

Alabama Emmaus Community News

# The Grapevine

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## God is counting on us to be effective sponsors

By **PHILIP REICH**  
Lay Director

I am indeed honored to serve as Community Lay Director for 2012 and work alongside other board members in serving our Emmaus community. I love the expanded board which allows each cluster grouping to have two representatives, ensuring that all voices are heard and considered as we work and move ahead as the body of Christ in this wonderful vehicle that we call Emmaus.

Just as the Christian faith is always a generation away from extinction, our Emmaus community needs commitment and nurturing. We each know what a blessing we received on our individual walks and how Emmaus is used by God to help grow spiritual leadership in our local churches and communities. We face a growing problem of a lack of effective sponsorship which, in turn, weakens our Emmaus community. Effective sponsorship is critical to our calling as we serve God in our Fourth days. Our crosses are appropriately inscribed "God is counting on you." Perhaps we each need to pause and reflect as to what our re-

sponsibility is in sponsorship.

For the past several years, our average walk attendance is down which results in anxious moments experienced by Carolyn Phillips, our community coordinator, and too often, few applications received until perhaps the last moment. In 2010, we averaged 46 pilgrims per Walk, and in 2011, we averaged 42 pilgrims per Walk. We also are experiencing a growing number of pilgrims who are scheduled for Walks who perhaps should not attend at that time, by reason of recently experienced heartache or tragedy through the loss of a spouse, family member, a job, or recent or pending divorce, or are generally poorly prepared for what to expect on the walk.

Maybe we all just need to take a deep breath, get still for a moment, and think about the point of this Walk to Emmaus. All of this caused me to revisit what our Emmaus literature says about sponsorship. The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the Church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faith-

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## What will your final evaluation be?

By **RALPH BARROW**  
Spiritual Director

Some of you may have read *The Last Lecture*, by Randy Pausch. Pausch was a Computer Science, Human-Computer Interaction, and Design professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. When he was dying from pancreatic cancer at age 46, Pausch was invited to give a "last lecture" to students and others. In addition to the 300 persons who came for the lecture, there were thousands

who saw the lecture or a portion of it on You-Tube. With journalist Jeffrey Zaslow the book was published.

The lecture Pausch gave included much that Pausch wanted to say to his three young sons that might aid them growing up. It has helped many others as well. The title given to the lecture was "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams."

While the lecture and book are uplifting, there are some hard-nosed challenges with regard to how self-esteem and

praise relate to one another. As a child Randy was enrolled in a football league. He was assigned to a team coached by Jim Graham, a six-foot-four "wall of a guy" who had been a linebacker at Penn State. Coach Graham was old-school; he stressed fundamentals. He rode Randy hard, telling him, "You're doing it all wrong, Pausch. Go back! Do it again!" Far from coddling the players or giving them praise they did not deserve,

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## Change does happen

By CAROLYN PHILLIPS  
Community Coordinator

As we begin 2012, I hope that everyone had a blessed 2011. Many have had life-changing events in their lives this past year - getting married, having a new baby, illness, loss of a loved one, or the loss of a job. Their lives have been changed dramatically. I think the best part of looking forward to a new year is the expectation of happier times and the renewal that comes with new beginnings. We can take those memories, either good or bad, and begin again. Every day we wake up, God is giving us yet another new beginning. And He is right there beside us.

Looking back over some old newsletter articles, I realize how much our Community has changed during the past few years. In February 2004, men were being scheduled seven months out, and women were being scheduled one year out. That is not the case today. We have openings on walks one and two months away. If you have someone who you have considered and prayed about inviting to a walk – surprise! There is no long wait. Beginning with Walk 397, look over the schedule below and pray about the people you have thought about sponsoring.

**De Colores!**

**Carolyn Phillips**

**Talladega 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, Walk 63, Table of Ruth**

### ALABAMA EMMAUS WALKS 2012 (THROUGH JUNE)

|     |            |   |
|-----|------------|---|
| 396 | Feb. 2-5   | M |
| 397 | Feb. 16-19 | W |
| 398 | Mar. 1-4   | M |
| 399 | Apr. 12-15 | W |
| 400 | Apr. 26-29 | M |
| 401 | May 3-6    | W |
| 402 | May 17-20  | M |
| 403 | Jun. 7-10  | W |

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## Reich

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ful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. The strength of our Emmaus community is a direct result of our recruiting practices. Emmaus is not a place where the local church sends its problem members to get them straightened out, nor is it an evangelistic tool to make new Christians. The sole purpose in recruiting pilgrims should be to strengthen our local churches as we first pray, reflect, and allow God to lead us in our choices. Effective sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus. The person we sponsor is the seed we are sowing for the future of Emmaus and our local church leadership.

