from God.

Once I put my name and/or face on the gift, it becomes conditional, and I will most likely receive the praise thereby usurping God's glory.

Think about it!

(Source: The Upper Room)

Gallman

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financial crisis; or the doctor gives a negative report; or a child makes a choice that pierces the heart...we may find that we have cause to wonder just how we're going to make it through.

Sometimes this is how we face our spiritual journeys as well. The need just seems so

great, the task overwhelming, and the temptation is to throw up our hands and cry "enough Lord...enough!"

Hear the words of John 6:28-29. The disciples have approached Jesus and asked, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" And Jesus response is this: "The work of God is this: to believe in

the one he has sent."

Can you believe it's so simple? The one work our Father requires is that we simply believe in Jesus! It's not that we must fulfill a long list of duties; nor that we are to be all things to all people; not even that we are to always "get it right"; but simply that we be-

lieve in the One...to believe in Jesus.

Can't we do that? No matter how trying our lives may seem...can't we do this one thing required...to just believe; to focus on the promises rather than the failures; to see the potential rather than the handicaps; to

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Upcoming Walks					
Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
332	Mar 6-9	Karren Crowson	Dale Clem	Madison, Cullman, Huntsville	Dick Titus
333	*Mar 10-13	Judy Woolley	Bob Murray	Athens, Shoals, Moulton, Decatur	Bud Bottcher
334	Apr 3-6	Charlotte Anderson	Bill Brown	Tuscaloosa, W. Alabama, B'ham South	Mary Cashion
335	Apr 10-13	Lamar Hiatt	Robin Scott	Marshall, Scottsboro, Cherokee/Dekalb	Tim Culpepper
336	May 1-4	Larry Scott	Audie Hodges	S. Shelby, East Alabama, B'ham East	Bud Vann
337	May 15-18	Robert Wood	Terry Bentley	Franklin, Haleyville, Hamilton	Ponda Gordon
338	June 12-15	Debbie Sullivan	Amy Parsons Vaughn	Madison, Cullman, Huntsville	Richard Blocker
Men's Walk * <i>Mid Week Walk</i>		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 332
March 6-9, 2008**

Lay Director Karren Crowson (*Perseverance*)

Asst. Lay Directors Dottie Nelson (*Priority*)
Kathy Neyman (*Fourth Day*)
Sandra Jones
Cheri Frawford
LeeAnne Kavanagh
Judy Panucci

Spiritual Director Dale Clem (*Means of Grace*)

Asst. Spiritual Directors Kelly Clem (*Prevenient Grace*)
Sherrill Clontz(*Justifying Grace*)
Dale Cohen (*Sanctifying Grace*)
Dorothy Ann Webster(*Obstacles to Grace*)

Music Eddie Johnson

Asst. Table Leaders Joan Manning (*Priesthood*)
Anne Whitfield (*Study*)
Anne Parris (*Discipleship*)
Jackie Albrecht (*Changing Our World*)
Andrea Jones (*Life In Piety*)
Rica McRoy (*Christian Action*)
Karen Cotton (*Body of Christ*)

Table Leaders Roseanne Anderson
Gaytha Hendricks
Dedra Herod
Doris Wilson
Stacy Hedded
Brenda Titus
Elizabeth Martin

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Agape Steve Neyman 256-859-1284
Meal Service Keith Wilson 256-534-3932
Refreshments Sue Glover 256-536-3087
72-hour Prayer Vigil Ann Noren 256-883-6106
Housing Fred Anderson 256-852-2515
Candlelight Bruce Parris 256-325-6082
Clean-Up Roger Crowson 256-539-2388
Closing Mike Herod 256-489-0089
Entertainment Ken Walker 256-882-3439
Follow-Up Bill Smith 256-534-5713
Speakers' Prayer Chapel Sandy McKenzie 256-536-1976
Sponsors' Hour DeeAnn Creel 256-881-7563
Worship Dianne Lyrene 256-739-0815
Photographer Bill Friday 256-883-8487
Humble Servant Ralph Jones 256-534-0582

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Kathryn Delk	Birmingham	Laura Sink
Mary Sink	Birmingham	Andy Sink
Kristin Nichols	Birmingham	Brittney Rentschler
Laina Williams	Boaz	Leigh Johnson
Amy Cleary	Brownsboro	Crissy Albright
Tammy Knapp	Cleveland	Doris Booker & Andi Partridge
Emily Lansford	Columbiana	Richard Pearson
Fran Folmar	Columbiana	Damon Folmar/Shawn Lipscomb
Allie Green	Decatur	Bell Passeur
Stacie Coddling	Decatur	Randall & Brenda Wilks
Lauren Petty	Decatur	Diane Hudson
Julie Hubbard	Florence	Patsy Killen
Robbie Green	Florence	Judy & Tom Thompson
Lisa Gray	Florence	Sheila Pierce
Rosanne Valentine	Florence	Bud & Lynda Bottcher
Shelia Jackson	Florence	Martha Danley
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Lisa Layton	Huntsville	Chris Bragg
Andi Flippen	Killen	Martha Danley
Wanda Adomyetz	Killen	Mary Ann Thomas
Jennifer Benefield	Killen	Neal & Cindy Harvey
Kasey Phillips	Killen	Cindy Harvey & Jackie Bevis
Lori Clayton	Killen	Alice Yeager
Kelly Rhoads	Lexington	Cindy Harvey
Lori Russell	Madison	Liz Dye
Rebecca Smith	Moulton	Tina Hjelm
Nevis Purser	Mt. Olive	Kathleen Drake
Sherry Purser	Mt. Olive	Kathleen Drake
Merry Kniest	New Market	Sharna Kennamer
Amy Thomas	Northport	John & Barbara Reed
Bonnie Bingham	Northport	John & Barbara Reed
Karen Davis	Northport	Becky Brown
Crystal Traweek	Northport	Kacie Davis
Tonya Baggett	Northport	Scott Baggett
Beverly Love	Pelham	John Bradley Felton
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Doris McCafferty	Rogersville	Judy & Tom Thompson
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Lisa Miller	Russellville	Ronnie Miller
Von Banks	Satsuma	Cheri Russell
Gale Satchel	Sheffield	Rosemary Lewey/Laurie Mills
Michelle Holland	Somerville	Vicki Elliott
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Dianne Adkins	Trussville	Doris Booker & Michelle Mims
Cindy Lawson	Trussville	Dianne Wideman
Sue Condrey	Trussville	Janet Bell
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Linda Anderson	Tuscaloosa	Marcus & Carol Brown
Carol Scheele	Tuscumbia	Bud & Lynda Bottcher
Tammy Trott	Vestavia Hills	Sue Frazier
Laura Boswell	Winfield	Don & Annette Blaylock

