

# The Grapevine

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## Do you want to serve on a team?

By **AMY FLOYD**  
Lay Director

"Hello. I am leading an Emmaus Walk in the next few months, and I am calling to ask you to serve on the team."

Many of us have received that call, and those of you who have recently completed your walks have not yet had that call. When that call does come, you may wonder, "How did the lay director know to call me?"

When a lay director is chosen to lead a Walk, that lay director has the enormous task of selecting persons to be on the team. Usually a team consists of 80 to 90 people.

Our cluster grouping method of selecting teams means the lay director probably does not even know many of the people that will be called. The lay director does, however, have a partner in this task and all tasks that are involved with the Walk

—the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit chooses the team, the lay director dials the phone.

When the lay director prays for guidance, the Holy Spirit gives the gentle nudges and the names to call.

Jeremiah 1:8 says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." John 15:16 in part states, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit." Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Just as we learned on our Walk, God chose us. He called us by name. He has formed us and prepared us for the service we are asked to do on the Walk. After much prayer and much time, and sometimes up to the last minutes before the Walk,

many changes and rearrangements are made until the team is how God wants it.

From the moment a potential team member accepts the call, that person becomes a part of the whole team. No matter what the committee or conference room position, each is a vital part of this body of Christ.

No one position is more or less important than the others. Without any one of the many committees or conference room positions, the Walk could not function as it should. Each one makes a difference. Our service on a team is to bring Christ to the pilgrims.

We may not realize the impact our service has, but God knows. That is why He chose each person for the exact place He knows is best. Just listen to the comments pilgrims make on Sunday evening at Closing. It

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## Jesus: 'Love your enemies'

By **MARK PARRIS**  
Spiritual Director

There are times that I think Jesus could have benefited from a good editor and a good public relations person. Surely he could have done with a couple less fishermen among the disciples and included these helpful occupations among the Twelve.

When I start thinking like that, I am reminded by the Holy Spirit that I am finite and Christ is infinite, that I am subject to error in judgment and Jesus

doesn't have that malady.

He will remind me of a scripture such as Isaiah 55:8-9, which teaches us, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

Still, why would Jesus, in the early days of his brief ministry on earth, "quit preachin' and go to meddlin'"? Doesn't he know that the Jewish people, his

people, have been victimized for millennia, and were then under the heavy thumb of Rome and Caesar? Where is that public relations guy when we need him?

Jesus tells us in such a way that we can't get over, under or around it, to forgive our enemies. I want to share with you a few objections to forgiving ones enemies that I've heard.

First, there is the objection, "They don't deserve to" (Please See Parris Page 3)

## We need pilgrims for upcoming walks!!!

By **CAROLYN PHILLIPS**  
**Community Coordinator**

Believe it or not this is true. I had the opportunity this week to talk with Wayne Gauntt, Central AL Community Lay Director. He shared with me the same concerns we are having in our Community. First is good sponsorship and the second is lack of pilgrims wanting to attend the walk. They have actually eliminated some of their walks.

He and I felt the economy might be playing a part in applicants as well.

I feel that there is no better tool for reinforcing our lives and building up our churches than the Walk to Emmaus. It

has meant so much in my life. I became more open with the way I felt about my Savior and His purpose for my life. I met friends who have been and will be with me for the rest of my life!

If the opportunity is right please, **prayerfully**, consider sponsoring someone, not just anyone, but someone you feel would be open to the Emmaus experience; someone who will be receptive and appreciative of what God is teaching through us; someone who will be faithful to His ways. A list of the upcoming walks is listed below.

Prayerfully!

**Carolyn Phillips, Talladega 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, AL Emmaus Walk #63, Table of Ruth**

### ALABAMA EMMAUS COMMUNITY SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

As of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

WALK	DATE	GENDER	SCHEDULED	INVITED	ACCEPTED
	<b>2011</b>				
383	Mar. 31-Apr. 3	Women	57	57	24
384	Apr. 7-10	Men	41	41	10
385	May 12-15	Women	29	0	0
386	May 26-29	Men	4	0	0
387	Jun. 9-12	Women	17	0	0
388	Aug. 11-14	Men	5	0	0
389	Sep. 8-11	Women	1	0	0
390	Sep. 15-18	Women	0	0	0
391	Oct. 13-16	Men	4	0	0
392	Oct. 27-30	Women	0	0	0
393	Nov. 17-20	Women	0	0	0
394	Dec. 1-4	Men	1	0	0
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>159</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>34</b>

## Floyd

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all comes together to make a beautiful whole that changes hearts and makes Christ appear to newly opened eyes.

