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Sumatanga memories reach far back

By **JOHNSCHUESSLER**
Lay Director

The first time I went to Camp Sumatanga, I was 12 years old and I was there for Summer Pool Camp. It was there that I first felt the presence of God and Him tugging at me for a closer relationship with Him. I remember going off by myself behind the craft hut to sit on a rock and pray.

I had never felt this way by going to Sunday school or church, and so I wrote home to tell my mother about it. You know how mothers love to hear that kind of thing, especially from their sometimes wayward sons.

When I went on my original Walk, we had a long break after lunch on Saturday, and I ventured off by myself (please don't tell the ALD's). I made my way through the woods toward Pool Camp and found that same rock behind the craft hut. I was

beyond the sound of the bells. It was in January and it was really cold.

We had just finished Dying Moments before lunch and you know what God sometimes does during Dying Moments. Well, He had made an impression on me, and when I found that special spot where I had felt His presence before, it took me back and I felt it again. It seems as though God has a way of making Himself known at Camp Sumatanga.

Whenever I get the chance to go to Camp, whether I come over Tumlin Gap and come in by the lake or through Oneonta and come in by Pool Camp, I always feel that as soon as I am on the property, I am in God's presence and Satan has no power. I feel like I am in a protective bubble – Holy Ground.

God has been impacting boys and girls and men and women at Camp Sumatanga

since 1947. Some have felt Him while at summer camp, some while on Emmaus Walks, some while doing other things. I've had opportunities to work on Emmaus Walks in other communities, and they've all been great and God always uses them to show pilgrims how much He loves them.

However, since I went on my Walk at Camp Sumatanga, it's hard to separate Alabama Emmaus from Sumatanga and Sumatanga from Alabama Emmaus.

I'm sure many of you are aware that Camp Sumatanga is in need of some help. I pray that in the coming months, we who have experienced God's agape love through our Emmaus Walk at Camp Sumatanga will look for ways to be of help.

DeColores!

John Schuessler, Walk 42, Table of Luke, Tusculumbia First United Methodist Church

God's children rescued...

By **JENNY GALLMAN**
Spiritual Director

Some friends of ours are adopting a new baby. She is a precious little girl from Guatemala named Olivia. I've been looking at pictures of her via the internet for some time now, but today, on her first birthday, she is finally coming home to America. It is cause for much celebration and joy!

I'm reminded of the scripture where Jesus says, "Count on it...there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue." (Luke 15:7 The Message Bible)

In a lot of ways, Olivia needed to be rescued. Although she was one of the blessed ones who had foster parents to care for her

until the time of her adoption, she also has had much rejection and abandonment to suffer for one so young.

I have a new grandson who is about the same age as Olivia. He will celebrate his first birthday on March 2. Every time I have the privilege of seeing Noah, my heart swells with joy.

The experience of babysitting him, however, has reminded me that while my heart could easily long for another child to mother, my "not so young" body has now entered the "grandmothering" stage of life.

I now know the truth of the old saying, "it's wonderful to see 'em coming and it's wonderful to see 'em going!" But even though my
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A Lenten Coincidence

For the last couple of years, my husband, David, chose an interesting Lenten sacrifice. He takes the time to find interesting quotes from a wide range of books, both spiritual and secular, and then developing a short devotion or commentary to go with it. He ends by urging the church to prayer and sends it by email to our whole church and to several friends as well. He does this for all forty days of Lent.

David admits the hardest part is finding an appropriate and timely quote. So he uses a large collection of books and sometimes goes to the Internet. This week, something unusual happened. David picked a short poem by Shel Silverstein as his Wednesday quote and sent it out that morning. Later in the day, our midweek newsletter from church arrived. It contained a devotional written up by our co-pastor, April Ponder-Twardy using the same poem. They had both selected it without knowing the other was also using it and gave the church a double dose.

Here is the poem:

Listen to the MUSTN'TS, child,
Listen to the DON'TS
Listen to the SHOULDN'TS
THE IMPOSSIBLES, the WON'TS
Listen to the NEVER HAVES
Then listen close to me –
Anything can happen, child,
ANYTHING can be.

It reminds me of the Emmaus Walk and the work we do for the renewal of the church. We welcome pilgrims who may be worn down by the “mustn’ts, don’ts and shouldn’ts, and reintroduce them to the joy that flows with the grace of God and refresh their faith and hunger to do the work of the kingdom. After all, “Anything can happen, child, Anything can be.”

De Colores!