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Betsy Murray
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Peggy Lindsay	Altoona	Missy Bissonnette
Sandra Hill	Arab	Patti Bearden
Carol Poupore	Arley	John & Gail Briscoe
Lou Kyle	Birmingham	Harry & Becky Wilson
Ginger Haven	Boaz	Rose Sims
Janice Fowler	Brownsboro	Nita Lewis
LouAnne Moore	Columbiana	Nancy Smith
Leanne Etheridge	Cullman	Becky Wilson
Janet Kirby	Decatur	Barbara & Ed Kirby and Ed Kirby, III
Lesia Cochran	Florence	Grits Girls RG (Jane Almond)
Becky Norvell	Florence	Grits Girls RG (Jane Almond)
Mary Miller	Florence	Grits Girls RG (Jane Almond)
Kay King	Fultondale	Coleen Glover
Beverly Sibert	Gadsden	Buddy Berry
Sharon Denham	Gardendale	Patricia Tate
Rita Lea	Gardendale	Coleen Glover
Brenda Selvage	Grant	Missy Bissonnette
Tammy Day	Guntersville	LaCrecia Smith
Barbara Hammond	Guntersville	Pat Davis
Evelyn Gray	Guntersville	Reba Miller
Ada Harbin	Guntersville	Michelle Davis
Shirley Ryan	Guntersville	John & Jeanette Chastain
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Ellen Rose Martin	Guntersville	Jeanne' Johnson
Becka Evans	Guntersville	Chris Herbert
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Peggy Parks	Huntsville	Tina White
Peggy Lumpkin	Huntsville	Tina White
Marilyn Schild	Huntsville	Glenn Smith
Linda Snead	Huntsville	Judy Belitz
Martina Melson	Iron City	Gloria Smith
Mary Jo Deaver	Madison	Mary Stedman
Terry Richardson	Muscle Shoals	Georgia McCaig
Martha Ann Hill	Northport	Gail Roy
Jamie Burns	Oneonta	Geneva Hollingsworth & Melanie Skillman
Evelyn Harris	Oxford	Bill & Glenda Prestridge
Fran Parris	Piedmont	Tammy Jackson
Donna Phillips	Rainbow City	Tammy Jackson
Mary Snyder	Remlap	Stephanie Scott & Lynn Smith
Claudia Mott	Russellville	Suzanna & Marcus Staehling
Jean Burns	Sheffield	Jo & Bill Henson
Sandy Cox	Southside	Phyllis Jones
Patsy Crutchfield	Sulligent	Roger Redus
Katie Wallace-Davis	Tuscaloosa	Polly Bailey
Stacy Fulton	Tuscumbia	Bud & Lynda Bottcher
Jean Thompson	Tuscumbia	Gloria Smith
Erica Warren	Vina	New Wine RG (Kitty Frederick)
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fix our eyes on the one who says all things are possible if we only believe?

To believe on the one whom God has sent...this one work is ours. No longer relying on our own strength or capabilities, we simply trust in the Incarnational Reality...God with us. So I encourage you. As you face life, whether in joy or sorrow; with anticipation or dread; good report or bad... Only believe!

Blessings on the journey!

Jenny Gallman, Spiritual Director
North Alabama Emmaus Community

Just a Reminder...

**Please take time to mail
back the insert if you
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Deadline is May 1!

Praying for You

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

Jan Pienzezza (207), for the loss of her mother, Margaret Fowler.
Chuck Terrell (316), for the loss of his mother, Barbara Terrell.
Barbara Hanby (225), for the loss of her mother, Jessie Hyche.

Donna Thackerson (161), for the loss of her mother, Doris Edwards.
Michael Samuels (KY Emmaus Walk 49), for the loss of his brother, Jacky Samuels.
Phillis Jackson (95), for the loss of her husband, **J. B. Jackson (96)**.

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

The family of Anne Dailey (39).

Dianne Lyrene (69), for the loss of her mother, Katherine Howse.

Bill (16) and Barbara Euler Farrar (30) for the loss of Bill's son, **Neel Farrar (40)**.

David Weeks (78), for the loss of his father and stepmother.
The family of Nancy Gordon (251).

Mil Ivey (113), for the loss of her father, Sammie Pate.

Gail Anderson (242), for the loss of her mother, Thelma Camidge.
Jessie Wyatt, for the loss of her brother, J. V. Finch.