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## We are God's instruments

By **BILL JORDAN**  
Lay Director

1 Peter 2: 9: "but you are a chosen race a royal priesthood, a Holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of the darkness into His marvelous light."

God is very clear in His word that He chose us and not the other way around! When we do things that "we" think are right or try to figure things out on our own, we are not fulfilling God's purpose for our lives but our own purpose. Jesus says in John 5:30, "I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me". If Jesus himself did

not seek His will, what gives us the right to think that we should be able to seek our own will? We are called to be God's instrument in this life, to seek out the broken and win and proclaim souls for Christ.

Regardless of our circumstances we should try to enjoy this magnificent life that God has given us and do the best we can, all the time, to bring Him honor and glory. We fall prey to the devil himself when we say that we have no value to God. Remember that "God does not call the qualified but qualifies the called!"

In fact, those who say that they have no value of their own

are precisely the one's God choses, because they have no purpose of their own, just God's! It does not take "natural" ability to be an instrument for God just a willingness to submit to Him and remain obedient to His word.

The only thing that truly matters to God is that we have a relationship with Him. He knows that it is in this relationship that other relationships are formed, that enable us to truly be His instrument. This does not have to be some earth shattering, life changing event, because God uses the little things and the people we see and interact with everyday, to be the person God  
**(Please see Jordan Page 2.)**

By **CALVIN HAVENS**  
Spiritual Director

Name: Calvin Havens, Alabama Emmaus Community Walk #12, Table of Mark, Pastor at Ford's Chapel UMC in Harvest, Alabama

Never did I expect to be invited to become the Spiritual Director for The Alabama Emmaus Community. When asked I had to really do some soul searching and pray about the level of commitment this would require. Though I felt honored and humbled, I also realized that this kind of obligation would cut into margin I had intentionally built into my life. Plus, the travel time on Saturday nights knowing I had to preach twice on Sunday mornings had to be factored in. After about a month, I accepted.

I have two platforms I plan to emphasize as the Spiritual Director.

First, I strongly believe that the Emmaus experience should strengthen the church. This is one of its primary purposes. Over the years as a pastor I've had about 500 pilgrims go on Walks. Nearly 100% raved about their weekend. It was

transformational in their relationship with Christ. Yet, the carryover into the local church has not turned out as I had hoped. We can do better. Never has there been more a time in Christianity where leaders are needed to lead – spiritually – in their respective Bodies of Christ.

Second, I plan to focus my devotional talks on the 'story behind the story.' Why did Peter get out of the boat? What drew the woman with the issue of blood to reach out to 'touch the hem of Jesus' robe?' What does the term 'New Covenant really mean? What is a 'Prayer closet?' If we are to really become disciples of Jesus Christ, what does this mean? I hope to bring insight to deepen our faith commitment such that we will cease to be simply students of God's Word, but transformational practitioners of it. We are to love God and others.

Thanks for this opportunity. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit I will lead as I am led.

Decolores,  
Calvin Havens

## Our Emmaus mission

By **CAROLYN PHILLIPS**  
*Community Coordinator*

*The Walk to Emmaus is a 3-day retreat sponsored by the Upper Room, a division of the United Methodist Church. The purpose of the walk is to renew local church congregations by offering a "short course in Christianity" and provides a model for Christian accountability groups. It is intended for established Christians who want a refresher in the basic tenets of our faith and an opportunity for spiritual development through the sharing of God's grace.*

You will find the above paragraph at the top of our Emmaus application. When you are sponsoring someone you should bear this in mind. In order for the Emmaus movement to be what it was brought to Alabama over thirty years ago to be we should use the above mission statement in choosing our pilgrims.

The pilgrims we sponsor should be sponsored for the right reasons. The walk weekend is not for drug rehab, marital counseling or family reunions. It is for the grace of God to be seen and shared through the Community. These are needs that should be met at the local church and not on an Emmaus weekend. There are openings on walks for the remainder of the year.

We ask you to prayerfully consider sponsoring someone who you may have been thinking of sharing this experience. Many people have been truly blessed by their 3 day weekend. Eyes have been opened and lives have been changed by the Holy Spirit at work in each and every walk. Bless be the tie that binds us all!

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

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## Chrysalis journeys on

Hello again from Alabama Young Adult Chrysalis! As I write this, summer is coming to an end. For us, this means that a large portion of our future Caterpillars and many team members are getting ready to begin a new semester (or perhaps their very first semester) of college. With this season comes a blur of studying, tests, papers, big life-changes, and our last two Journeys of the year. AYAC is grateful to be able to minister to this age group in such a critical stage of their lives. There is nothing that compares to taking three days away from life's busyness (job, homework, social media, cell phones, etc.) to saturate in the Presence of God and be loved on by our fantastic Emmaus and Chrysalis community! We covet your prayers and support during this time, specifically for the two upcoming Journeys:

YAC #84 (September 19-21) is a young men's Journey led by the Holy Spirit and Justin Patterson

YAC #85 (October 31-November 2) is a young women's Journey led by the Holy Spirit and Krissy Roberson

We want to welcome you to come and be a part of Chrysalis. If you are interested in sponsoring a Caterpillar, working a Journey, or providing support in any other way you can visit our website for information at [www.alabamayac.com](http://www.alabamayac.com). You can also email me personally at [bgilmore@samford.edu](mailto:bgilmore@samford.edu). Along with our desire for you to come and serve with us, we would love to serve with you. If you have any needs or requests, please send those my way as well!

