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Thank you...

It's been an honor and privilege

By **RICKY HALL**
Lay Director

My how time has flown by this year! First of all, Kat and I would like to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for allowing me to serve you, our Emmaus Community, as your Community Lay Director. It has been both an honor and a privilege to do so. I have come to know and love so many people these past three years that I would have never gotten to know if I were not afforded this opportunity.

There are so many people to thank for all their help that I can't begin to name them all. So very many people who work behind the scenes to keep our Emmaus Community functioning, people who never receive

any kind of recognition. They are the perfect example of anonymous servanthood.

This year, we have completed 10 walks, six ladies and four men's walk. While the walk numbers is down, the number of pilgrims is increasing accordingly. Next year we will again have six ladies and four men's walks and we can all continue to work and pray for God to continue to give us the increase. I know that we would all love to see 16 walks a year again!

While this year is drawing to an end, it will also mark the end of an era. Our beloved Carolyn Phillips is retiring as our Community Coordinator after 21 years of service to us all. Now, let this soak in for just a second.

Our God and Carolyn Phillips have known every name of every pilgrim who has ever been on an Emmaus walk in our Alabama Community in the last 21 years. That is amazing to me!

Her husband, David is also retiring as our Community Web Master after over 20 years of service in that capacity. They will both be missed.

January 1 will also mark the beginning of a new era for us. Angel Rait officially will begin serving as our new Community Coordinator. With her energy and enthusiasm, I know that this will be a smooth transition. I know that you all will join in with the Board of Directors in welcoming her!

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In the rush, don't forget the Baby

By **CHUCK WORLEY**
Spiritual Director

In Cullman at the intersection of Interstate 65 and Highway 157 sits an icon of interstate travel. One of the gas stations there has been at various times a Gulf, a BP and now a Marathon. It is owned by a local family.

Everyone who work there are great, wholesome people, and after you get to know them, they are great to talk to and have lots of stories to tell from their years in the business. Like almost everyone from the Shoals area, I have stopped there on too many occasions to count. From anywhere in NW Alabama to anywhere East and/or South of there, it is a must stop.

One of the guys behind the counter recently shared a story that went something like this: "Most people who come in here are in a hurry for obvious reasons. Some are also in a hurry to leave. And most people in a rush can overlook and/or lose some rather important

things; some things are lost forever, some things people come back for."

"One evening at about this time of year (Christmas), a lady rushed in, headed to the facilities with her baby in one of those carrier things. Later she came to the counter with her Mountain Dew and ordered a scoop of ice cream. It was at this point her husband, who was waiting at the gas pumps, sat down on the car horn. He was in a rush."

"The lady hurriedly paid for her items and ran out to the car, got in and they headed across the parking lot back to Highway 157."

It was at this point the clerk heard a rather unusual sound coming from in front of the counter. In her rush, the lady had left her baby. Of course he grabbed the baby carrier and went running into the parking lot yelling, "Hey Lady, ya forgot something." He caught them just in time.

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Has it been that long?

By CAROLYN PHILLIPS
Community Coordinator

It really does not seem that long since I received a call from Jerry Gordon offering me the job as community coordinator. Many walks have taken place with many pilgrims attending their walks. The face of the Board of Directors has changed many times. I have gotten to know so many great people that I would not have met had it not been for my Emmaus experience and my job as coordinator.

I am not going to say good bye, but the time has come for me to retire and begin another new chapter in my life. Spending time with the love of my life, David, and doing things folks do when they retire. There have been two grandchildren who were born during this time – Carrie Grace, a high school senior and Luke, a high school freshman. I look forward to spending time with them along with their mother, Michelle. She and her husband, Tim, both attended their walks when they lived in Alabama. Michelle, while in high school, made agape long before she attended her walk.

It has been over 21 years since I got that call from Jerry and there are so many people who have been a part of these years for me. I will never forget Lon Euler coming to Trinity Medical Center at 5:00 AM when David had his first bypass surgery in 1998. Ted Hagler who helped us move the office from Birmingham to Eastaboga and was always there were I needed someone to talk to. There are so many I could name. Reflecting, there was also Alan C., Nerine, Bud & Lynda, Bill J., Lori, Mike S., Ricky H. and Sandra J. who I will never forget.

I would say to you to value your time as part of the Community and value the friends who come your way. Be good sponsors. Go by the script. We want every pilgrim to have the same experience from Walk 1 to Walk 471. May God continue to bless you in the coming years. Have a very blessed Christmas time!

Not good bye, just
De Colores,
Carolyn Phillips
Talladega 1st UMC
AL Emmaus Walk 63, Table of Ruth

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Hall

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Also beginning January 1 your new Community Lay Director will be Mr. Bill Beatty. Bill and his wife Esco are from the Huntsville Cluster. Our Emmaus Community will be in much better hands with Bill, but still I ask you all to lift him up in your prayers.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so very, very much for allowing us to serve you this year!

DeColores,
Ricky and Kathy Hall

Worley

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Just in time for hope. Just in time for Christmas.

Is there still time and hope and a need for Christmas in this world of ours? "Yes!"

Yes, maybe more so now than ever before. No matter how sophisticated and technologically advanced we have become, Christmas connects us to the Hope which only God can offer. We are discovering again that we can't do it by ourselves.

We need Christmas because we need the Christmas miracles now more than ever. We need the Hope which only a Savior brings. We need to remember the Baby because the world still needs the hope He brings.