"But I am afraid I won't do a good job." "I'm not sure I can do what I have been asked to do."

Many team members, both new and very seasoned, have uttered those words. 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us to "cast all our anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." Is he going to ask you to do

something and then leave you high and dry?

I don't think so.

He is, remember, just a prayer away. He has also sent those ahead who have experience to guide the ones who have less experience. Through team meetings, written instructions and His guidance, no task is too big to handle. Remember, He has been here before, and His plan is at work.

Look at the first line of this article. Notice that the word "work" is not mentioned. We are called to serve.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." (Mark 10:45)

Our hearts should be that of a servant, as well. The next time you are asked to be on a team, check your heart. Are you ready to be part of a group of servants who work together to bring Christ to others and renew their faith? Are you willing to answer God's call to let Him guide you and use you as He has prepared you?

Is your heart a servant's heart?

**Amy Floyd, Alabama Emmaus Walk # 17, Table of Ruth, Wilson Chapel UMC, Birmingham.**

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# Parris

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be forgiven.” That is likely the truth. Most of us who need to be forgiven don’t deserve to be forgiven. The thief on the cross didn’t deserve to be forgiven, but he was. Saul of Tarsus didn’t deserve to be forgiven, but he was.

John Mark, who washed out as a missionary with Paul and Silas, didn’t deserve to be forgiven, but he was. You and I do not deserve the forgiveness that comes when we ask Jesus to forgive us, but aren’t you glad He did?

So also we should forgive those who have harmed us because we stand in need of God’s forgiveness.

The Lord’s Prayer contains these words, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Jesus adds these words after the prayer, “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (Matthew 6:14-15)

Friends, that is a strong motivation to forgive ones enemies.

Another objection is, “They haven’t asked for my forgiveness.” In Matthew 5:23-24 Jesus says, “When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.”

This has to do with asking someone to forgive you, and that is good. But the flip side of the coin is the principle that just as we want

others to forgive us, so should we be willing to forgive others, whether they ask or not.

Some of us holding on to Old Testament revenge of “an eye for an eye” have the objection of “I don’t want to let them off the hook.” Charles Stanley in his book, *Forgiveness* calls this “holding our enemy hostage.”

We work hard to keep our enemy bound up in our unforgiveness. We think we are really making things hard for them because of how we feel toward them. Very often, all we are doing is hurting ourselves with our animosity and the other person either doesn’t know they have offended us, or they simply don’t care. When we refuse to forgive, we are actually the ones held hostage, by our own selves.

Perhaps the hardest command of Jesus on forgiveness is found in Matthew 5:43-45. “You have heard that it was said, ‘love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be the children of your Father in Heaven.”

I went through an experience once where I was deeply hurt by another. After some weeks I finally reached the point where I could genuinely ask God to help me be willing to forgive them.

As God helped me, in time I was able to forgive. Uncharacteristically, I lay awake one night about a month later. The gentle, quiet

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Upcoming Walks					
Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
383	Mar. 31-Apr. 3	Judy Panucci	Jim Stringfellow	Huntsville/Madison	Roger Crowson/ Bill Smith
<b>384</b>	<b>Apr. 7-10</b>	<b>Ronnie Brasher</b>	<b>Mark Adams</b>	<b>Tuscaloosa/ W. Ala</b>	<b>Sandra Brasher</b>
385	May 12-15	Jane Sims	David Lee	Cullman/Oneonta	George Scroggin/ Dianne Herfurth
<b>386</b>	<b>May 26-29</b>	<b>Arthur Young</b>	<b>Bobby Green</b>	<b>Cheaha/East Alabama</b>	<b>Carolyn Phillips</b>
387	June 9-12	Denise Cone	Ron Shultz	B’ham E/B’ham S/ South Shelby	John McQueen/ Rick Pearson
<b>388</b>	<b>Aug. 11-14</b>	<b>Kelly Moore</b>	<b>Dallas Culver</b>	Franklin/Haleyville/ Hamilton	Sally Moore/ Delores Sparks
389	Sept. 8-11	Lori Mills	David Lee	Shoals/Moulton/Decatur/ Athens	Philip Reich/Beth Burden
<b>*Men’s Walk</b>		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 384  
April 7-10, 2011**

ay Director	Ronnie Brasher (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Ken Hanby Sr. (Priority) Freddie Hammond (Fourth Day) Jeremy Burns Ricky Mayers Joe Petrey Bert McCollum
Spiritual Director	Mark Adams (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	David Thompson (Prevenient Grace) Earl Freeman (Justifying Grace) Lynn Gibson (Sanctifying Grace) Preston Headrick (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Mike Brewer
Asst. Table Leaders	Mark Scogin (Priesthood) John McQueen (Study) Jim Saunders (Discipleship) Joe Powell (Changing Our World) Ryan Rickert (Christian Action) R.L. Guffin (Body of Christ) Bob Wood (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Toby Rickert Chester Norris Adam Tant Ken Worley Wendell Prentice Todd Gibson Paul Hass
Board Rep.	Sandrea Brasher

