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A life of submission

By **JUDY GILLILAND**
Lay Director

From all we know, it was an ordinary day when the angel stepped into Mary's life. What was she doing when he arrived? Cooking; doing laundry; sweeping the floor? We don't know. What we do know is Mary's response to the angel's message: "**I am the Lord's servant. ... May it be to me as you have said**" (Luke 1:38 NIV) and her life was forever changed. But the scriptures which tell her story are only a few sketches—the gospel is not about her, but her Son.

A stranger began walking with the two friends as they left Jerusalem for Emmaus that long ago afternoon. But they were so intent in their conversation with each other they didn't pay much attention to Him, until He started asking them questions.

They could hardly believe that He didn't know what had happened, and they began to tell Him not only the events, but about their hearts' deepest concerns. We can relate to these disciples because we don't walk far in life's journey until we have some deep concerns: health issues, broken relationships, financial problems and the list could go on.

Mary's path following her submission to

God's will was probably different from her expectations, as ours sometimes is. We expect success, not suffering; we want to control, not surrender.

The disciples invited the Stranger to come home with them, but it was not until He broke bread and prayed God's blessing on it that they recognized Him. When He was gone, they remembered their burning hearts as He talked with them along the road. Again, like these disciples, our eyes are sometimes so much on the circumstances we don't realize Jesus is walking with us through them.

As John wrote last year, "Our Alabama Emmaus Community is one of the oldest and largest Communities under the guidance of the Upper Room. Over the years we have adapted some local ways of doing things that are not in compliance with the Model and we have already changed several things over the years to come into compliance."

And as you know, we were visited twice last year by representatives from the Upper Room who suggested more changes that we should make. In the weeks ahead, we will be working on developing those changes so we can be more in compliance with the Model and honor our Covenant Agreement with the Upper Room. Please, rest assured that any changes we make will be gradual

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Covenants touched by grace

By **CARL LONG**
Spiritual Director

When we study the scriptures, we find that we serve a God of covenants. Listed are a few of the covenant relationships God entered into with His followers: Genesis 17, God made a covenant with Abraham; Exodus 20, God made a covenant with Israel when He gave them the Ten Commandments; Jeremiah 31:31, God promises a new covenant to the house of Israel and Judah;

First Corinthians 11:25,

Jesus said, "This is the new covenant in my blood." These references remind us of how important the covenant relationship has always been between God and His people.

Lent is a season and a time of spiritual examination and renewal. It reminds us of the covenants that existed between God and humankind. One covenant that was not listed above was the one between God and Noah.

There is a song that expresses God's relationship with Noah when it says, "Noah found

grace in the eyes of the Lord." We remember the story well. Noah lived in very evil times. God decided to "wipe out" evil by destroying all creation except Noah, his family, and a pair of every living creature.

After the flood God promised that never again would He destroy the world with water. God gave a rainbow as a sign of this promise to Noah.

What can we learn from this story as we approach the

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The State of the Community

Alabama Emmaus Community summary of applications

Walk	Date	Gender	Sched	Invited	Accepted
350	Apr. 2-5	W	57	57	13
351	Apr. 23-26	M	69	69	0
352	May 14-17	W	67	0	0
353	May 21-24	W	62	0	0
354	Jun. 11-14	W	32	0	0
355	Aug. 13-16	M	38	0	0
356	Sep. 10-13	W	8	0	0
357	Sep. 17-20	W	1	0	0
358	Oct. 8-11	M	1	0	0
359	Oct. 22-25	W	0	0	0
360	Nov. 5-8	M	2	0	0
	TOTALS		387	176	63

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and the Community will be well informed in advance of putting them in place so that everyone will know what to do, and you won't have to rely on rumors. But, when changes are made, what a difference we could make if we all followed Mary's example of submission and let go of our need to remain comfortable and in control, and simply did what is asked.

One version of Scripture in Proverbs 4 says, "**Ponder the path of your feet.**" I firmly believe the Lord wants to use each of us where we are, with what we have in our hands and hearts.

According to Romans 12, when we present ourselves totally to the Lord, we are prepared for whatever is ahead, knowing we are walking with Him.

We have at least 2000 years of church history to show us what the Holy Spirit has done in the lives of those who yield to Him.

What better place for us to start than first in our local church and then in our service in the Alabama Emmaus Community.

Our freedom in Christ is given to us that we truly might be His submitted servants. What matters most to God matters most.

DeColores! Judy Gilliland

Alabama Emmaus Walk 133, Table of Mary, CrossPoint Community Church, Gadsden

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season of Lent? We can learn that God comes to us, finds, calls, and saves us. We are saved by His grace and not by our human abilities. Also, we can learn that the rainbow is a reminder of His grace. When we see a rainbow, we can remember God's grace in the deliverance of Noah and his family.

