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Will you persevere?

By **JUDY GILLILAND**
Lay Director

As I look out our den window this morning at the 3" of rare, glistening white snow that covers everything outside like cake icing, and I watch the many tiny Goldfinch birds who have come to hang upside down and eat the Thistle seeds we have for them in the feeders, I marvel at the beauty of a "perfect picture postcard" scene!

Yet, in the midst of all this beauty, my heart is troubled by the overwhelming financial difficulties in our country, our own personal unexpected bend in the river that brings new directions, and those of our friends and family members who face new challenges.

I want to hear God say that the problems will go away with the melting snow and the coming of Spring. And by the time you read this, Spring will be here!

But some of the problems will also no doubt still be here, because life happens every day and some of our trials come from just "living" and it is our human nature to wonder, "What lies ahead?"

A long time ago I came to the awareness that God is God at every stage of our lives,

at every age, at every point in our plans. Isaiah 40 (NLT) says: "...The Lord is the everlasting God...He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."

It is comforting to me as I take time to ponder this good news, and look outside and see that even in the midst of severe cold and unexpected snow, God has provided expensive "gourmet" food for my Goldfinch, without any effort on their part other than just to persevere to show up at the feeders every day.

And I also remember that there's no such thing as a "purposeless trial" for the Believer. Yes, a unique sense of purpose and perseverance is what we need to truly make a difference for Him on a daily basis.

Jesus said in John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled." Why? Because we can count on God! He has a good plan for each of us and He's working on our behalf every day; and because we

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Easter brings new life to all

By **CARL LONG**
Spiritual Director

The Easter Season is a very special time for Christians everywhere. It is during this season that we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Christ our Lord.

We sing hymns that remind us that after Jesus died, He rose from the dead, and now He lives. Many of the hymns, such as "Up From the Grave He Arose," "He Lives," and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," give us an opportunity to rejoice in the "good

news" of the resurrection. The resurrection brings a light into our lives that enables us to rejoice in the newness of life and sing these songs of praise and thanksgiving.

A few days ago I had an opportunity to drive to Camp Sumatanga. Driving through the area I witnessed the newness of creation all around me. I was amazed at the beauty of the many shades of green putting forth and sprinkled among the trees the dogwoods in full bloom.

Only a few weeks earlier

this same landscape looked dead and bleak. In a very short time all things had changed.

I began to think that this is what Jesus does when we allow His spirit to enter our lives. The resurrection of Jesus brings new life and hope to those who believe in Him.

We should remember the people of Jesus' day did not live in a perfect world. They experienced distrust, disappointment, cruel harsh

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TEAM: Remember the pilgrims

Memories are things we carry with us throughout our entire lives. There maybe good ones and also bad ones. I remember family, friends, holidays, weddings, grandchildren and deaths. There are memories of good experiences and some not so good.

I remember my Emmaus walk. It was the beginning of a whole new Christian experience for me. Everything about my original walk was perfect. The talks were perfect. The agape was perfect. The songs were perfect. Even the assistant lay directors were perfect. There is no way anything could be improved. And I imagine you may feel the same way about your original walk, too.

As we prepare to serve the pilgrims on upcoming walks, don't think that our original walk, as perfect as it was, needs to be recreated for them. Every walk is different, but every walk must also be the same. By following the guidelines and instructions provided by the Upper Room and the Alabama Emmaus Board, every walk will have the same basic elements in the same basic order.

That way, all walks are the same. Just as the speakers personalize their talks by adding their own experiences into the talk outlines, the walk will reflect the bright and shining personalities of those who serve. The things that happened on your walk happened because somebody needed it to happen that way. And things will happen on future walks because God makes all things work for the good of His children.

*Remember that the walk is not a retreat. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The lay director explains this on the first night. There is only one opportunity to attend the walk. There is only one opportunity to serve **these** pilgrims. We do not want it to be a bad memory. We want to provide the best experience we can. We want to provide the experience God intends for them.*

Please, please read the Canon of the Emmaus Team carefully. It contains information that is important for the pilgrims because it addresses our roles as servants. One important thing you should always do on a team is get out of the way and let God be at work.

