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What if the music stopped?

By **AMY FLOYD**
Lay Director

Can you imagine a world without music? No tune to hum, no beat to dance to, no Christmas carols, no operas or Broadway musicals, no hymns or praise songs, no CDs, iTunes or iPods. What would TV shows and movies be without music? Even before movies had voices, they had music. Because of the musical score of a movie we can more easily be led on a chase, turned to sadness, readied for the ominous, or melted by the romance. How could we drive to work, walk on the treadmill or have a romantic dinner without music? We could all think of a thousand things that would be missing in the world if there were no music.

What is music? Mr. Webster says it is “the art of organizing tones to produce a coherent sequence of sounds intended to elicit an aesthetic response in a listener.” The “aesthetic response” is what has created the explosion of different types of music over the years. During WWII we had the Big Bands. In the 50’s we were introduced to Elvis and rock and roll. In the 60’s we had the Beatles and rock and roll. In the 70’s and 80’s we had more rock and roll, rhythm and blues and rap. And always there has been country – old country and the softer, newer version. Today we have every-

thing from an opera’s aria to ZZ Top.

And what happens when words are attached to the sounds? What a difference in the listener’s response! Words of a song are often not noticed, or maybe not well understood. Words of songs tell a story; they reflect the author’s feelings at the time. Songs generally reflect life in some way – love, hate, pain, fear, comedy, loss, joy, prayer, praise, hurt. It is always interesting to hear why someone wrote the song we are hearing or singing.

Think about church without music. Some churches don’t use instruments, while some have small orchestras, bands and all in between. But there is music. Music can convey a message like no other can. Music moves me more than any other part of worship. I know God is speaking just to me through the words of hymns and other songs.

What would Emmaus be without music? I cannot imagine the void the weekend would have. How would we punctuate the moving chapel experience? How would we get to meals, introduce the topic of the next talk, make the speakers’ entrance special, or make the glow of those Saturday night candles brighter? Why would we have

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Born to... Love God

By **Ralph Barrow**
Spiritual Director

I recently read a book entitled *Born to Run*. Written by Christopher McDougall, the book tells of the art of running, the footwear used in running, the love of running etc. While there is some technical material included, the book is mainly a story of various runners and what they helped teach the author about running and life. The Tarahumara Indians of Mexico are from an isolated area called the Copper Can-

nyons, have a culture in which almost everyone runs, and run either barefoot or with limited wrapping of the feet. The runners from the U.S. whom the book describes include one whose name is Barefoot Ted. One point McDougall makes is that the contour of the foot is created to adjust to running on various surfaces and that some shoes intended to cushion the foot may actually cause runners to run with a different, heel-first style that can cause injuries. McDougall also looks at theo-

ries concerning a time in the past when human beings actually ran down animals to kill for food—not because humans were faster but because the structure of human lungs and our ability to cool ourselves through sweating enable us to run for longer distances than other animals. Hunting parties made up of male and female, young and old, were able to work together, McDougall believes, to capture animals such as the

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Walking the Road!

By **CAROLYN PHILLIPS**
Community Coordinator

So close, but so lost! Have you ever been so close to your destination that you could see it, but somehow not be able to get there? This has happened to us on at least one memorable occasion!

Our destination was IKEA in Atlanta. We knew the address. We knew approximately where it was located. But we did not know the roads. To be safe, we programmed the address into the GPS and set out to find IKEA. To make a long story short, the GPS malfunctioned and carried us down dead end roads and round and round the area. Although we actually saw the IKEA building in the distance, we ended up driving past it several times.

Jesus traveled many roads and never needed a GPS, or even a map for all we know. He knew where he was going – although the disciples didn't seem to have a clue – and he knew what he had to do when he arrived – though the disciples didn't believe that, either. Jesus had faith in his father and the determination to persevere to the end of his mission. He knew the way and nothing and no one could make him stray from the path.