Carolyn Phillips, Talladega 1st UMC, Emmaus Walk #63

Table of Ruth

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Birth Announcement

After months of anticipation, the new Agape Room has finally been born. Construction began following the close of Walk 331. These pictures reflect just a little of the work in progress.



Chrysalis journeys offer new opportunities

By ANNA BeSHEARS

II Corinthians Chapter Six urges believers "not to accept the grace of God in vain" and tells how Paul and his companions submitted themselves to the lives of disciples who persevered through suffering and remained true to their calling.

Becoming a part of the Chrysalis and Emmaus communities has been a tremendous blessing in my life, and a poignant vehicle of God's grace to me. After attending YAC 49 in the spring of 2006, I felt confirmed to the grace of God in my life and challenged to commit

myself to discipleship. I became involved in youth ministry in my church and served on Chrysalis teams, seeing God's grace each time I answered Christ's call. Through this community I have met wonderful companions to share the journey with Christ.

This January, our Chrysalis community held its first training event. Lay director Paulette Clements contacted trainer Terry Dougherty in the fall to begin planning, and the board was excited about the opportunity this presented for our community (Please See Chrysalis Page 6)

Gallman

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body gets tired, the love in my heart does not diminish and the thought of him ever being abandoned or in need is just beyond comprehension.

That alone makes me very thankful for people like Olivia's new parents, who will seek out and receive an abandoned one into their lives, even at great sacrifice!

So...I've been thinking a lot about God's heart for his children who need to be rescued. They are many in number.

They are not all cuddly and cute and new to life like Olivia and Noah. Some of them are just months or even days away from their death. They don't all need a

physical home in which to grow and develop.

Many of them have homes nicer than anything you and I will ever see. They may not look as if they are in need at all!

But all of them who attempt to live apart from their heavenly Father also struggle with abandonment and rejection.. Jesus quietly reminds us that it blesses the Father's heart beyond comprehension for even one of them to come home to Him.

As I've already established, I'm too old to be adopting or birthing any more children in the natural. However, I can allow my heart to wrap around the same

desire that fills the Father's heart...for His hurting, abandoned and rejected ones to find their adoption, their home, their joy in Him.

I can open arms wide and boldly proclaim our rescue through the cross of Christ.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ... In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will..." (Ephesians 1:3-5)

Celebrating with you in the family,

Jenny Gallman

Alabama Emmaus Community Spiritual Director

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
333	*Mar 10-13	Judy Woolley	Bob Murray	Athens, Shoals, Moulton, Decatur	Judy Gilliland
334	Apr 3-6	Charlotte Anderson	Bill Brown	Tuscaloosa, W. Alabama, B'ham South	Mary Cashion
335	Apr 10-13	Lamar Hiett	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
339	Aug. 14-17	Andrea Marbut		Oneonta/Gadsden/Cheaha	Tim Culpepper

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 334**April 3-6, 2008**

Lay Director	Charlotte Anderson (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Becky Austin (Priority) Carolyn Goza (Fourth Day) Pam Townsend Kristy Akin Kay Jordan
Spiritual Director	Bill Brown (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Angela Martin(Prevenient Grace) David Holmes(Justifying Grace) Vicki Cater (Sanctifying Grace) Deb Welsh (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Johnny Jordan
Asst. Table Leaders	Roxann Edsall(Priesthood) Ruth Ann Clay (Study) Shawn Lipscomb (Discipleship) Margaret Rutson (Changing Our World) Heather Voshall(Life In Piety) Julie English (Christian Action)
Table Leaders	Melissa Jarrell Merri Lynn Pearson Lana Tew Elaine Wildsmith Julie Rogers Raylene Parker Roberta Wycoff
Board Rep.	Mary Cashion

Committees

Agape	Dedra Smitherman	205-621-8919
Meal Service	Neal Goza	256-245-2550
Refreshments	Rick Pearson	205-669-7327
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Janie Ailshie	205-663-6507
Housing	Doyle Kernea	205-988-3412
Candlelight	Jeff Anderson	205-620-4416
Clean-Up	Blake Austin	205-663-5161
Closing	Butch Wildsmith	205-665-9407
Entertainment	The Gertles	205-663-4337
Follow-Up	Terry Brown	205-665-1918
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Mary Woodard	205-663-0036
Sponsors' Hour	Bob Voshall	205-620-0337
Worship	Bill Rush	205-290-0092
Photographer	Roger Parker	205-664-2115
Humble Servant	Dan Anderson	205-663-4761