Pray for the pilgrims and pray that you will have a servant's heart. Being a team member is a serious commitment. It is a commitment to serve as anonymously as possible. We don't want the pilgrims to see us. We want them to see God in us. May God bless continue to bless our Community and never let us forget the pilgrims!

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

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Chrysalis to hold event

**By WES PARSONS
Chrysalis Lay Director**

The Alabama Young Adult Chrysalis Community will be having a gathering on May 2 at the pavilion by the lake at Camp Sumatanga.

It will start around 4:00 p.m., and everyone is invited (even if you haven't been on a Chrysalis Journey or an Emmaus Walk). The day will be filled with food, some great fellowship as well as entertainment, so bring several people with you.

This same weekend we will also be having YAC Journey # 63, which will be a young men's journey, led by the Holy Spirit and Peter Loveman.

We hope that everyone will join us for Candlelight, starting at 7:45 p.m. on May 2.

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know that He has rescued us from past situations, it is natural and right for us to expect Him to do the same now and in the future. But Jesus didn't stop with just those few words.

He went on to teach us the key to having an untroubled heart, "Abide in me." Those of us who have lived through strong, straight-line winds and tornadoes in the South, know the major destruction these powerful storms can cause. But God's Word is more powerful than even these great winds.

It can reach deep into the joints and marrow of our lives, assuring us of God's unconditional love and grace and that He is constant and trust-worthy.

On Sunday afternoon, we hear the "Perseverance" talk given by the Emmaus Walk Lay Director, and we learn about one of the great themes of Scripture: without perseverance, you won't make it.

My prayer for you is that, you will be encouraged to remember, along with me: Yes, "life is hard by the yard, but it's a chinch by the inch" when we lay our needs piece by piece—inch by inch, before Christ and realize as James 1:12 (NIV) says, "Blessed is the man who perseveres."

**DeColores. Judy Gilliland, Walk #133, Table of Mary
CrossPoint Community Church, Gadsden**

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Name	City	Sponsor
Carrie Morgan	Russellville	Susan Godsey & Molly Bates
Margaret Galloway	Springville	Teann Yeager
Julie Allen	Spruce Pine	Jolene Stockton
Susan Abernathy	Sylacauga	Pattie Gann
Cherri West	Trussville	Rhonda Stack, Patti Bunch & Cindy Hollock
Traci Swann	Tuscaloosa	Barbara Norris
Jeannie Morelan	Union Grove	Sharon Reep
Mandy Garmany	Union Grove	Patti Bearden
Sandi Carter	Vincent	Ruth Brooks

Chrysalis or Emmaus? Pray for the right fit

By PAULETTE CLEMENTS
Advising Lay Director

Servants experienced in both the Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities are often asked this question: Chrysalis or Emmaus? If you attended the Walk to Emmaus, or a Chrysalis Journey, and had such a wonderful experience that you want to share it with your young adult child, relative, neighbor or friend at church, how do you choose...Chrysalis or Emmaus?

Maybe you have heard about Chrysalis, that it's like Emmaus, but designed for 18-26 year olds—college and career-age, married and single.

So, which is best? Perhaps a better question is: Where is the young adult in his or her life and spiritual walk?

We've seen plenty of young adults—18...21...26 years old—attend Emmaus and have a wonderful experience.

On the other hand, we know of 18, 21 or 26 year olds who we feel would benefit more from a weekend where everyone is closer to their own age.

What are some differences between Chrysalis and Emmaus? Chrysalis starts Friday morning at 9 a.m. Chrysalis has a 2-hour break Friday and Saturday afternoons. The Chrysalis weekend is called a "journey." Chrysalis has a **Single Life** talk given by a single person and a **Marriage** talk given by a married couple.

Talk topics for Chrysalis deal more with concerns persons between 18-25 might be experiencing in their lives at the time they attend the Journey.

To help in making your decision, ask yourself these ques-

tions: Where is she or he spiritually? How old is he? Is she married, 22 years old and a new Christian? Then maybe Chrysalis is for her. Is he single, 18 and a very mature Christian? Maybe Emmaus is the place for him. There is no right or wrong answer to this question.