GPS devices are fascinating! When they work, they guide us and send us down roads we have never been before. When we make a wrong turn they quickly tell us to make a safe "U" turn and go back.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a "spiritual GPS"? How many times have we felt we were going down the wrong road in our life?

I certainly know I have. Can you just imagine the words Jesus shared with the two men on the road that day as they walked on their way to Emmaus? Sometimes I know I forget that He is walking with me and will speak to me if I will only listen.

Luke 24:32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road . . .?"

De Colores!

Carolyn Phillips

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antelope, which is fast but not long on endurance. A vestige of the time when men chased animals may be the existence of a few 50 and 100-mile races in which men and women actually compete against horses. Near the end of the book there is a race held in Mexico in which many of the Tarahumara race against long distance runners from the United States. A compassion and camaraderie develop between these runners, another indication that, the author believes, we are Born to Run.

Many people, of course, will disagree with McDougall's thesis that human beings are born to run. They might say that they are Born to Sit on the Couch, Born to Shop, Born to Complain, Born to Compete, Born to Die, Born to Spend Money, Born to Be Wild, Born to Fish, etc.. One thing we might want to say as Christians is that we are Born to Live in Community, or Born to Love our Neighbors. In Romans 13:8-14 we read that "love is the fulfillment of the law" and that all the commandments are summed up in the commandment to love one's neighbor. But we also find Jesus saying that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. The command to love one's neighbor is a second commandment, like the first, connected to and drawn from the first. So we might say that we are Born to Love God, or born to live in a faithful relationship to God our Creator. The 17th century philosopher Blaise Pascal has been attributed with writing, "There is a God-shaped vacuum (or hole) in the heart of every man that cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator." A similar idea was expressed much earlier by Augustine, who wrote as a prayer to God,

"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."

The Bible tells the story of those who are born to live in relationship to God in God's good creation; rebel against God and his commandments; and then are offered the possibility of being renewed in their relationship to God through the gift of God's own son Jesus. In saying yes to Jesus we are reborn. We are forgiven of our sin, our separation from God, and understand more and more fully that our fulfillment comes in relationship to God and our neighbors. In church, in the Emmaus Walk, and in other settings in God's world we are confronted with the grace which enables us to come home to God, whom we were Born to Love.

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the tambourines at each table? To hear voices lifted in praise is so much a major part of the Walk. Listen to how the pilgrims sing on Friday morning as compared to Sunday afternoon.

We start the Walk with music and we end it with music. And oh what glorious music we have in between. Listen to the words of all the Emmaus songs we love. What story are they telling you? Why are our hearts warmed, our spirits lifted? We cannot do without the music. Next to the Holy Spirit, music most often touches our hearts. When the pilgrims sing to the community at Closing, the little God bumps are on us all. I cannot even imagine the weekend without music!

Next time you hear a song or start to sing a song, stop and let your heart listen to the words. How do they make you feel? Why are you tapping your feet? How does your soul feel? Next time you are in church and the music starts, just listen. I am sure you will hear.

There's within my heart a melody,

Jesus whispers sweet and low.

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

Annual training event a great success

The annual Training Event was held in Green Auditorium at Sumatanga Aug, 12-13. Sandra Brasher and her team did an excellent job of taking us from the start of Alabama Emmaus to the present. Special guests Bert and Ella Goodwin, George and Peggy Scott and Helen Stevenson gave us a humorous overview of their journey to Nashville for their 3-day Cursillo, and then how they helped get the Emmaus walk started here in 1982.

As with all Emmaus events, food and refreshments were plentiful as was the upbeat music. Friday night we had wonderful singing led by Charlie Beavers and his friends. Saturday afternoon we were treated to a concert by Keith Elder. Classes for all areas of the

walk were presented by those who know best, and comments were very positive and appreciative of their expertise and teaching.

