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Connection prevents rust

By Lori Mills**Lay Director**

Summer! As a teacher, I can tell you that just saying that word brings a smile to my face. Every year, I look forward with great anticipation to the summer break. I even count down the days to the last day of school. When summer comes, I find myself with the same feelings year after year – I can't wait for school to start. Wait...What?! What is wrong with me?

Maybe some of you have experienced this feeling as well. Maybe you have gone on vacation or just taken some time off to be away from the business of your life. It's great to refresh, right? But, at some point, do you find yourself wanting to jump back in the routine?

When I've been off for a while, I feel out of touch and rusty. It takes a little while for me to get back on top of my game. I think the same thing is true for us in our Emmaus Community. We need to

be connected to each other through clusters and reunion groups. This keeps us in touch and updated. Monthly cluster gatherings are a time for us to fellowship. We can experience the sweet, sweet Spirit that we sense on a Walk when we gather for cluster meetings.

Cluster is also a time for us to welcome new pilgrims and help them plug in right away. We know the importance of follow up for our new pilgrims. They have been on a mountain top. We certainly don't want to abandon them in their fourth days. One of the important roles of a sponsor is to ensure the pilgrim attends follow up cluster meeting.

If you have not been involved with your cluster, now is a great time to start. It's always worth the effort to attend your cluster gathering.

Weekly reunion groups are also so important to keep us in touch with each other. There are **(Please see Mills Page 2.)**

Finishing well matters

By CALVIN HAVENS**Spiritual Director***I Corinthians 10:31.*

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

What a convicting verse if you stop and ponder what it says.

I'd like to focus on the second half of this great verse, especially since many of us who will be reading this newsletter article are in the second half of life. Lately, I'm giving more thought to how I finish this race/journey/marathon/sprint called life. Maybe it's because I'm getting older and seeing clearer the finish line in a few areas of my life. Does whatever I'm doing bring glory to God? As I contemplate finishing well, how am I doing?

Am I really bringing glory to God?

My year as your Community Spiritual Director is quickly coming to an end. August 15 will be my final time to lead at candlelight. Sharing a teaching from God's Word and administering Holy Communion has been special for me. As I count-down to my last time, I hope it will be even more special as three men from my church hopefully will be on the walk. But, even more important, my prayer is that somehow I've brought glory to God during this year I've been privileged to serve with the Alabama Emmaus Community.

One thing is clear to me: the Board of Directors take their roles seriously as each person is there because of a higher calling. They do what they do, not

for their own egos, but to bring glory to God. I applaud their work behind the scenes, as they willingly and sacrificially give of themselves. Like me, each Board member is in the second half of life, and I sense their service comes out of a desire to finish well, yes, but even more important to leave a legacy for God's glory.

Although I've not made every candlelight (there are 14) and missed a couple of Board meetings (I put one on my calendar wrong), it has been a joy to work with so many wonderful people. The future of the Alabama Emmaus Community looks bright. I gladly pass the baton to God's Servant, Mac Buttram. He will lead well. **(Please see Havens Page 2.)**

Let it go?

By CAROLYN PHILLIPS
Community Coordinator

Recently we were part of an organized yard sale in our neighborhood – which I was not one bit excited about doing. I think it was because I was not ready to let things go.

Even though these were things that I did not use nor did they really matter to me anymore. While we were out in the yard, the mockingbird that lives in our front yard started singing. I listened to him and it sounded like “let it go, let it go.”

Sometimes I think other things in my life are things I need to let go. I worry about “stuff” that I have no control over.

This year Camp Sumatanga asked that we move our June Walk to the later part of May. (The June Walk is an old tradition that is hard to “let go.”) Changing the date seems to have worked out fine. We have five ladies’ Walks remaining this year, and I will be glad to schedule your pilgrims. But if your pilgrims cannot be on the Walk you wanted for them, just let it go. God’s timing is best. They will attend the walk they were meant to go on.

As we do our best to live a Christian life and follow whatever call God has for us, we will find ourselves having to give up a lot: bad habits, selfishness, judgment of others, ego, our comfort zones and the resistance to trust Him fully. Some of the lyrics in the famous song from the movie, *Frozen*, comes to mind:

“Let it go,

Let it go

And I’ll rise like the break of dawn

Let it go, let it go.”

My prayer for myself and for all of you is that we can trust HIM more and leave those worries with him.

Let it go, Amen!

Carolyn Phillips, Talladega 1st UMC, Walk 63, Table of Ruth

It’s Not too late

Please remember that our Annual Training Event will be held at Camp Sumatanga on Aug. 14-15. This is a great opportunity for us to fellowship as a community and to develop a better understanding of the various ways we can serve on a team.

We will have singing, fellowship, training and, of course – FOOD! If you did not receive a registration form, you can download one from the Alabama Emmaus Community website at www.alaemmaus.org.

The deadline to register is Aug. 10. Walk 444 will be in progress during the training event, so it will be a great time to stay and support these men at candlelight.

We hope to see you all at the training event!

Havens

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Never did I anticipate ever being asked to serve in this position. It has been an honor. Thanks for your faith in me. I plan to finish well, not only the month remaining, but also the time I have left on planet earth. “Whatever we do let’s do it for the glory of God.”

DeColores, Calvin

Mills

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many reunion groups, but if you can’t find one that meets your needs, just start your own. It’s vital for us to be able to share, pray, and be held accountable with each other. As with clusters, we want to help our new pilgrims connect with a weekly reunion group. We strongly encourage sponsors and team members to be active in cluster and reunion groups.

While summer is fun, I already feel excited for the new school year to start. We’ve had a break in our scheduled walks for the summer, but I have continued to fellowship through cluster meetings and my reunion group. I hope you have, too!