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leaders, prejudices, and many other fears. We can understand things have not changed that much even in our day. We live with the worries of prejudice, terrorism, financial failure, disease, war, and many other circumstances beyond our control. The early followers of Jesus took on new hope and new life after the resurrection of Jesus. Remember when Jesus approached His followers He gave them the blessing "Peace be with you." We in this twenty-first century need to still hear these words: "Peace be with you."

All of us are familiar with the Emmaus Road experience found in Luke 24:13-32. We see in that encounter how Jesus made Himself known to His followers. This made the confused and sad followers rejoice in the presence of the resurrected Jesus. This too should make us as His followers rejoice! We know that as we walk our "Emmaus Roads" that Jesus will be with us to give us hope and new life!

Now, as we are in the Easter season remembering what Jesus did for each of us, may we also have a burning within our hearts to share the love and hope that only Christ can bring to life.

Carl Long, Alabama Emmaus Walk 108, Table of Peter

Upcoming Walks					
Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
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	Bob Murray	Cullman/Oneonta	Sandra Brasher Michele Cash
355	Aug. 13-16	Tim Littrell	Rod Morgan	Moulton/Decatur	Sheilah Wiginton Roger Crowson
356	Sept. 10-13	Laurie Bolt	Mac Buttram	Haleyville/Hamilton	John Schuessler
357	Sept. 17-20	Barbara Hanby	Carl Long	Tuscaloosa/W. Ala	Mary Cashion
358	Oct. 8-11	Doug Akin	Don Wright	B'ham So./So. Shelby	Ted Hagler
*Men's 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 353
May 21-24, 2009**

<i>Lay Director</i>	<i>Becky Willis (Perseverance)</i>
<i>Asst. Lay Directors</i>	<i>Sharon Canada (Priority) Carolyn Phillips (Fourth Day) Patsy Young Glenda Prestridge Michelle Irwin Judy Belitz</i>
<i>Spiritual Director</i>	<i>Kelly Clem (Means of Grace)</i>
<i>Asst. Spiritual Directors</i>	<i>TBA (Prevenient Grace) David Holmes (Justifying Grace) Ted Peterson (Sanctifying Grace) Belinda Freeman (Obstacles to Grace)</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Angel Rait</i>
<i>Asst. Table Leaders</i>	<i>Susan Howard (Priesthood) Anna Gibbs (Study) Jane Oswalt (Discipleship) Teely Samson(Changing Our World) Brenda Causey (Life In Piety) Denise Burford (Christian Action) Debbie Mosakowski (Body of Christ)</i>
<i>Table Leaders</i>	<i>Valerie Bain Barbara Bryan Mary Corneilson Linda Kociaba Natalie Marcom Rosie Ping Judy Thompson</i>
<i>Board Rep.</i>	<i>Bill Prestridge, Joey Croft</i>

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<i>Meal Service</i>	<i>Phil Corneilson</i>	<i>256-354-7727</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Amy Bishop</i>	<i>256-268-7179</i>
<i>72-hour Prayer Vigil</i>	<i>Jack Causey</i>	<i>256-831-9993</i>
<i>Housing</i>	<i>David Phillips</i>	<i>256-362-9452</i>
<i>Candlelight</i>	<i>Barry Thompson</i>	<i>256-835-9306</i>
<i>Clean-Up</i>	<i>Larry Willis</i>	<i>256-820-0471</i>
<i>Closing</i>	<i>Brenda Reed</i>	<i>256-796-8113</i>
<i>Entertainment</i>	<i>David Phillips</i>	<i>256-362-9452</i>
<i>Follow-Up</i>	<i>TBA</i>	
<i>Speakers' Prayer Chapel</i>	<i>Floyd Chaplin</i>	<i>256-831-4557</i>
<i>Sponsors' Hour</i>	<i>Joyce Denkins</i>	<i>256-435-4136</i>
<i>Worship</i>	<i>Brenda Kent</i>	<i>256-362-3753</i>
<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Bob Crisp</i>	<i>256-835-7129</i>
<i>Humble Servant</i>	<i>Larry Willis</i>	<i>256-820-0471</i>

