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Share the wondrous experience

By **RICKY HALL**
Lay Director

We are well into our 2017 walk schedule, and the blessings that God has given us from these walks are already too many to count! There have been pilgrims from other states on these walks as well as pilgrims from another country to come and share in the blessings of an Emmaus Walk at Camp Sumatanga.

As many pilgrims as we've had so far, we as the Emmaus Community can make the rest of 2017 even better if we would only share our blessings with others and invite more people on an Emmaus walk.

Mark Chapter 5 tells us about Jesus visiting a demon possessed man in the country of Gadarenes. How He freed that man from a legion of demons and from the chains that had him bound. Jesus healed that man and he wanted to follow Him, but Jesus did not permit it. Instead, Jesus sent him home to his friends to tell them of the great things the Lord had done for him. He then departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis

all that Jesus had done for him and they all marveled.

This man had just had a wondrous work done for him and he wanted to share it with others. Our Emmaus walks were wondrous works in all our lives; shouldn't we want to share that with others and go out and invited someone else to share in that experience?

Springtime is here, and summer is just right around the corner; before you know it, we will all be doing our Christmas shopping, and 2017 will be gone. There will have been another year passed that we put off inviting someone to be a pilgrim. Camp Sumatanga is beautiful this time of the year, and there is no better time that right now to invite someone to share that wonderful place with.

I can't pinpoint just one thing that I like best about Emmaus, but one of my favorite things is just knowing that when Kat and I get to walk into Hutto Auditorium either for the opening, or Candlelight or closing of a walk, we are going to be in a room filled with people who are God loving
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Finally, some good news

By **TONY JONES**
Spiritual Director

I don't know about all of you, but I'm pretty tired of all the BAD news!

Today, we are bombarded with 24/7 up-to-date news, and none of it is good! As I write this article, our ex-governor is cleaning out his office and making deals with prosecutors.

He is the third Alabama Governor who has found himself on the wrong side of the law in my voting tenure.

As I write this article, a U.S. aircraft carrier is headed to the Sea of Japan for a show of force against North Korean's dictator whose name

shall not be mentioned.

Here at home, angry people protest; police are being shot; disrespect for humanity is increasing, and our leaders seem to govern less for "The People" and more for their own interest. I'm tired of all the bad news!

Thankfully this is Holy Week. We will have one more "bad news" story to tell before the "Good News" will send us out into the world with a worshipful Hallelujah Chorus.

As dark as the crucifixion of Jesus is... The "Good News" that comes with sunrise Sunday will overshadow all the bad news in the world -past, present, and future! It doesn't end there!

The lectionary text in Mat-

Let's make this a Holy Year!

thew that your church will likely read at the end of Holy Week will include a few important instructions following Jesus' appearance..."Go, and tell!"

It is up to us to make Holy Week a Holy Year by going and telling that because He lives, we too are given life. Now, you've been served! No more bad news for you; nothing but "Good News" for your future...now, go and tell the world!

Taking my steps with him

By CAROLYN PHILLIPS
Community Coordinator

As I get older, I feel I am not as able to do all I want to do. Sometimes the simplest thing can be overwhelming. When this happens, I want to take over everything in my life and handle it myself. One of my favorite devotional books is *Jesus Calling*, by Sarah Young.

The following is one of her devotions from last month. It really helps bring back where I should be with Him.

“FOLLOW ME ONE STEP AT A TIME”

That is all I require of you. In fact, that is the only way to move through this space/time world. You see huge mountains looming, and you start wondering how you're going to scale those heights.

Meanwhile, because you're not looking where you're going, you stumble on the easy path where I am leading you now. As I help you get back on your feet, you tell Me how worried you are about the cliffs up ahead.

But you don't know what will happen today, much less tomorrow.

Our path may take an abrupt turn, leading you away from those mountains. There may be an easier way up the mountains than is visible from this distance.

If I do lead you up the cliffs, I will equip you thoroughly for that strenuous climb. I will even give My angels charge over you, to preserve you in all your ways.

Keep your mind on the present journey, enjoying My Presence. Walk by faith, not by sight, trusting Me to open up the way before you.

With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. —Psalm 18:29

For we walk by faith, not by sight. —2 Corinthians 5:7

May we all walk with Him daily and stay on the right path!

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

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Board implements changes

Toward the end of 2016, the Alabama Emmaus Board of Directors made several changes that affect each member of the Community. The following list is to insure that everyone is up-to-date and responding to these changes.

In September, the Board acted to state that Pilgrim fees are due in full when a Pilgrim accepts the assigned Walk date. The language removed from the Pilgrim invitation letter that stated the balance could be brought to registration on opening night.