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Pam James	Arab	Patti Bearden
Kellie Thrower	Arab	Patti Bearden
Sherry Fussell	Athens	April Christopher
Cathy Hunter	Athens	Donna Cotton
Joyce Sager	Attalla	Paulette Clements
Jessica McKeough	Berry	Tinia Tubbs
Emily Morgan	Birmingham	Arthur & Patsy Young
Pam Palmer	Birmingham	Harriet McPhearson
LaResha Cade	Birmingham	LaVern Spearman
Danielle Self	Birmingham	Paulette Clements
Connie McWhorter	Boaz	Leigh Johnson
Leone Purser	Brownsboro	Dianne Campbell,Cody Gilliam
Cheryl Salamone	Cleveland	Brandy Salamone
Gayle Taylor	Coker	Kathy Kearns & Ken Hanby, Jr.
Linsey Flowers	Decatur	Mike Butler
Jacqueline Schlangen	Decatur	Barbara Kirby
Kathy Griffith	Fayette	Cyndy Norris & Emily Burleson
Susan Hood	Fayette	Cyndy Norris & Emily Burleson
Mary Armstrong	Florence	Maray Daniel
Myra Toner	Florence	Beth Toner
Dorris Phillips	Florence	Sheila Rhodes
Marianna Jordan	Florence	Maray Daniel
Missy Collier	Florence	David Collier
Vivian Gallegos	Florence	Wannell Scott
Jamie Robertson	Gadsden	Leigh Johnson
Suzi Johnston	Guin	Linda Alldredge
Sherry Crabtree	Hamilton	John Killham
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Christy Holmes	Huntsville	Mona Vines
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Chris Brightbill	Jacksonville	Winnelle Marsengill
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Sharon Weigart	Lexington	Neal & Cindy Harvey
Jenny Howard	Lexington	Neal & Cindy Harvey
Diane Springer	Lexington	Neal & Cindy Harvey
Debra Weeks	Lexington	Neal & Cindy Harvey
Kaye White	Lexington	Neal & Cindy Harvey, Jackie Bevis & David White
Pam Gray	Lexington	Cindy Harvey & Beth Toner
Nita Clark	Madison	Lola Spearman
Shyrl Sell	Madison	Bill & Ron Sell
Shree McCullough	Moulton	Connie Alexander
Kathy Carpenter	Moulton	Kay Seale
Annette Franks	Moulton	Kay Seale & Mark Heflin
Sherry James	New Hope	Sharna Kennamer
Kristy Summerlin	Northport	Kacie Davis
Melony Petersen	Northport	Cheryl & Joe Petrey
Stacey Stanley	Oneonta	Bill & Rita Treutel
Sharon Blackwood	Oneonta	Kathleen King
Janet Richey	Pell City	Chad Richey
Karen Lamb	Pinson	Sandy Hines
Stephanie Humphries	Red Bay	Joan Cleveland
Irma Silva	Remlap	Sunday Morning RG (Paulette Clements)

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Table Leaders	Bobby Austin Ron Ivey Jimmy Beason Richard Moore Ross Wilkerson Max Carter Ben Hulgan
Board Rep.	Tim Culpepper

Committees

Agape	Brent Maddox	256-558-3558
Meal Service	Jim Mobley	256-878-0712
Refreshments	Penny Maddox	256-558-3557
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Connie Hannah	256-878-8569
Housing	Diana Mobley	256-878-0712
Candlelight	Paul Meigs	256-582-6471
Clean-Up	Shalynn Kilpatrick	256-506-0742
Closing	Kay Bissonette	256-878-7809
Entertainment	Carol Weeks	256-878-8519
Follow-Up	Elenor Mayas	256-878-0518
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Bobbie Colvin	256-878-1232
Sponsors' Hour	Marvin Barron	256-638-4548
Worship	Luann Scott	256-582-5127
Photographer	Cindy West	256-878-9296
Humble Servant	Sherrie Hiatt	256-601-7673

