

# The Grapevine

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## Wait for it with patience

By **BILL JORDAN**  
Lay Director

Have you ever thought about how much of our lives we spend waiting? We wait for our order at a drive through, we wait for our gas to pump, and we wait for our kids in the traffic line at school.

We also wait for some of the bigger things in life. We wait nine months for our children to be born. We wait for our next job promotion or the next “perfect” job! If you are like me, waiting is not something I do real well. I am the one who drives ten miles out of the way just so I don’t have to wait in traffic!

Why is waiting so hard

when we know that God’s timing is always perfect? He even tells us in Psalms 37:7; “Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him to act. When we wait patiently, God is always there to meet and encourage us. In the fast paced society we live in we must learn to be patient and wait. How many times have we tried to fix a situation or acted to quickly just to be disappointed in the outcome. Our walk with Christ is all about waiting. If we wait, He promises to bless us beyond all measure.

When we look back on those situations where we allowed God to work on His time, we see just how His time is perfect. I challenge you to be pa-

tient, and wait on the Lord and see what He has in store for you!

Remember Isaiah 40:31; “but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

When our life is guided by the Spirit and we allow the will of God to guide and direct our steps, we will be deeply rewarded when the Holy Spirit intercedes and shapes our lives and prayers. Let the Holy Spirit guide you as you wait for the Lord! Romans 8:25 says “but if we hope for what we do not see, we WAIT for it with PATIENCE”

### Welcome Rev. Calvin Havens

## *Shalom until we see each other again*

By **PAULACALHOUN**  
Spiritual Director

In the Gospel of John, Jesus begins his goodbye to his disciples with the promise of another hello. What an example of shalom! Jesus has perfect timing for shalom—the Hebrew greeting that extends a blessing of peace and safety and well-being to others. Shalom also serves as an expression of hello and goodbye.

Several weeks ago, I began to think about saying goodbye to the Emmaus community. With the thought of two walks remaining and this being my last newsletter article for *The Grapevine*, I felt a sense of poignancy.

Saying goodbye as your Community Spiritual Director brought some regret and a touch of sadness. You—the Alabama Walk to Emmaus Community—have been the ultimate expression of God’s grace toward me! And, serving with you has been a very humbling and joyful experience.

As always, I received far more than I could ever give. I have learned much and been loved

and inspired by you in ways that will bless me forever.

I’m so thankful! And also aware that in this moment, we share shalom—peace, well-being, safe travel to one another with a goodbye that leads to another hello. On the Walk to Emmaus, we will see each other again and often! On the Emmaus road, of all places, we’re aware of Jesus’ life and mission, his suffering and death, which lead to...his resurrection and new life!

With the grace of our Lord, I extend shalom to you. And with joy, I welcome The Rev. Calvin Havens as our new Community Spiritual Director. I remember Calvin preaching in a 2003 worship service; and I still benefit from his message eleven years later. Calvin is a gift to all who seek to meet and walk with the risen Christ! And the Emmaus community will be blessed by his presence and ministry.

Let’s keep Calvin in our prayers as he prepares to serve in August.

Shalom, my friends! And DeColores!

## It's just stuff

By CAROLYN PHILLIPS  
Community Coordinator

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ~Matthew 6:19-21*

My husband, David, and our friend, Leigh Murphy, recently attended the Antiques Roadshow in Birmingham. They had a great time and saw a lot of amazing things. David took a necklace and a sword which he shined and polished in preparation. They stood in line for hours before actually meeting an appraiser. His remark when he got home was, "I went in with great treasures and came out with junk!" Isn't it great that the opposite is true in our relationship with our Lord?

Life on earth is a lot like standing in line for a long, long time. We must be patient and endure many hurts and disappointments while trying to get the most out of life. Some of us must be more patient and endure more hurts than most. Some find more and greater joy than the rest of us. Then, when our time comes we lay our lives before the Great Appraiser, Jesus Christ.

A few will come to Jesus and find that they already have great treasure laid up in heaven, built up by lives lived with joy, love and charity. Many will come feeling they are empty handed, having tried their best, but never seeing any fruits from their labor. They will be told that unseen results are results all the same. They may not have seen the fruit of their efforts, but Jesus saw. And what they thought was junk will become treasure in the love and forgiveness of Christ.