Beginning in August and finalizing in November, changes were made to the Standing Rules. In the December issue of *The Grapevine*, Mike Shotts explained that as a result, the Walk Spiritual Director no longer has to be an Elder in the United Methodist Church. Any clergy who have already served as a Walk Spiritual Director will be grandfathered into the new structure. All other clergy wishing to serve in this capacity must now meet the following criteria:

- A. Been a pilgrim on a weekend Emmaus/Chrysalis/or recognized Fourth Day Movement.
- B. Completed the 3 page Emmaus/Chrysalis Clergy Team Application Form (can be found on the Alabama Emmaus website) and submitted to the AEC SD.
- C. Be actively serving in professional ministry or retired in good standing.
- D. Once counseled and approved by the AEC SD, he/she may then serve as an Assistant SD.

The following additional criteria must be met in order to serve as SD:

- A. Must have served on a minimum of 2 AEC Emmaus/Chrysalis weekends, attended the whole weekend at least once, and given 2 different clergy talks.
- B. Must be authorized by their ordaining body and able to consecrate Holy Communion elements in Emmaus/Chrysalis (not just the local church).
- C. Have attended Upper Room Clergy Training and provided said certification to the AEC.
- D. Invited to serve by the AEC SD.

Other changes include:

The minimum number of pilgrims and tables required for Walk to go forward is 21 pilgrims and 7 tables.

No handouts shall be distributed in association with the 15 talks except for Scripture references from the talk. In addition, no PowerPoint presentation should exceed 10 slides representing the main points of the talk, and shall not include slides of a personal nature unless referenced in the talk.

A conference room member shall not sponsor a pilgrim, nor have a family member who is a pilgrim on that Walk. Other team members are strongly discouraged from sponsoring a pilgrim on a Walk that he or she is working. *“Family member” is defined as an aunt, uncle, brother, sister, parent, spouse, child, grandchild, or grandparent. A “conference room member” is defined as anyone who will actually be in the conference room with the pilgrims for the entire three days, including the Music and Tech Team members.*

No more than 7 members of the same church or area, and no more than 7 members of the clergy, may attend the same Walk as pilgrims, so that they can be put at separate tables.

No pilgrims will be invited or substituted to attend a Walk past one week prior to a Walk.

A team member may not wear nor display any collegiate gear or apparel during the Walk.

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 467
August 3-6, 2017**

Lay Director	Ken Albrecht (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Billy Bell (Priority) Al Killen (Fourth Day) John Newton Vann Bragg Rusty Congo Mark Hedden Terry Lewis
Spiritual Director	Tommy Gray (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Robin Scott (Prevenient Grace) John Tanner (Justifying Grace) Terry Bentley (Sanctifying Grace) Vicki Mann (Obstacles)
Music	Michael Darnell
Asst. Table Leaders	Grant Preston (Priesthood) Troy Seibel (Study) Drew Helveston (Discipleship) Bill Johnson (Changing Our World) Bryan Paparella (Christian Action) Teek Patnaik (Body of Christ) Rolo Weaver (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	George Bracey Chris Comer George Foozer Ed Fuller John May Lee Riddle Vern Spearman
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Name	City	Sponsor
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Mike Jiggetts	Columbus	Toby Rickert
Brian Henley	Helena	Jack Bailey
Art Schneider	Hoover	Glenn Sheffield
Ryan Cagle	Huntsville	Bill Smith
John Mullaney	Huntsville	Joan Manning & Scott Williams
Dale Doty	Huntsville	Ann Turner
Art Leslie	Huntsville	Judy Panucci & Renee Rowse
Stephen Fincher	Tanner	Guy McClure

Hall

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people just as we are. We know we are about to have a wonderful worship experience and share Holy Communion with our Emmaus Community. It doesn't get a whole lot better than that!

If you haven't been to a Saturday night candlelight service in a while it is still an awesome sight! I encourage each of you to come on out and join in this wonderful experience!

God Bless and DeColores!
Ricky D. Hall
Community Lay Director

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Upper Room series Resources available

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

The Alabama Emmaus Community has access to a lot of great books to continue your journey after your Walk. Listed below are some of the books offered to the Community on Saturday night prior to Candlelight.

- Sponsorship
- Coming Down from the Mountain
- Fruit of the Spirit
- What is Chrysalis?
- One in the Spirit
- Spiritual Growth through Team Experience
- The Role of Agape
- Group Reunion
- The Early History
- Day Four

These books are produced by The Upper Room. They are \$6.00 each and are located in the foyer in Hutto. The Board Representatives for the walk occurring will be at the Registration Table to assist you with your purchase.

Worship booklets are also available for \$2 each and DeCOLORES bumper stickers are available for \$1. Worship booklets, Day Four books and DeCOLORES bumper stickers are available on Sunday night prior to Closing.

DeColores!
Kathy Hall, Walk 379 Literature/Permanent Committee

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 **Betty Sibley (111)**

Tom Weaver (282), for the loss of his brother, **Bill Weaver (287)**

Christine Box (143) for the death of her husband, Jimmy Box, and **Katie Bendall (215)** and **Lisa Barnett (215)** for the death of their father

The family of **Joan Cleveland #64**