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Shaun Brady	Birmingham	Mindy Wester
David Kernea	Canton	Frances Kernea
Buck Ruston	Columbiana	Kristy Akin
Shane Collins	Columbiana	Friends of CUMC (Chris & Angie Nash & Debra Waddell)
William Murray	Cullman	Betsy & Bob Murray
Derrick Bell	Decatur	Vern Spearman
Tori Moseley	Decatur	Vern Spearman
Jim Baird	Double Springs	Albert Rivera
David Horne	Eastaboga	Sharon Horne
Anthony Hipps	Florence	Danny & Patsy Killen
Jim Ingram	Florence	Dee Patterson
Steve White	Florence	J. T. Ray
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Ronnie Miller	Hamilton	Sheilah Wiginton, Pam Mixon
Ben Murray	Hamilton	Betsy & Bob Murray
Dave Taylor	Harvest	Chris Taylor
Mike Tepool	Huntsville	Mark Hedden
Johnny Frazier	Huntsville	Mark Hedden
Matt Fowler	Huntsville	Bill Fowler
John Holmes	Huntsville	Mona Vines
Meekel Richardson	Huntsville	Vern Spearman
Andrew Dean	Huntsville	Melanie Aldridge
Pete Black	Huntsville	Susan Black & Jerry Nelson
Scott Tidwell	Lexington	Neal & Cindy Harvey
Troy Bray	Madison	Vern Spearman
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Greg Woods	Tuscaloosa	John Reed
Ron Fulton	Tuscumbia	Bud & Lynda Bottcher
Steve Finch	Tuscumbia	Amy Jon Finch

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Board addresses increasing costs *Newsletter moving to electronic format*

As each walk goes by, our Community grows by 45-50 members. To serve our growing Community we have printed and mailed more Grapevines each mailing. The cost to mail the **Grapevine** is also increasing each mailing.

We have printed and mailed an average of 9,771 copies (many have two members) of the Grapevine each issue at a cost of approximately \$17,300.00 this year. Projected cost after the last issue will be close to \$21,000.00 for the year. It will continue to increase as we grow and as labor and postage costs increase. The Board has determined that the monies could be put to better use for equipment, materials and supplies for the walks.

The **Grapevine** is now available on the Alabama Emmaus Web page at: www.AlaEmmaus.org. Anyone with internet access can download the **Grapevine**. The **Grapevine** is published approximately every other month. The Board has decided to use the

Web page as the primary source for the **Grapevine**.

The Board wants it perfectly clear that anyone who wishes to continue to receive the **Grapevine** by mail can do so by simply returning the form below to David Hall at the address on the form. You can also advise David by e-mail at: DHall92727@aol.com. Please include the member's names, your address and phone number.

Those that request the **Grapevine** by mail will continue to receive it as in the past. However, **we must receive your notice, either using the form or by e-mail, prior to May 1, 2008**. After that time, all other members are to visit our Web page and download the **Grapevine**. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are going to use the Web page. We will maintain a listing on the Web page of the availability dates for each issue.

The Board desires to keep all the Community informed and hopes that everyone understands what they need to do. If you have questions, please contact the community Lay Director at: CommunityLayDirector@AlaEmmaus.org.

Requests needed before May 1, 2008

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Chrysalis

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munity. A last-minute emergency prevented Terry from coming to our event, and we were very thankful when God provided a trainer at the eleventh hour.

Dave McNowen arrived in Birmingham via Florida armed against another cold snap with a suitcase full of short pants and shirts. Despite all the obstacles placed in front of this event—from cancellations to unpredictable Alabama weather to technology issues—God provided.

As a community we fellowshiped, ate (of course!), and learned more about sponsorship and working on weekend teams. We were delighted to receive so much support from our Emmaus community as together we celebrated God's grace to us and explored how we could convey that grace to others through Chrysalis.

We are very excited about these upcoming spring journeys:

YAC 58 March 27-30 Robin Ellis - 205-647-0508, robinellisYAC58@gmail.com

YAC 59 April 17-20 Sharon Edmonson - hort5777@yahoo.com

Please contact the above lay directors if you are interested in working on a team. More information, including applications to attend, serve, and sponsor can be found at: www.alabamayac.com.

Grace and Peace,

Anna M. BeShears, YAC 49, Lester Memorial UMC, Oneonta, AL

Praying for You

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

Rocky Pienezza (205), for the loss of his mother, Barbara Pienezza.

Catherine Ray (189), for the loss of her husband, **Clint Ray (139)**.

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Name	City	Sponsor
Brenda Massey	Russellville	Joan Cleveland, Delores Sparks
LaJune Rodgers	Scottsboro	Veronica Hardin
Paula Heflin	Town Creek	Mark Heflin
Susan Woods	Tuscaloosa	Bethany Galbraith
Angie Conner	Tuscaloosa	Debra Walker & Ken Hanby, Sr.
Janice Jackson	Tuscumbia	Jessica Norwood
Laura Atkinson	Winfield	Kitty Frederick

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Name	City	Sponsor
Randy Waldrep	Tuscumbia	Bill Deegan
Steve Speir	Vestavia Hills	VHUMC Men's RG (Bill Rush)
Larry Mathews	Wilsonville	Friends of CUMC (Myra Wright)
John Lipscomb	Wilsonville	Shawn Lipscomb