Leigh and David saw a great many "treasures" at the Roadshow: family heirlooms, flea market bargains, speculative antiques, historical relics, art ranging from sublime to silly and toys from childhoods long gone. A lot of it could be called beloved stuff that we don't need. Our daughter, Michelle, is anti-stuff. We get frequent lectures about how people are constantly spending money on stuff they don't need. Her point being that we should live simpler lives and

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## Training event offers new session this year

Every one of you – IF YOU HAVE KEPT YOUR ADDRESS CORRECT WITH THE COMMUNITY! – has received your registration form for the Annual Training Event by mail. Have you seen it? If not, look for it!

There is a new item on the list of classes offered. It's called Camp Sumatanga Presentation. Since this has never been on the list, you will need to know what it is. So here is the scoop!

Our current Community Lay Director, Bill Jordan, and the immediate past Community Lay Director, Bill Smith, have come up with an idea to help get the word out about the good things going on at Camp and current efforts to raise funds. As you know, Mark Parris is in charge of these efforts. Mark is Emmaus and is a past Community Spiritual Director.

Mark and the two Bills have a plan to reach personally the more than 600 small to medium-sized churches in the North Alabama Conference with this message by using what may be called "Emmaus Ambassadors."

Here is the plan: if you have given a talk in the Conference Room on an Alabama Emmaus Walk, and you'd like to be one of these ambassadors, you would need to sign up for this class during the training event. This will be on Saturday, August 16. Mark will be providing a script so that each of you will know what to say and all will be on the same page.

There will be some role-playing to help you be comfortable with the information. Your own church may be one that is on your list, and you may have others to visit that are nearby. There will also be a need for people to make phone contacts.

Obviously, it would take Mark a very long time to visit over 600 churches on a Sunday. So if you'd like to help him, make sure you are a part of this session on the 16. He's going to need a troop to get this done, and we don't want any church left out – right?

If you have not received your registration form in the mail, see your Cluster Lay Director for a copy. Or, contact your member of the Alabama Emmaus Community Board of Directors.

The deadline for mailing the form is August 11. That's to insure you get your class selections. It also helps if you are planning to come for the Friday night session on the 15 and want to spend the night at camp!

### Celtic Spirituality Alabama Five Day Academy, Aug. 4-9 Sumatanga Camp & Conference Center

Contact Kathy Norberg, 850-324-1015 or  
[kathy.norberg@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.norberg@gmail.com)

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## Didn't receive training mailout? Here's info

Serving on an Emmaus team is something to be anticipated!

It can be an ultimate form of service and a source of blessing to the giver and the receiver. Is this your calling?

Would you like to know more?

This is your golden opportunity!

The Alabama Emmaus Annual Training Event for team services for 2014 is to be Aug. 15-16.

The training sessions will be enjoyable as well as informative, and as with any Emmaus event, there will be food, fun, fellowship and music.

Come spend some quiet time at Camp and spend some time with old friends and make some new ones. Please bring all your new Pilgrims.

### Alabama Emmaus Community Annual Overnight Training Event

Retreat Center ,Camp Sumatanga  
Aug. 15-16, 2014  
Registration from 5-7 PM

All training classes will be held on Saturday. The registration form was mailed recently, but if you need one, contact your cluster Board representative.

You may copy the form as needed.

Please note the deadline for registration! When you register, you will be asked to select three classes.

The back of the form lists the costs for housing and meals. Participants will stay in Buildings 1, 2 and 3, and rooms are first come, first served.

If you wish to serve the pilgrims of Walk 431, which will be the same weekend, you must contact the Food Service Chairperson of that walk, as well as Training Event housing. (Remember, there is a limit.)

Meals for the Training Event will be in McKinney-Atkins. Rooms may be secured for Friday and/or Saturday nights.

A registration fee of \$5.00 is requested of all persons who attend the Training Event.

This fee covers materials that will be provided.

Please submit your form by Aug. 11.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Ted Hagler at (205) 985-960. You may also contact him by email at [Treasurer@AlaEmmaus.org](mailto:Treasurer@AlaEmmaus.org).

## UPCOMING WALKS

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
431	Aug 14-17	Teely Samson	Chuck Worley	Cheaha/East Alabama	Angel Rait/Robert Wycoff
<b>432</b>	<b>Sep 11-14</b>	<b>Ken Bauer</b>	<b>Todd Owen</b>	<b>Haleyville/Madison</b>	<b>Marsha Blocker/ Bruce Parris</b>
433	Sep 25-28	Lynn Carmichael	Vicki Cater	B'ham E/B'ham/Shelby	Ted Hagler/ Ronnie Harris
434	Oct 16-19	Bobbi Shelton	Sandra Locke-Godbey	Shoals/Moulton/Decatur/ Athens	Lori Mills/ Jan Hargrove
<b>435</b>	<b>Oct 23-26</b>	<b>Hal Keeton</b>	<b>Dallas Culver</b>	<b>Franklin/Hamilton/ Haleyville</b>	<b>Tricia Farr/Mike Shotts</b>
436	Nov 13-16	Laura Durbin	Lynn Dimon	Gadsden/Marshall/ Cherokee-Dekalb	Sam Chuckery/ Sheila Saccucci