To this end, we again emphasize the need to add to each cluster a designated person directing sponsorship. It may also be a good idea that in our local clusters, we have effective sponsorship workshops, sharing names of prospects and helping our sponsorship choices. A workshop could include a talk on sponsorship followed by group responses to the talk and time allowed for the group to reflect, pray, and share with one another names of persons who God is prompting a particular pilgrim to sponsor.

Certainly, we do not believe that Emmaus is past its prime or usefulness. Certainly, we do not believe that there are fewer “good” prospects to sponsor. That thought reminds me of the expression which was often heard among southwestern summer door-to-door book salesmen that there is “just no good territory left.” Truly, we all know that the fields are white for harvest, and God expects you and me to fulfill our calling. You and I also both know that our Emmaus experience was a vital part of God’s plan for our life and that what we heard and experienced on our own individual walk was not so much for us as it was for those who will cross our path and be touched by our life. If we really do “get it,” then we will remain ever-active on our fourth days, serving God in our Emmaus community, in our local churches, and bring others to this wonderful, spirit-filled experience through effective sponsorship. For all that we know, God has allowed us our days and our experiences for this very time, for this very moment, for this very opportunity. Think and pray about what you can do to bolster your reunion group, your local cluster, and who you can sponsor now. I believe that the best days for Emmaus are ahead of us and that we will each be faithful to our calling as we experience God working in our midst.

## Barrow

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Coach Graham loved them but pushed them to do better.

In the college classes he taught later, Pausch passed on some of the lessons he had learned from Coach Graham. In one class Pausch asked students to work together on projects. They then received feedback from one another as to what they had contributed and whether they were team players. One student remained cocky and confident despite being ranked in the bottom quarter of the students. Finally Pausch confronted him with the fact that he had been ranked the lowest of all the students. He was uncooperative and less than helpful. Any praise offered him would have been empty praise. Pausch did offer him a kind of support by sharing that he himself was a “recovering jerk.”

In our preaching, teaching, serving, and working with others many of us are content with doing what is passable rather than what

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# WHAT? No Waiting?

*Well, almost.*

**Several upcoming Walks to Emmaus**  
have not filled up, and **YOU** may still be  
able to sponsor someone!!

Contact Carolyn Phillips **ASAP** to find out  
more about when to sponsor a Pilgrim!!!!

## Upcoming Walks

| Walk | Date       | Lay Director         | Spiritual Director   | Cluster                              | Board Rep              |
|------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 396  | Feb. 2-5   | <b>Chad Bottcher</b> | <b>Bob Gunn</b>      | Shoals/Moulton/Athens/<br>Decatur    | <b>Dianne Herfurth</b> |
| 397  | Feb. 16-19 | Cyndy Norris         | Tim Alexander        | Franklin/Haleyville/<br>Hamilton     | Dolores Sparks         |
| 398  | Mar. 1-4   | <b>John Chastain</b> | <b>Robin Scott</b>   | Gadsden/Marshall/<br>Cherokee-Dekalb | <b>Mark McCurdy</b>    |
| 399  | Apr. 12-15 | Dottie Nelson        | Charles Gaddis       | Huntsville/Madison                   | Bill Smith             |
| 400  | Apr. 26-29 | Steve Crowe          | <b>Mike Densmore</b> | Cheaha/E. Alabama                    | <b>David Phillips</b>  |
| 401  | May 3-6    | Cathy Dutton         | Eric Brown           | Shoals/Moulton/Athens/<br>Decatur    | Beth Burden            |
| 402  | May 17-20  | <b>Jeremy Burns</b>  | <b>Mark Parris</b>   | Tuscaloosa/W. Alabama                | <b>Ken Hanby</b>       |