The Upper Room southeast regional director for Emmaus, Fred Watson, spent the weekend with us and was very impressed with the facilities and with our training event. He was fascinated with our history, and was pleased with our efforts to have the community well versed in presenting a Walk.

Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of Alabama Walk to Emmaus. Make plans now to come see what has been done in that time and what the future holds.

Hope to see you there!

Guidelines for serving on an Emmaus Walk team

1. **Be actively involved in your local church.**
2. **Be active in a Reunion Group.**
3. **Attend your Cluster follow-up events.**
4. **Fill out a service sheet; have your name included on your Cluster's available-to-serve list.**
5. **Make a personal time commitment to all team meetings and the Walk weekend.**

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
391	Oct. 13-16	Bill Glover	Kelly Clem	Huntsville/Madison	Roger Crowson
392	Oct. 27-30	Linda Godwin	Amy Parsons Vaughn	Tuscaloosa/West AL	Ken Hanby, Sr.
393	Nov. 17-20	Rita Treutel	Barry Hallman	Cullman/Oneonta	Dianne Herfurth
394	Dec. 1-4	Walter Bryant	Ken Casey	B'ham E/B'ham S/ S Shelby	Ted Hagler
395	Jan. 19-22	Sharon Canada	Paula Calhoun	Cheaha/E. Ala	David Phillips
396	Feb. 2-5	Chad Bottcher	Bob Gunn	Shoals/Moulton/ Athens/Decatur	Dianne Herfurth
397	Feb. 16-19	Cyndy Norris	Tim Alexander	Franklin/Haleyville/ Hamilton	Dolores Sparks

***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 392
October 27-30, 2011**

Lay Director	Linda Godwin (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Sandrea Brasher (Priority) Carol Weaver Barbara Sims Melissa Barnes Erin Burns Judy Trull (Fourth Day)
Spiritual Director	Amy Parsons Vaughn (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Jerry Hooper (Prevenient Grace) Lynn Gibson (Justifying Grace) Woody Jones (Sanctifying Grace) Belinda Freeman (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Ronnie Brasher
Asst. Table Leaders	Sarah Rickert (Priesthood) Rene Jones (Study) Suzie Tant (Discipleship) Mary Ham (Changing Our World) Dana Gilliam (Christian Action) Sherry Lockhart (Body of Christ) Beverly Rickert (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Carol Dubose Jaime Rickert Cheryl Petry Danielle Eppes Dot Brewer Betsy Hass Laura Wood
Board Rep.	Ken Hanby

Committees

Agape:	Jeremy Burns	662-574-9477
Meal Service:	Ricky Mayers	205-662-4766
Refreshments:	Pam Gibson	662-574-9305
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Toby Rickert	662-425-2810
Housing:	Micky Cargile	205-339-8636
Candlelight:	Tammy Morton	205-242-5719
Clean-up:	Bill Trull	205-596-3477
Closing:	Lynnn Gregory	205-799-6922
Entertainment:	Ronnie Brasher	205-333-3694
Follow-up:	Pam Daniel	205-335-9833
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Cecelia Hammond	205-752-7349
Sponsors' Hour:	Sandra Reed	205-553-7361
Worship:	Candice Robbins	205-242-5570
Photographer:	Toby Rickert	
Humble Servant:	Bob Rickert	662-425-1047