Many of you may remember an e-mail that circulated some time ago about the lessons learned from Noah's Ark. It began by saying: "All I really need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Don't forget that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead; it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit; when you are 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with what has to be done.
6. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
7. Two heads are better than one.
8. Build your future on high ground.
9. Speed isn't always an advantage; after all, the snails were on the same ark as the cheetahs.
10. When you are stressed, float awhile.
11. Remember, amateurs (given directions by the Master Builder and Teacher) built the ark; professionals built the Titanic.
12. The woodpeckers "inside" were a greater threat than the storm "outside."
13. No matter what the storm, when God is with you, there is a rainbow waiting."

As Lent begins, we can remember that the rainbow and Noah's ark are symbols which remind us of God's wonderful, marvelous, grace and His covenant promises.

Carl Long, Spiritual Director, Walk # 108, Table of Peter

Chrysalis continues to need Emmaus support

By **CARLLONG**
(Past) Spiritual Director

It was a privilege for me to serve as the past spiritual director for Chrysalis. Before my original Emmaus Walk, I was very reluctant and stubborn, as I did not feel I needed the experience. Was I wrong! Since my Walk (108) I have been 110% for Emmaus! Emmaus has proven to be one of the best events that has happened in my life, and after working my first walk, I gained a deeper appreciation to understand all that had been done before the actual Walk began.

In 1984, The Upper Room developed a similar experience to Emmaus for young adults, ages 18-25, called Chrysalis (YAC). I had heard of Chrysalis, but did not realize how great an opportunity it is until I became involved with a dual flight in 2007. This journey involved a group of young men, women, and spiritual leaders from South Korea and young adults from our own area. Now I am 110% for Chrysalis as well!

This brings me to the "real" purpose

of this article. **Chrysalis needs our support.** Would you prayerfully consider these questions: Why are there only four Chrysalis Flights per year? Why is there only an average of eighteen caterpillars on a flight? Why are there so few at a YAC Candlelight? I think one thing is obvious: There are more than enough young people who would qualify. Now, would you prayerfully consider this challenge: Would you be willing to consider sponsoring at least one young person for a Chrysalis weekend?

Think what could happen if we in the Emmaus Community would seek out at least one young person each year and sponsor them on a flight. We would have a waiting list of caterpillars, and wouldn't that be a "good problem?"

A second challenge for you to prayerfully consider: Would you be willing to contact the YAC community lay director and offer to help with a Chrysalis weekend?

Wes Parsons is the CLD for the Alabama Young Adult Chrysalis and may be reached at wesp1980@aol.com. The next

Chrysalis Flight #62, for young ladies will be held at Camp Sumatanga, March 20-22, 2009, led by the Holy Spirit and Rita Truetel.

All of us remember the Emmaus talk on "The Body of Christ." Emmaus and Chrysalis are both a part of the "Body of Christ," offering two distinctive experiences and opportunities, but of the same body.

"The name Chrysalis was chosen for the Young Adult Walk to Emmaus because it represents a growth of faith in the lives of college students and other young adults. This spiritual growth is vital to help the transformation between teens and adulthood (from: alabamayac.com).

What better way for us to show our love and concern for a young person than to sponsor them for this spiritual renewal retreat. The fact is our young people need our support.

I pray that this gives you a little better understanding of the purpose and importance of Chrysalis and it is my hope that you will prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor and a servant.

DeColores! Carl Long (108)
(past) Spiritual Director, Chrysalis

Upcoming Walks					
Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
349	Mar 5-8	Kay Jordan	John Jordan	Birmingham East	Harry Wyckoff, Jr., Amy Floyd.
350	Apr 2-5	Judie Beggs	Bill Parker	Gadsden/Cherokee- DeKalb/Marshall	Bill Prestridge, Buddy Berry
351	Apr 23-26	Jamey Cosby	Chuck Worley	Shoals/Athens	Carolyn Phillips
352	May 14-17	Sally Moore	Dallas Culver	Franklin	John Schuessler
353	May 21-24	Becky Willis	Kelly Clem	Cheaha/E. Alabama	Bill Prestridge Joey Croft
354	June 11-14	LuAnn Prickett	Max Blalock	Cullman/Oneonta	Sandrea Brasher Michele Cash
*Men's 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 351
April 23-26, 2009**

Lay Director	Jamey Cosby (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Jimmy Gardiner (Priority) Bud Bottcher (Fourth Day) Chad Bottcher Leo Burnett Frederick Martin Bill Watson
Spiritual Director	Chuck Worley (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Bryan McIntyre (Prevenient Grace) Zeke Haselden (Justifying Grace) W.G. Henry (Sanctifying Grace) Alan Beasley (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Pat Seal
Asst. Table Leaders	Mark Heflin (Priesthood) Alan Wilson (Study) Gil Griggs (Discipleship) Randy Beggs (Changing OurWorld) Tommy Whitlow (Life In Piety) Tom Thompson (Christian Action) Jim Maples (Body of Christ)
Table Leaders	Doug Clement Tony Shirley Phil Springer Donnie Armstrong Bill Jordan Fred Mason Jim Maynard
Board Rep.	Carolyn Phillips