**\*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 398  
March 1-4, 2012**

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Lay Director              | John Chastain (Perseverance)   |
| Asst. Lay Directors       | Shane Vandergriff (Priority)<br>Terrell England (Fourth Day)<br>Lane Berry<br>Lamar Hiatt<br>Ben Hulgan<br>Dwain Elder   |
| Spiritual Director        | Robin Scott (Means of Grace)   |
| Asst. Spiritual Directors | Vicki Mann (Prevenient Grace)<br>Tony Jones (Justifying Grace)<br>Mark Bissonnette (Sanctifying Grace)<br><br>Chris Herbert (Obstacles to Grace)   |
| Music                     | Gail Hiatt   |
| Asst. Table Leaders       | Shane Johnson (Priesthood)<br>George Hartline (Study)<br>Phil Isom (Discipleship)<br>Rocky Harnen (Changing Our World)<br>Joey Croft (Christian Action)<br>Scott Langford (Body of Christ)<br>Kelly Saylor (Life In Piety) |
| Table Leaders             | Charlie Baker<br>Philip Edwards<br>Jason Maybe<br>Tim Jolley<br>Trent Compton<br>Jimmy Beason<br>Jay Myrick  |
| Board Rep.                | Mark McCurdy   |

**Committees**

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Agape:                   | Roslyn England 256-891-0034    |
| Meal Service:            | Ed Delorme 256-582-1711        |
| Refreshments:            | Missy Bissonnette 256-486-8030 |
| 72-Hour Prayer Vigil:    | Connie Kennamer 256-878-8672   |
| Housing:                 | Debra Baker 256-878-7166       |
| Candlelight:             | Jim Bissonnette 256-878-7809   |
| Clean-up:                | Kay Bissonnette 256-878-7809   |
| Closing:                 | Rick Cederholm 256-891-4124    |
| Entertainment:           | Jim Mobley 256-878-0712        |
| Follow-up:               | Tom Billingsley 256-505-0924   |
| Speakers' Prayer Chapel: | Judy Bailey 205-472-0134       |
| Sponsors' Hour:          | Paul Meigs 256-582-6471        |
| Worship:                 | Luann Scott 256-467-9072       |
| Photographer:            | Monica West 256-677-2848       |
| Humble Servant:          | Jeanette Chastain 256-878-3557 |

| Name             | City        | Sponsor                       |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Scott Winne      | Albertville | Mark "Birdog" Baird & Friends |
| Chris Montgomery | Florence    | James Ray                     |
| Rolo Weaver      | Huntsville  | Bill Johnson & Billy Bell     |
| Jay Ange         | Huntsville  | Doug Rezabek & Melissa Rogers |
| Matthew Herndon  | Madison     | Scott Thackerson              |
| Chester Jolly    | Warrior     | Brian Ledlow & Jim Frazier    |

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 399  
April 12-15, 2012**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Lay Director              | Dottie Nelson (Perseverance)  |
| Asst. Lay Directors       | Andrea Jones (Priority)<br>Kathy Neyman (Fourth Day)<br>Judy Panucci<br>Jackie Albrecht<br>Karen Cotton<br>Joan Manning   |
| Spiritual Director        | Charles Gattis (Means of Grace)   |
| Asst. Spiritual Directors | Sherill Clontz (Prevenient Grace)<br>Lynn Dimon (Justifying Grace)<br>David Thompson (Sanctifying Grace)<br>Traci Loveman (Obstacles to Grace)  |
| Music                     | Spike McRoy   |
| Asst. Table Leaders       | Mona Vines (Priesthood)<br>Marty Bryan (Study)<br>Kim Winfrey (Discipleship)<br>Christina Paparella (Changing Our World)<br>Amy Boyle (Christian Action)<br>Lisa Banks (Body of Christ)<br>Linda Holt (Life In Piety) |
| Table Leaders             | Jane Bauer<br>Escoe Beatty<br>Chris Bragg<br>Leslie Comer<br>Sherry Johnson<br>Maureen LaComb<br>Layne Salvador   |
| Board Rep.                | Bill Smith  |