Name	City	Sponsor
Donna Champion	Albertville	Rena Kennedy
Cecilia Dunn	Albertville	Sherry Lusk
Brigette Harrison	Albertville	Sherry Lusk
Tricia Morris	Albertville	Tony Jones
Judy Roads Arab	Sherria Isom	
Beverly Maxwell	Arab	Diane Brown
Vicki Broadway	Big Cove	Pam Petersime
Amelia Stimpson	Birmingham	Martha Vandervoort
Lu Ann Newman	Birmingham	PhillipSpringer/Mark Niffenegger
Vicki Johnson	Boaz	Stephney Gregg
Christina Mayes	Boaz	Charlotte Cofield/ Mt. Vernon E's
Vickie Smith	Columbus	Jaime Rickert & Mike Smith
Jane Vines	Columbus	Jaime Rickert & Mike Smith
Carol Frazier	Columbus	Jeremy & Erin Burns
Angie Davidson	Columbus	Sarah Rickert
Babsi Edwards	Columbus	Sarah Rickert /Carolyn Bentley
Delinda King	Cullman	Louise Means
Susan Todd	Cullman	Shirley Hays
Pam Riggs	Decatur	Dallas Culver
Laura Senecal	Florence	Karen Gardner
Courtney Cornelius	Florence	Joy Morgan
Ginger Lackey	Fort Payne	Mark & Linda McCurdy
Ann Marsh	Guntersville	Ed Marsh & Michael Marsh
Martha Green	Guntersville	Martha Nell Johnson
Tammy Kirkpatrick	Guntersville	Rita Gilbert, Lisa Baker, Pamela Frazier & Cindy Schreiber
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Martha Tredaway	Jacksonville	Nancy Stuart
Cassie Bowen	Jacksonville	Judy Anderson
Lori Frusterio	Madison	DonnaThackerson
Jayne Leonard	Madison	Barbara Galgay & Dee Staggs
Jane Goodman	Moulton	Carla Crosslin
Reagan Gillespie	Moulton	Carla Crosslin
Brandy Beasley	Northport	Charlotte Balentine & Michelle Jones
Martha Crim	Oneonta	Amy Crim
Lorrie Davis	Rainbow City	Kim Johnson
Wanda Dyer	Rainbow City	Buddy Berry
Crystal Cargile	Steens	Sarah Rickert
Anne Gray	Sylacauga	Byron White & Pat Jones
Leigh Bounds	Sylacauga	James & Dian Long and Dave & Susie Roush
Kelly Odeneal	Trussville	Cindy Colvin & Stephanie Harrison

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 393
November 17-20, 2011**

Lay Director	Rita Treutel (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Rita Presto (Priority) Emilie Sims (Fourth Day) Sally Cofield Rhonda Dehaven Denise Nails Sandra Sloan
Spiritual Director	Barry Hallman (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Deborah Moon (Prevenient Grace) Barry Faust (Justifying Grace) Bill Gandy (Sanctifying Grace) Carrie Kramer (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Bill Treutel
Asst. Table Leaders	Carol Roberts (Priesthood) Jane Ann NeSmith (Study) Tina Holcomb (Discipleship) Glori Short (Changing Our World) Andrea Marbut (Christian Action) Cindy Hastings (Body of Christ) Marsha Hamilton (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Judy Bonds Monnie Brooks Betty Fowler Tiphonie Gatgens Krissie Roberson Cricket Shadix Rita Speegle
Board Rep.	Dianne Herfurth

Committees

Agape:	Steve Wright	256-737-7454
Meal Service:	Scott Brock	256-531-6722
Refreshments:	Terri Russell	205-699-6236
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Max Moody	205-274-7682
Housing:	Bob Dehaven	256-453-4640
Candlelight:	Joe Hastings	205-625-6052
Clean-up:	Bill Cofield	205-274-8033
Closing:	Charlie Herfurth	256-734-0300
Entertainment:	Tim Sartain	205-647-2199
Follow-up:	Teresa Moody	205-274-7682
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Jane Sims	205-274-7302
Sponsors' Hour:	Neal Brooks	205-274-7203
Worship:	Dianne Lyrene	256-739-0815
Photographer:	George Lyrene	256-739-0815
Humble Servant:	George Lyrene	