\*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 432  
September 11-14, 2014**

Lay Director	Ken Bauer (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Tim Cotton Bill Beatty Terry Lewis Rock Holt Mark Hedden Cowan Wilson Terry Wingo
Spiritual Director	Todd Owen (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Alan Weatherly (Prevenient Grace) Trav Wilson (Justifying Grace) Doug Wooten (Sanctifying Grace) Todd Noren-Hentz (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Jack Lawrence
Asst. Table Leaders	John Youngs (Priesthood) Ken Albrecht (Study) Gregg Hutton (Discipleship) Al Killen (Changing Our World) Howard Staggs (Christian Action) Keith Wilson (Body of Christ) TBA (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Bill Friday Gary Crawford Kevin Speegle Tim Kavanagh Alan Davis Darrell Martin Bobby Marsh
Board Reps.	Bruce Parris, Marsha Blocker

**Committees**

Agape:	Lee Riddle	256-430-3266
Meal Service:	John Newton	256-536-8925
Refreshments:	Cheri Crawford	256-508-2437
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Joan Manning	256-536-7881
Housing:	Karen Cotton	256-880-0225
Candlelight:	Billy Bell	256-533-9926
Clean-up:	Richard Blocker	256-830-5484
Closing:	Dick Titus	256-534-0936
Entertainment:	Anisa Graner	256-864-0702
Follow-up:	Merrill Jones	256-895-9169
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Sandy McKenzie	256-536-1976
Sponsors' Hour:	DeeAnn Creel	256-881-7563
Worship:	Kathy Lawter	256-430-1585
Photographer:	Tom Smith	256-232-9191
Humble Servant:	Richard Blocker	

<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Warren Helms	Albertville	Joshua Ivey
Greg Tanner	Arab	David Norton & Tim White
Randy Nelson	Childersburg	Royce Warren
Fred Smith	Gadsden	Ralph Jones
Chris Bodine	Guntersville	Mark Bissonnette
John Carter	Guntersville	Harold Allred
Ed Fuller	Hampton Cove	Ralph & Sandra Jones
Harry Golden	Hartselle	Greg Douthit
Paul Johnson	Helena	Tom Carden
Andrew Collins	Helena	Lori Carden
Bobby Roe	Huntsville	Lauren Roe and Bill & Cathy Johnson
Kerry Bell	Huntsville	Rolo Weaver & Billy Bell
Byron Fair	Northport	Charles Bush
Wes Walby	Northport	Kristy Hammond
Teek Patnaik	Owens Cross Rds.	Spike & Rica McRoy
Tyler Weaver	Owens Cross Rds.	Rolo Weaver
Shane Hardy	Pensacola	Tony Datuin
George Hartline	Scottsboro	George Hartline, Jr.
Ryan Nelson	Trinity	Robert & Jean Nelson
Scott Harris	Tuscaloosa	Joe Powell

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 433  
September 25-28, 2014**

Lay Director	Lynn Carmichael (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Linda Smith (Priority) Roxann Edsall (Fourth Day) Ruth Ann Clay Lucy Thraikill Barb Heisey La Shawn Scholl
Spiritual Director	Vicki Cater (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Dorothy Scott (Prevenient Grace) Jack Hendricks (Justifying Grace) Paula Calhoun (Sanctifying Grace) Lloyd Gibbs (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Linn Lower
Asst. Table Leaders	Amy Floyd (Priesthood) Sharon Canada (Study) Debra Teague (Discipleship) Monica Gallups (Changing Our World) Denise Cone (Christian Action) Sara Bryant (Body of Christ) Rhonda Rush (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Merrie Lynne Pearson Susie Simmons Sherri Goolsby Donna Ambrosius Joy Hopson Joyce Cook Cathy Roskam
Board Reps.	Ted Hagler, Ronnie Harris