Again, we extend our thanks to you for all of your support in the past, present, and future. We are honored to be the Hands and Feet of Christ with you. We continue to look forward to working alongside you as we grow our community. I look forward to serving with you soon. See you at Camp!

DeColores and Fly with Christ!

Brittany Gilmore, Community Lay Director of Alabama Young Adult Chrysalis

## Jordan

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called us to be. In fact the most important aspect of Christianity is not so much the work we do but the relationships we maintain and the influences and qualities produced by these relationships. Be aware we must give these relationships our full attention because the devil attacks these relationships.

Remember that God calls us to GO and be His hands and feet and His instrument, which wins people to Christ, through us!

I will end with two inspirational quotes from Corrie Ten Boom who has been a source of inspiration to me.

Corrie Ten Boom:

"You are simply called to be an open channel for the Spirit of God to flow through. You can never be anything else, even though you may think so at times. Follow the pathway of obedience, let the Word of God do its own work, and you will be used by God far beyond your own powers."

"Happiness is NOT dependent on happenings, but on the relationships in the happenings."

Blessings in Christ

DeColores

Bill Jordan

Walk 302, Table of John

## Sponsorship 101: Consider the possibilities

When you sponsor, do you consider that your Pilgrim might become your future Cluster Leader? Do you see your Pilgrim becoming a Walk Lay Director? It's hoped that you see these options as possibilities! A regular sponsor was recently overheard to say that a Pilgrim he sponsored on Walk 297 still writes him a letter each time that Pilgrim sponsors someone else, just to say, "Look what has come of your sponsoring me." Isn't that the scope of Emmaus? Shouldn't we always look that far down the road?

That Pilgrim has caught the vision, and is a good sponsor as well. He also sees the fruit of his sponsorship. And - there is always fruit of sponsorship - whether

good or bad.

And speaking of the vision, the purpose of the Emmaus Walk - to develop church leadership - should always be a part of the goal of your sponsorship. So for that reason always remember that Emmaus assumes church membership. If your potential Pilgrim is not already a taking leadership roles in his/her church, this should be a part of your vision as a sponsor. Consider what the result might be.

And if the person is already quite active, Emmaus can be a catalyst for a wider ministry. So many Pilgrims have heard the call to full-time ministry as a result of their Walk. As you look at these very real possibilities, it is hoped that this awareness will

guide you to sponsor legitimate candidates for these roles. In other words, Emmaus is not for everyone. It is for those who are standing in these places. And remember too, that as much as you'd like to sponsor a person who needs, or is in the process of any type of healing, it is just too much to ask of this person to also take on the responsibility of leadership until the healing is complete. So be compassionate in this regard.

One more thing - as you consider sponsorship, you may want to share the cost involved and the duties of this role with your Reunion Group. This is a great way to see that everything is accomplished as it should be, and it's a good model for any new Pilgrim to see and follow.

**Your Emmaus Board would like to extend its collective "Thank You" to everyone who attended the Annual Training Event!  
Participation only helps grow the Community!**

### **UPCOMING WALKS**

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
<b>432</b>	<b>Sep 11-14</b>	<b>Ken Bauer</b>	<b>Todd Owen</b>	<b>Huntsville/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
437	Dec 4-7	Polly Bailey	Nancy Cole	Tuscaloosa/W Alabama	Noah Funderburg/ Judy Trull

**\*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 434  
October 16-19, 2014**

Lay Director	Bobbi Shelton (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Georgia McCaig (Priority) Cathy Dutton (Fourth Day) Barbara Chenault Tami Glenn Amanda Hargrove Cherrie Whitlow
Spiritual Director	Sandra Locke-Godbey (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Joy Morgan (Prevenient Grace) Dudley Brock (Justifying Grace) Gary Formby (Sanctifying Grace) Amy Howard (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	John Schuessler
Asst. Table Leaders	Betty Grisham (Priesthood) Linda Smith (Study) Rebecca Smith (Discipleship) Patsy Killen (Changing Our World) Angela Terry (Christian Action) Carol Alexander (Body of Christ) Myra Yates (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Jean Crawford Karen Caine Martha Keenum Jean Vincent Donna McDaniel Anne Deegan Julie Goodwin
Board Reps.	Lori Mills, Jan Hargrove