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Jan Martin	Albertville	Laurie Prince
Malana Johnson	Albertville	Glenda Kilpatrick & Friends
Linda Thacker	Birmingham	Jerry & Anita Gray
Tasha Bowling	Boaz	Rick & Arlene Holland
Martha McDow	Cottondale	Ashley Haskew
Gina Davis	Crane Hill	Linda Guthrie
Angela Calvert	Crane Hill	Christy Marshall
Holly Lee	Crane Hill	Stephanie & Steve Wright and Bucket & Linda Guthrie
Suzanne Graves	Crossville	Lila Gamblin
Anne Vest	Falkville	Lana Tew
Beth Rogers	Huntsville	Bill Jordan
Lisa Wood	Huntsville	Ava Caldwell
Heather Lynn	Logan	Pam Williams
Carla Walker	Moody	Sharon Peterson & Dianne Olszak
Maggie Raburn	Northport	Melissa Hannah
Edie Schrimsher	Odenville	Richard & Joyce Simonson and Cindy Plummer

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 394
December 2-5, 2011**

Lay Director	Walter Bryant (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Butch Wildsmith (Priority) Gordon Morris (Fourth Day) Blake Austin Eric Barr Neil Branham Jim Riddle
Spiritual Director	Ken Casey (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Steve West (Prevenient Grace) TBA (Justifying Grace) Nancy Cole (Sanctifying Grace) Vicki Cater (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Steve Duncan
Asst. Table Leaders	Chuck Ferguson (Priesthood) Ron Bunch (Study) Doyle Kernea (Discipleship) Jim Harvey (Changing Our World) Steve Hopson (Christian Action) Bill Scholl (Body of Christ) Martin von Herrmann (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Sid Clements Chuck Hanke Jimmy Lawley Michael Morgan Cliff Myers Rick Pearson Gene Thraikill
Board Rep.	Ted Hagler

Committees

Agape:	Dianna McQueen 205-988-3051
Meal Service:	Elaine Wildsmith 205-296-7325
Refreshments:	Sara Bryant 205-823-3622
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Bill Rush 205-290-0092
Housing:	Pam Branham 205-681-1872
Candlelight:	Gene Rayfield 205-640-3131
Clean-up:	Jerry Marlow 205-467-9042
Closing:	Chairyll Barr 205-681-7581
Entertainment:	Deborah Gaston 205-620-4278
Follow-up:	Dan Bell 205-849-2127
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Frances Kernea 205-988-3412
Sponsors' Hour:	Denise Cone 205-836-2610
Worship:	Jane Hagler 205-985-9608
Photographer:	Sara Bryant
Humble Servant:	Pam Townsend 205-678-2251

Name	City	Sponsor
Eric Varnadore	Boaz	Michael Marsh, Amanda Varnadore & Mt. Vernon E's
Nickey Scott	Crossville	Tim Bearden
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Kelcey Hale	Fayette	Dana Gilliam & Wade Shipman
John Howard	Montgomery	Joy Howard
Doug Mote	Moulton	Cathryn & Lile Bickley
Chris Estave	Muscle Shoals	Kendrick Burns
Mark Brandenburg	Odenville	Tom Weaver & Richard Coggins
Bruce Copeland	Rainbow City	Buddy Berry
Jones Fowler	Tuscaloosa	Scott Gibson & Frankie Mann
Bill Gist	Tuscumbia	Alana & Chad Hester

**Cluster Board Representative
and Cluster Officer
Elections
deadline is
NOVEMBER 1!**

If you are active in your cluster and would like to serve in one of these roles, be sure to talk to your Cluster Lay Director!

**Remember, we are called
to serve, not to be served!**

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Upcoming Chrysalis Journeys

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Jared Greene, LD

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YAC #73

Young Women

Patty Ferrara, LD

November 11 - 13

Praying for You

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

Linda Shaddix (72), for the loss of her mother,
Mary Kilgore Seales

Gail Camp (266), for the loss of her mother,
Shorty Hembree

Brenda Williams (173), for the loss of her husband,
Gerald Williams

Thomas Radney (285), for the loss of his father,
Tom Radney (174)

The family of **Leola Doerflein (106)**