**Committees**

Agape:	Heather Biciste	205-305-6066
Meal Service:	Raymond Cook	205-674-1658
Refreshments:	Tammy Carpenter	205-420-1376
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Ronnie Lansford	205-283-0441
Housing:	Teresa Harris	205-338-3374
Candlelight:	Dianna McQueen	205-988-3051
Clean-up:	Steve McDuffey	205-835-3823
Closing:	Vickie Parsons	205-222-5884
Entertainment:	Mr. G Scroggins	706-766-4102
Follow-up:	Susan Day	205-655-5274
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Dolores Bunn	205-515-4719
Sponsors' Hour:	Jack Muncy	205-678-6133
Worship:	Jane Hagler	205-985-9608
Photographer:	John Jones	205-338-7971
Humble Servant:	Chuck Ferguson	205-491-1634

Name	City	Sponsor
Carolyn Fikes	Aliceville	Sara Peebles
Mary J. Trapp	Aliceville	Jenni Strickland
Nancy Bartke	Arab	George Bartke and Stan & Andrea Witherow
Susan Chronister	Athens	Ronnie Chronister
Cate Schilloff	Athens	Ginger Hickman
Mindy Jackson	Athens	Mark Jackson
Kelly Odeneal	Birmingham	Lenise Crow
Ginny Patton	Birmingham	Lee Mathews
Chris Gazaway	Boaz	Tony Jones
Rhonda Nelson	Childersburg	Kim Warren
Woni Nelson	Childersburg	Kim Warren
Liz Baker	Childersburg	Karen Wyatt
Sandy Parker	Cullman	Cheri Waldrop & Kerry Hanvey
Wendy Sullivan	Fayette	Dana Gilliam & Jaime Howard
Marcy Oberholzer	Florence	Bill Jordan
Patsy Glover	Hattiesburg	Alicia Carpenter
Amanda Lange	Helena	Mike Lange & Lori Carden
Kay Barnes	Hoover	Dianna McQueen
Trudy Jones	Hoover	Sally Gay
Sara Fry	Huntsville	Sandra Housley & Doni Harrison
Amy Seymour	Huntsville	Joan Manning
Margaret Stephens	Huntsville	Dottie & Jerry Nelson
Bernice Moser	Jacksonville	Judy Anderson & Ann Hall
Carolyn Walker	Madison	Tommy Gray
Christina Barnett	Madison	Athens 1st UMC Wed. Night RG (Lisa Gilbert)
Suzanne Stalnaker	Moody	Lee Mathews
Mary Ensor	Northport	Julie Thomas
Jana Smith	Owens Cross Rds.	Sandra May, Sherry Johnson & Debbie Collins
Reagan Whitfield	Pinson	Robin McLendon
Lisa Wickham	Rainbow City	Cathy Williams
Lisa Dobbins	Rainbow City	Lisa Smith
Annie Jones	Sheffield	Louvina Gross
Laura Satterfield	Southside	Cathy Williams
Michelle Murray	Spruce Pine	Buddy & Kim Perdue
Darlene Mathis	Sylacauga	Debbie McEntire
Cheryl Alverson	Sylacauga	Dianne Wingfield
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## Phillips

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use all that money saved for worthwhile charitable causes.

How much "stuff" do you have? Consider doing an inventory of all your "stuff" and then think about where your real treasures lay.

Please remember we have six more walks for 2014 and there are openings on these walks. If you have a pilgrim you would like to sponsor please send their completed application to the office and I will get them scheduled.

De Colores!

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

**Remember to register!**

**ANNUAL  
Training Event**  
Information Mailed  
Recently!!

## *Praying for You*

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

**Lucia Hunt (11)**, for the loss of her husband, **Tom Hunt (10)**, and **Susan Hunt (181)** for the loss of her father  
**Bob Boyce (12)**, for the loss of his wife, **Mary Boyce (13)**

**Lisa Holmes (211)** and **Kim Priest (340)**, for the loss of their father, Kyle Wisener

**Nancy Simmons (43)**, for the loss of her mother, Mary Stovall, and **Terri Northcutt (126)**, for the loss of her grandmother

**Roy Graham (391)**, for the loss of his wife, **Gayle Graham (385)**, and **Shawn & Scott Graham (378)**, for the loss of their mother

The family of **Nan Heard (21)**

**Norma Aldridge (8)**, for the loss of her husband, **Dixon Aldridge (7)**

**Bobbie Cassady (192)**, for the loss of her sister, Brenda Hellen Poole

**Nancy Holman (156)**, for the loss of her husband, **Dawson "Bubba" Holman (155)**

**Linda Ray (214)**, for the loss of her husband, **James Ray (183)**.

**Dian Long (182)**, for the loss of her father, Ray V. Voss.