**Committees**

Agape:	Barbara Hanby	205-339-7057
Meal Service:	Gerri Prentice	205-333-8068
Refreshments:	Suzie Tant	205-507-4165
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Polly Bailey	205-553-2535
Housing:	Mickey Cargile	205-339-8636
Candlelight:	Sara Bryant	205-823-3622
Clean-up:	Rachel Hewitt	205-492-9227
Closing:	Doyle Kernea	205-988-3412
Entertainment:	Ken Hanby Sr.	205-339-7057
Follow-up:	TBD	
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Carol Weaver	205-633-0580
Sponsors' Hour:	Mary Emil Rushing	205-339-6181
Worship:	Terri McCollum	205-292-6055
Photographer:	Cheryl Parker	205-345-8405
Humble Servant:	Sammie Saunders	205-522-4828

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Dave Hyatt	Attalla	Brandy Hyatt
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Jon Henderson	Boaz	Scott Langford
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Scott Clark	Tuscaloosa	Jay McCollum
Joel Dorroh	Tuscaloosa	Romulus RG (Lynn Gibson)
Horace Allen	Tuscaloosa	Ray Farabee, Jr.
Kevin Duzan	Wilsonville	Ruth Brooks

## Alabama Emmaus Walk 385 May 12-15, 2011

Lay Director	Jane Sims (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Lisa Holmes (Priority) Stephanie Wright (Fourth Day) LuAnn Prickett Amy Crim Teresa Moody Rita Treutel
Spiritual Director	David Lee (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Ron Howard (Prevenient Grace) CarrieKramer (Justifying Grace) Tony Jones (Sanctifying Grace) Jenny Gallman (Obstacles to Grace)
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Table Leaders	Emilie Sims Marsha Hamilton Tina Holcombe Sherry Kelly Kathy Whitley Renea Lamb Linda Hamilton
Board Rep.	George Scroggin

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Agape:	David Speegle	256-734-4873
Meal Service:	Charlie Herfurth	256-734-0300
Refreshments:	Rita Presto	256-739-3198
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Marla Smith	205-274-9600
Housing:	Jeanne Nelson	205-625-6706
Candlelight:	Shannon Jones	205-625-4751
Clean-up:	Mark Holmes	256-507-1619
Closing:	David Crim	205-274-7074
Entertainment:	Charlie Herfurth	256-734-0300
Follow-up:	Elizabeth Lewis	205-559-3588
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Denise Nails	256-739-0798
Sponsors' Hour:	Mary Ann Moody	205-274-7654
Worship:	Carol Roberts	205-625-6126
Photographer:	Max Moody	205-274-7682
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Leslie Brady	Tuscaloosa	Holly McCollum & Chera Hartley
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voice of the Spirit said to me, "Mark, it's time to start blessing your enemy."

"But Lord," I argued, "I don't want to bless them."

I sensed I would become "stuck" and remain so if I did not do what Christ had taught we should do. It surely wasn't easy, but again, in time, God gave me the strength to pray for good things in the life of my enemy. Occasionally I still have to go back and forgive and bless to keep my attitude where it should be.

I believe that is what Jesus meant when he said, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Forgiven,

Mark Parris, Spiritual Director, North Alabama Emmaus Community

IT... is...  
getting  
c l o s e r!

## *Praying for You*

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

The family of **Don Johnston (203)**

The family of **Jim Ingram (335)**

The family of **Horace Romine (20)**

**Larry McCrary** for the loss of his wife, **Diane McCrary**

The family of **Charles Hastings (263)**

The family of **Karol DeMaris (305)**

**Jolene Stockton (249)**, for the loss of her mother, and **Rick (360) & Kathy (379) Hall** for the loss of their grandmother, Mrs. Vera Green.

**Sam Abston II**, for the loss of his mother, **Margaret Abston (39)**

**Bob Voshall (199)** for the loss of his mother