You are all familiar with Luke 24:32. *They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”* Let’s all renew our commitment to support our clusters and be involved in a reunion group to keep that fire burning brightly.

DeColores!

Lori Mills

Walk 249

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Proceeds benefit Camp Sumatanga

Bottcher Memorial tourney slated for October

The 4th Annual Bud Bottcher Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 31. It's time now to put this date on your calendar! This is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at the Joe Wheeler State Park Golf Course in Rogersville. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and the \$75.00 fee includes golf cart, green fees, prizes and lunch.

There is a hole-in-one prize of \$10,000!

If you don't play, perhaps you'd like to sponsor a hole. The levels are: Bronze - \$100.00, Silver - \$150.00, Gold - \$200.00, and Platinum - \$250.00.

All proceeds go to Camp Sumatanga.

Make checks payable to Rogersville United Methodist Church.

Email bwatson0331@gmail.com or call

(256) 627-3060 or (256) 483-1398 if you have questions.

Registration forms available online at www.shoalsemmaus.com (Shoals Cluster website) and also in the church office.

Upcoming Walks

| WALK | DATE | LAYDIRECTOR | SPIRITUALDIRECTOR | CLUSTER | BOARDREP |
|------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 444 | Aug 13-16 | Roger Karr | Jeff Armbruster | Franklin/Hamilton/ Haleyville | Mike Shotts/ Rick Hall |
| 445 | Sep 10-13 | Jane Bauer | Larry Wright | Huntsville/Madison | Bruce Parris/ Billy Bell |
| 446 | Sep 24-27 | Billy Hargrove | Bob Gunn | Shoals/Moulton/ Decatur/Athens | Jan Hargrove/Mike Shotts/Ricky Hall |
| 447 | Oct 8-11 | Rita Speegle | Mac Buttram | Cullman/Oneonta | Dianne Herfurth/ Lane Berry |
| 448 | Oct 22-25 | Judy Belitz | Lloyd Gibbs | Cheaha/East Alabama | Roberta Wyckoff/ Bill Prestridge |
| 449 | Nov 5-8 | Merrie L. Pearson | Angela Martin | B'ham E/B'ham/Shelby | Ronnie Harris/ Julie English |

***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 445 September 10-13, 2015

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| Lay Director | Jane Bauer (Perseverance) |
| Asst. Lay Directors | Carolyn Owen (Priority) Linda Holt (Fourth Day) Escoe Beatty Marty Bryan Susan Lewis Karen Cotton |
| Spiritual Director | Larry Wright (Means of Grace) |
| Asst. Spiritual Directors | Kim Scites (Prevenient Grace) Trav Wilson (Justifying Grace) Doug Wooten (Sanctifying Grace) TBA (Obstacles to Grace) |
| Music | Donna Thackerson |
| Asst. Table Leaders | Lola Spearman (Priesthood) Maureen Lacombe (Study) Diann Ward (Discipleship) Chris Bragg (Changing Our World) Joyce Smith (Christian Action) Jana Killen (Body of Christ) Betty Hutton (Life In Piety) |
| Table Leaders | Jayne Leonard Pam Congo Kathy Lawter Lee Ann Kavanaugh Pat Edwards Monica Bell Genie Riddle |
| Board Reps. | Bruce Parris, Billy Bell |

Committees

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| Agape: | George Foozer 256-536-1536 |
| Meal Service: | Bill Beatty - 256-536-4327 |
| Refreshments: | Marsha Blocker - 256-651-3125 |
| 72-Hour Prayer Vigil: | Anne Whitfield - 256-534-2193 |
| Housing: | Tim Cotton - 256-880-0203 |
| Candlelight: | Sandra Jones - 256-534-0582 |
| Clean-up: | Team 445 |
| Closing: | Tom Turner - 356-859-1254 |
| Entertainment: | TBA |
| Follow-up: | Doris Wilson - 656-5817 |
| Speakers' Prayer Chapel: | Judy White - 256-837-1666 |
| Sponsors' Hour: | Bill Glover - 256-536-3087 |
| Worship: | Sherry Johnson - 256-213-9720 |
| Photographer: | Tom Smith - 256-431-7263 |
| Humble Servant: | Bobby Marsh - 256-797-8664 |

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| Housing: | Melissa Parks 256-366-5088 |
| Candlelight: | Mark Custer 256-760-8560 |
| Clean-up: | Scott Hargrove 256-509-3787 |
| Closing: | Scott Henry 256-777-6463 |
| Entertainment: | Jamey Cosby 256-710-8296 |
| Follow-up: | Martha Powell 256-350-2335 |
| Speakers' Prayer Chapel: | Donna McDowell 256-421-5008 |
| Sponsors' Hour: | Barbara Searcy 256-232-0425 |
| Worship: | Chris Murphy 256-777-0163 |
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| Humble Servant: | Marshall Lewey 256-974-1522 |

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THANK YOU...

The Emmaus Board
would like to thank

Calvin Havens

for his spiritual

leadership

to the Community
during the past year.

May God bless you,
Calvin!

Praying for You

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

Sue Delorme (259), for the loss of her husband, **Ed
Delorme (265)**

Sally Allocca (9: E), for the loss of her mother, **Sarah
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Carolyn Entress (417), for the loss of her mother,
Stephanie Matteodo

Katherine Richardson (325), for the loss of her mother
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Judi Vick (296), for the loss of her sister, Nancy Wallis
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Shoemaker

Dona Patterson (152) and **Kay Nail (221)**, for the loss
of their mother, **Jane Hawkins (234)**

Chad Kennington (388) and **Grace Kennington (415)**
for the loss of their father and father-in-law, Jerry Kennington.