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<i>Serena Daugette</i>	<i>Albertville</i>	<i>Chris Hammond</i>
<i>Carmen Threatt</i>	<i>Albertville</i>	<i>Linda Bouldin</i>
<i>Carol Webb</i>	<i>Anniston</i>	<i>Rosemary Ping</i>
<i>Lyn Brown</i>	<i>Anniston</i>	<i>Rosemary Ping</i>
<i>Beverly Carlee</i>	<i>Anniston</i>	<i>Jean Ray & Pam Price</i>
<i>Beverly Champion</i>	<i>Anniston</i>	<i>Jean Ray & Pam Price</i>
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<i>Mitzi Beck</i>	<i>Arab</i>	<i>Linda Hart, Sherria Isom & Martha Reynolds</i>
<i>Pat Cook</i>	<i>Arab</i>	<i>Diann Plunkett</i>
<i>Lezlie Reed-Johnson</i>	<i>Arab</i>	<i>Marc Johnson</i>
<i>Lynn James</i>	<i>Arab</i>	<i>Nicky James</i>
<i>Joanie Reynolds</i>	<i>Arab</i>	<i>Janna York</i>
<i>Karen Harris</i>	<i>Attalla</i>	<i>Ashley Rinehart</i>
<i>Patsy Shealy</i>	<i>Attalla</i>	<i>Glenn Pemberton</i>
<i>Laura DeGuenther</i>	<i>Birmingham</i>	<i>Kathy Meacham</i>
<i>Ginger Hanson</i>	<i>Birmingham</i>	<i>Tena Hilario & Lisa Stewart</i>
<i>Iris Weaver</i>	<i>Birmingham</i>	<i>Lisa Stewart</i>
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<i>Carol Watts</i>	<i>Cullman</i>	<i>Teresa Twilley</i>
<i>Kim Dunn</i>	<i>Cullman</i>	<i>Teresa Twilley</i>
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<i>Shirley Powell</i>	<i>Guntersville</i>	<i>Claudette DeMuth/Susan Tully</i>
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<i>Kelly Brasseur</i>	<i>Trussville</i>	<i>Martha Hosey</i>
<i>Millie Jackson</i>	<i>Tuscaloosa</i>	<i>Mary Bendall</i>
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<i>Jackie Greene</i>	<i>Tuscaloosa</i>	<i>Janice Stewart</i>
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June 11-14, 2009**

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Closing David Crim
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Newsletter of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Walk to Emmaus

You are invited to a journey: Academy #30

In 1983, Reverends Bert Goodwin and Claude Whitehead traveled to Nashville to be participants in the first Academy for Spiritual Formation.

After experiencing the blessing of the Academy, they decided that the next Academy needed to be held at Camp Sumatanga and so these two pioneers (who also brought the Emmaus movement to Alabama) brought the Academy to us. Twenty-five years later, their vision continues.

The Academy is a covenantal community of lay and clergy from all over the country that are seeking a deeper relationship with God as they grow in the image of Christ for the sake of others. Participants meet at Camp Sumatanga for five days each quarter for two-years.

A typical day includes worship, meditation and reflection, covenant group meetings, free time, and morning and afternoon curriculum sessions with faculty.

The next Academy for Spiritual Formation begins August 3, 2009. The Retreat Leader for Academy #30 will be Pat Luna (Alabama Emmaus #25, Table of Martha).

Faculty for Academy #30 include Roberta Bondi, Bob Mulholland, Don Sailors, Robert Benson, Margaret Guenther, Jane Vennard, Luther Smith, and early Emmaus participants, Dale and Kelly Clem.

For more information, visit www.upperroom.org/academy or contact Pat Luna at patluna@charter.net or 334-262-9440.

Praying for You

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

Steve Lyles (103), for the loss of his mother, Sue Atwood Lyles.

Sylvia Holman (278), for the loss of her father, Johnny Klyne Harris.

Pam Young (312), for the loss of her brother, Jamie Vardaman.

Lee Taylor (144), for the loss of his sister.

Robert Darnell (255), for the loss of his brother, Henry Darnell.

Matt Freeman (196), for the loss of his son, and **Jackie Freeman (19)**, for the loss of her grandson.

Philip Reich (174), for the loss of his wife, **Vikki Reich (198)**.

Peggy Schlemmer (226), for the loss of her husband. **Norm Schlemmer (276)**.