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|                          |                |              |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Agape:                   | Liz Spratt     | 256-859-0729 |
| Meal Service:            | Dee Ann Creel  | 256-682-5345 |
| Refreshments:            | Judy B. White  | 256-837-1666 |
| 72-Hour Prayer Vigil:    | Monica Bell    | 256-533-9926 |
| Housing:                 | Fred Anderson  | 256-852-2515 |
| Candlelight:             | Ann Turner     | 256-426-3132 |
| Clean-up:                | Jerry Nelson   | 256-656-1723 |
| Closing:                 | Anne Whitfield | 256-534-2193 |
| Entertainment:           | Dan Spratt     | 256-859-0729 |
| Follow-up:               | Joyce Smith    | 256-534-5713 |
| Speakers' Prayer Chapel: | Denise Nails   | 256-566-0987 |
| Sponsors' Hour:          | Sue Glover     | 256-536-3087 |
| Worship:                 | Ann Cohen      | 256-508-9097 |
| Photographer:            | Steve Neyman   | 256-859-1284 |
| Humble Servant:          | Jerry Nelson   |              |

| Name                | City           | Sponsor                    |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Beverly Maxwell     | Arab           | Diane Brown                |
| Cyndi Slater        | Birmingham     | Debra Teague               |
| Karla Hamby         | Boaz           | Shalynn Kilpatrick         |
| Susan Todd          | Cullman        | Shirley Hays               |
| Meredith McClanahan | Florence       | Brandi Oliver              |
| Felicia Veal        | Hoover         | Tina Nelson & Vicki Morgan |
| Lenise Crow         | Pinson         | Laura DeGuenther           |
| Kelli Varnon        | Pleasant Grove | Allison Tapscott           |
| Tracy Barton        | Tuscaloosa     | Connie Spiller             |
| Gina Williams       | Vina           | Carly Hellums              |

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 400  
April 26-29, 2012**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Lay Director              | Steve Crowe (Perseverance)  |
| Asst. Lay Directors       | Don Ingram (Priority)<br>Vic Hamilton (Fourth Day)<br>James Dodwell<br>Neal Goza<br>Butch Fennell<br>Chris Carden   |
| Spiritual Director        | Mike Densmore (Means of Grace)  |
| Asst. Spiritual Directors | Tammy Jackson (Prevenient Grace)<br>Dr. Mickey Morgan (Justifying Grace)<br>Steve Bachus (Sanctifying Grace)<br>Paul Vick (Obstacles to Grace)  |
| Music                     | Tom Carden  |
| Asst. Table Leaders       | Guy Hannum (Priesthood)<br>Dave Roush (Study)<br>Mike Parker (Discipleship)<br>Rick Pearson (Changing Our World)<br>Larry Scott (Christian Action)<br>Joe Branch (Body of Christ)<br>Chuck Belitz (Life In Piety) |
| Table Leaders             | Tygr DeHaven<br>John Philips<br>Duane Skarecky<br>Paul Webb<br>Doug Akin<br>Lee Hamilton<br>Chuck Terrell   |
| Board Rep.                | David Phillips  |

**Committees**

|                          |                 |              |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Agape:                   | Carolyn Goza    | 256-510-6786 |
| Meal Service:            | Lenora Hannum   | 256-825-4503 |
| Refreshments:            | Patrice Booth   | 256-234-9251 |
| 72-Hour Prayer Vigil:    | Ruth Johnson    | 256-245-6566 |
| Housing:                 | Dian Long       | 256-839-6827 |
| Candlelight:             | Mr. G. Scroggin | 256-452-8189 |
| Clean-up:                | Wallis Wesson   | 205-283-1694 |
| Closing:                 | Diane Winfield  | 256-839-5589 |
| Entertainment:           | Steve Culberson | 256-749-1282 |
| Follow-up:               | Ellen Philips   | 256-825-7721 |
| Speakers' Prayer Chapel: | Judi Vick       | 256-249-9992 |
| Sponsors' Hour:          | Fred Muenzmay   | 256-377-2444 |
| Worship:                 | Roberta Wyckoff | 256-329-3823 |
| Photographer:            | Lisa Fornwalt   | 256-207-0729 |
| Humble Servant:          | Emmett Crowe    | 256-234-3152 |

| Name         | City        | Sponsor       |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Edgar Ballew | Union Grove | Steve Hallman |