**Committees**

Agape:	Vickie Terry	256-974-7834
Meal Service:	Rosemary Lewey	256-974-1522
Refreshments:	Kay Seale	256-566-5736
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Melanie Little	256-476-7828
Housing:	Marketta Terry	256-974-2706
Candlelight:	Dianne Norwood	256-974-7395
Clean-up:	Don Shelton	256-214-2454
Closing:	Brian Moore	256-232-6009
Entertainment:	David Norwood	256-565-5744
Follow-up:	Sandra Ligon	256-974-9303
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Tommy Whitlow	256-974-7399
Sponsors' Hour:	Vicki Morese	256-303-0050
Worship:	Ann Glover	256-974-0368
Photographer:	John Godbey	256-350-5149
Humble Servant:	Lynn Littrell	256-974-9513

Name	City	Sponsor
Pam Hayes	Adamsville	Sherri Goolsby, Debra Teague
Glenda Emigh	Center Point	Judy Clyburn
Debby Watkins	Crossville	Freedom Christian Fellowship RG (Andrea Witherow)
Sheneta Smith	Florence	Celia Rudolph
Teresa Bellenger	Fort Mill	Pam Gilliland
Robin Bynum	Fyffe	Glenn Mize
Sheila Witherspoon	Gadsden	Vicki Mann
Paula Wilks	Henagar	Glenn Mize
Donna Himes	Hoover	Julie Ferguson
Amy Seymour	Huntsville	Joan Manning
Amanda Bell	Huntsville	Melissa Rogers & Rica McRoy
Ruth Fulmer	Huntsville	Pat McCrory
Sandra Christian	Huntsville	Teresa Cowles
Sonja Kirby	Langston	Terry Wood
Darla Burbank	Maylene	Jim McKinley & Jack Moseley
Tina Callaway	Springville	Joyce Simonson
Jill Hannah	Tuscaloosa	Paul & Betsy Hass
Kim Lovell	Union Grove	Vivian McRae

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 435  
October 23-26, 2014**

Lay Director	Hal Keeton (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Ricky Hall (Priority) Gene Matthews (Fourth Day) Ronnie Hellums Kevin Posey David McNutt Kelly Moore
Spiritual Director	Dallas Culver (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Elliott Gordon (Prevenient Grace) Jeff Fleming (Justifying Grace) Tim Alexander (Sanctifying Grace) Mitch Nethery (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Pat Seal
Asst. Table Leaders	Paul Davis (Priesthood) Jeff Frame (Study) Jeff Bowling (Discipleship) Rocky Stone (Changing Our World) Larry Gilmer (Christian Action) Roger Karr (Body of Christ) Clyde Putman (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Brook Davis Ken Farr Brent Hellums Paul Huffman Stewart Ozbirn Robert Wood Jerry Gann
Board Reps.	Patricia Farr, Mike Shotts

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Agape:	Alan Wilson,	256-324-7664
Meal Service:	Jackie Mize	205-486-2787
Refreshments:	Joan Cleveland	256-810-0639
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Linda Allredge	205-468-2347
Housing:	Sally Moore	256-668-0666
Candlelight:	Debbie Wood	205-486-4259
Clean-up:	Heather Lanham	256-810-9696
Closing:	Heather Lanham	
Entertainment:	George Childree	205-495-2012
Follow-up:	Dolores Sparks	256-668-2141
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Sue Hellums	256-668-2257
Sponsors' Hour:	Karla Huffman	256-668-0452
Worship:	Lisa Davis	256-810-0543
Photographer:	Alan Wilson	256-324-7664
Humble Servant:	Shala Keeton	256-627-5443

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John Manley	Arab	Pam Manley & Regina Gregory
Cliff Watkins	Crossville	Freedom Christian Fellowship RG (Andrea Witherow)
Buck Blackwell	Decatur	Chrystal Smith
Terrance Brown	Florence	Grace & James Anderson
Kevin Jones	Greensboro	Dan Robertson
Edsel Hogan	Harvest	Norris Holley
Charles Trucks	Hoover	Walter & Sara Bryant
Richard Botts	Hoover	Neil Segars
Drew Helveston	Huntsville	Leigh Helveston
Connie Cook	Huntsville	Joe Foster
Darrell Good	Laceys Springs	Vern Spearman & Norris Holly
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Know of someone  
who might 'enjoy'  
attending the  
Emmaus Walk?

Consider being  
a sponsor!

Visit  
[www.alaemmaus.org/  
main.htm](http://www.alaemmaus.org/main.htm)  
for a registration  
form!

### *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 **Jack Palmer (384)**

**Katherine Smelley (27)**, for the loss of her hus-  
band, Billy Smelley.

**Tom Phillips (55)**, for the loss of his wife, Marcia  
Phillips

**Bill Trull (155)** on the loss of his brother.

**Bill Parker (257)** and **Nancy Parker (264)** for  
the loss of their daughter, **Wendy Roberson (385)**

The family of **John Dickerson (241)**