Committees

Agape	Paula Phillips	256-247-1614
Meal Service	Verna White	256-766-8443
Refreshments	Lynda Bottcher	256-381-6433
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Dianna Hurst	256-381-6191
Housing	Terry Marmann	256-381-4677
Candlelight	Kerry Moody	256-232-0713
Clean-Up	Cecil Hudson	256-247-1262
Closing	Hal Mills	256-381-4294
Entertainment	Jimmy Gardiner	256-383-1339
Follow-Up	Lori Mills	256-381-4294
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Anita Long	256-891-8546
Sponsors' Hour	Judy Woolley	256-247-7576
Worship	Gayle Littrell	256-247-5601
Photographer	Chuck Beard	256-383-4452
Humble Servant	Mitchell Stevens	256-766-3675

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John Arrington	Attalla	Terry Marbut & Chris McGinnis
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Dan Osborn	Birmingham	Scott Baggett
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Eddy Brown	Birmingham	Jim Green
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Drew Noles	Boaz	Joey Gilliland
Lynn Darnell	Boaz	Joey Gilliland
Steven Langford	Centre	Mike & Dot Brewer
Mike Pate	Coker	Ken Hanby, Jr.
Johnny Gordon	Collinsville	Joey Gilliland
Corley Ellis	Columbiana	Rux Bentley
Scott Armstrong	Columbiana	Rux Bentley
Mike Holland	Decatur	Mike Butler
Brian Frost	Eastaboga	Jerry Smelley & Bill Weaver
Scott Hubbard	Florence	Julie Hubbard
Scott Bayles	Florence	Veronica Bayles
Ben Murray	Florence	Betsy & Bob Murray
Dennis Nunnally	Glencoe	Judie Beggs, Brenda Morgan & Tommie Putnam
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Shannon Knight	Guin	Ben & Emily Burlison
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Patrick Nelson	Madison	Ray Carter
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Bradley Haynes	Northport	Chris Barnes
Andy Boykin	Northport	Doug Key
Jeff Womble	Owens Cross Roads	Craig Herr
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John Jones	Pell City	Ronnie Harris
Dan Lovell	Pinson	Dennis McDuffie & Patricia Ledbetter
Peter Gregerson	Rainbow City	Bob Pine
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Shawn Bracey	Rogersville	David Harvey
Kenny Morgan	Rogersville	Charles & Jo Lash
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Steve Adair	Trussville	Eugene Cole
Eddy Bonner	Trussville	Jeff Darden
Mike Spalding	Tuscaloosa	Ann McAfee

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**Alabama Emmaus Walk 352
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Lay Director	Sally Moore (Perseverance)
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Table Leaders	Karla Huffman Carrie Lindsey Sarah Nix Heather Ozbirn Suzanna Staehling Betty Stults Nikki Tutich
Board Rep.	John Schuessler

Committees

Agape	Kevin Posey	205-952-9374
Meal Service	Jackie Nix	256-627-5263
Refreshments	Carolyn Bostick	256-356-2764
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Paul Huffman	256-356-9966
Housing	Gene Matthews	256-520-7899
Candlelight	Johnny Hardin	256-332-3449
Clean-Up	Clayton Suddith	256-332-5496
Closing	Rene' Bates	256-332-3887
Entertainment	Ken Farr	256-332-3864
Follow-Up	Nancy Frame	256-356-4869
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Lee Page	256-356-9946
Sponsors' Hour	Nancy Frame	256-356-4869
Worship	Lisa Stockton	256-810-6303
Photographer	Sheri Farris	256-356-9912
Humble Servant	Kelly Moore	256-668-0170

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Misty Cassell	Jacksonville	Patsy Young & Emily Morgan
Paulette Smith	Langston	Nancy Liederbach
Judy Frost	Leesburg	Sandra Lowe
Jodi Traffanstedt	Lexington	Tony & Susan Shirley and Sharon Weigart
Laurel Barger	Madison	Liz Gibson
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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.

Pat Argo (86), for the loss of her father, Johnny Harris Mallory.

Debbie Nore (189), for the loss of her brother, Keith Owen.

The family of **Lois Truss (37)**.

Nancy McClanahan (197), for the loss of her mother, Mildred McClendon.

Ann Seay (315), for the loss of her husband, Randall Seay (319).

Jackie Payne (131), for the loss of her husband, Kenny Payne (127).

Bill Brown (94), for the loss of his wife, **Thelma Brown (109)**.

Ronnie Garrett, for the loss of his father.