## ***CANON OF THE EMMAUS TEAM***

I am a member of an Emmaus Team; therefore, I am only one part of a complete being.  
I will use "I" as little as possible during these three days,  
and will remember that all others are the main reason for my presence and my prayers.  
I am an imperfect earthen vessel, and I am here in a servant's role.  
I will remember at all times that I am less important than any other person these three days.  
I will serve in humility and gratitude for the opportunity to be here, and will remember that the Holy Spirit calls for my love, patience, kindness, gentleness and self control in all things.  
Whatever passions and excitement seize me, I will express through joyful praise to the Father, my Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.  
I will pray for submission to the Spirit and for strength and commitment to be God's person rather than my own person during these three days.  
I will give God all the glory for anything  
and everything that occurs these three days.  
I will remember that I am here only as an instrument through which God can work to renew His church.  
I will raise my voice only in praise to Him and will bow my Head in reverence and submission to Him.  
I am here only by God's grace;  
I am here only so that He might work His mighty acts through me - not because of me.  
I am only a servant; but God can use me more powerfully in this role than in any other that I might choose.  
I am an imperfect vessel, and  
am blessed to be here as a servant.  
I will lift up other members of the team and candidates  
in prayer and ask our Lord to strengthen them and reveal Himself to them in new and wondrous ways.  
I am a member of an Emmaus Team: In all things during these three days I will pray, "Not I, but Christ."  
I will not over-state or over-emphasize my role during these three days by word or deed.  
In all things, I will accept and be obedient to the authority and discipline under which I serve  
I will not glorify myself; I will not glorify any other member of this team, nor allow another to glorify me.  
I have no authority; I have no responsibility except to be obedient to the Church and totally responsive to the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

## **Your local cluster needs your help**

**By PHILIP REICH  
Lay Director**

Are you involved in your local cluster? I certainly hope so. Yes, we have all heard that Emmaus is not for everyone, but it certainly was for you. I assume that you had a moving experience of God on your walk, all for a reason and purpose. For all we know, God uses Emmaus to awaken our spirit to His presence in a progression of fourth days.

For many, the Group Reunion is the key to maintaining the focus of our continued walk with God in our fourth days. Our families, our friends, our churches, and our communities are counting on this. Our table experience at Emmaus, where God touched us in a very special way through those persons He placed with us at that moment in time, is replicated in a reunion group. What a blessing to have this new Emmaus table with us in our own community each

week. If you are not in a reunion group, please join one or start one. Isn't the idea of our Fourth days that our progressive walk with God continues each day for the rest of our lives? We each need to pray about our reunion group and be open to God's lead. The really exciting aspect of all of this is that it is the Holy Spirit who will open our hearts to God and to each other and who will make our group special friends, united together in agape love.

It is also a known fact that clusters that have active reunion groups are vibrant and growing, and most importantly, impacting local churches for Christ. I really believe that active reunion groups are a special instrument used by God to keep Emmaus alive and growing. An excellent pamphlet on the Group Reunion is available through The Upper Room. You may find it at Upper Room Books, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212, or at [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org).

**Remember to support the Chrysalis Community  
with your time, your gifts, your service and  
your prayers!**

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### Newsletter of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Walk to Emmaus

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is truly excellent. In a human-computer interaction class called "Building Virtual Worlds," Pausch was "blown away" by the high quality of projects presented rather early in the semester. He was ready to give everyone an "A" for the whole semester, but a mentor of his encouraged Pausch to say, "Guys, that was pretty good, but I know you can do better." As the semester went on, the increasingly brilliant work of many of the students caught the attention of those outside the class. Four hundred people would show up on presentation days to see what the 50-member class had come up with.

When we come before God for our "last evaluation," we hope to hear God saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant." This praise from God will not be empty praise. Nor will we be praised for what we have done on our own. We will be praised for being good and faithful servants, forgiven and given new life by God's grace.

**Several Upcoming Walks  
have available spaces  
for additional Pilgrims!**

**Contact Carolyn if you know of  
someone who might be interested!**

## *Praying for You*

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

**Willa Alford (121)**, for the loss of her husband, Donald Alford

**Howard Fornwalt (343)**, for the loss of his mother, Linda Fornwalt

**Patsy Coe Densmore (Upper Room #18)**, for the loss of her mother, Sarah Coe

**Judy Belitz (67)**, for the loss of her father, Marion Lewis Picklesimer

**Judy Shivers (373)**, for the loss of her father, Odie Maddox

The family of **Tammy Kirkpatrick (392)**

The family of **Martha Nell Johnson (60)**