And the world still needs this Baby because this Baby embodies Hope. This Baby grew to be a man, who willingly gave His life for us and promised to "never leave us or forsake us; he promised to be with us always, even to the ends of the earth.

The world still needs this Baby because the world still needs the constant companionship, assurance and understanding only Christ can bring in a troubled time. And because we are living in times of trouble, we still need that kind of hope. And that hope can only come with the presence of the Christ child.

There IS time for Christmas. The world still needs Hope; The world still needs this Baby.

Don't miss out on the greatest gift God has ever given the world. Don't get so caught up in the trappings and parties and preparations of Christmas that you forget the Baby. Take time to reread the Christmas stories in Matthew and Luke. Take time to pray. Prepare your heart and home for the celebration of the Birth of the Son of God.

***The Alabama
Emmaus
Board of Directors
thanks
Ricky Hall for serving
as our Lay Director!***

New community coordinator

Rait takes reins

My name is Angel Rait, Alabama Emmaus Walk 173, Table of Martha, and I worship at Pell City UMC. In 1998 I said yes to Christ and was eager to accept whatever He had in store for me.

I never would have imagined that 19 years later He would place the Community Director job position in my path.

I am so excited to be on this journey, a journey that I am so extremely passionate about. I look forward to working with and meeting all of you. I am asking you, the Alabama Emmaus Community, to have patience with me as I transition into this job and also with the adjustment of a new address and phone number.

If we all work together in a "Spirit of Cooperation," it will all go smoothly!

I would love to tell you about my family. Stirling and I have been married 40 years and have two married daughters. Stirling, Megan and I attended Alabama Emmaus walks, and Michelle went on a Chrysalis Journey.

Michelle is married to Matt Moulton and they made me "BeBe" to my first grandchild, Jack. Megan is married to Jason Head and they made me BeBe to my Grand-dogs!!

Please note the information on the new office:

Email will remain the same: office@alaemmaus.org

New phone number: 205-812 0345

New mailing address: PO Box 38, Cropwell AL 35054

May God bless you, Carolyn with a wonderful retirement filled with rest, health, family and travel!

You are the best, and you deserve it all! Well done good and faithful servant!

THANK YOU
 Carolyn Phillips
 for your years of
 service
 as Community
 Coordinator.
 Also, **THANK**
YOU
 David Phillips
 for your service as
 webmaster!

UPCOMING WALKS

WALK	DATE	LAYDIRECTOR	SPIRITUALDIRECTOR	CLUSTER	BOARDREP
472	Feb 1-4	Rod Alexander	Dudley Brock	Shoals/Moulton-Decatur/ Athens	Chad Bottcher
473	Mar 1-4	Sarah Rickert	Lynn Gibson	Tuscaloosa/WAL	Katie Woodward
474	Apr 5-8	Joey Croft	TBD	Gad/Mar/Ch-Dk	Ann Seay Frazier
475	Apr 19-22	Joan Manning	Todd Owen	Huntsville	Linda Holt
476	May 24-27	Kay Davis	TBD	BE/BS/SS	Denise Cone
477	Aug 9-12	Butch Fennell	TBD	E. Ala/Cheaha	Brenda Kent

***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 472
February 1-4, 2018**

Lay Director	Rod Alexander (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Don Shelton (Priority) Ronnie Chronister (Fourth Day) Donnie Armstrong Brain Moore Scott Hargrove Tommy Glenn
Spiritual Director	Dudley Brock (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Josh Howard (Prevenient Grace) Tony Latham (Justifying Grace) Mac Buttram (Sanctifying Grace) Larry Hogan (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	John Schuessler
Asst. Table Leaders	Roy Rudolph (Priesthood) Bradley Hipps (Study) Harry Zills (Discipleship) Chris Waldrep (Changing Our World) Sanders Woodruff (Christian Action) Kevan Hutto (Body of Christ) Lile Bickley (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Jerry Carroll Jimmy Grisham Neal Harvey Clay Jackson Brant Rutledge Glenn Stokes Glen Gaines
Board Rep.	Chad Bottcher

Committees

Agape:	Kay Seale	256-566-5736
Meal Service:	Rosemary Lewey	256-565-7356
Refreshments:	Barbara Carroll	256-565-7172
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Linda Smith	256-974-9243
Housing:	Jack McDaniel	256-655-6283
Candlelight:	James Pinion	256-974-0551
Clean-up:	Tim Littrell	256-974-9513
Closing:	Rob Carpenter	256-221-0145
Entertainment:	David Norwood	256-868-5744
Follow-up:	Marketta Terry	256-974-2706
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Jan Hargrove	256-777-4095
Sponsors' Hour:	Teddy Owens	256-905-0209
Worship:	Ann Glover	256-566-6560
Photographer:	Thomas Martin	256-381-5682
Humble Servant:	Carol Alexander	256-948-3301

Name	City	Sponsor
Terry Fulwider	Albertville	Stan Witherow & John Davis Rollings
Randy Spears	Dora	Fred Martin
Shannon Martin	Florence	Phil & Cathy Everett
Josh Clayton	Florence	Joel White & Kevin Roberson
Brian Hargrave	Gadsden	Chuck Hamlin & Andrea Marbut
Guy Duren	Gordo	Kenneth Baines
Jonathan Watts	Guntersville	Stan Witherow & John Davis Rollings
Rocklin Brumley	Hackleburg	Justin Trulove, Brandon & Amber Steward
Geoff Cissom	Hazel Green	Sandra May
Brian Henley	Helena	Jack Bailey
Phil Patterson	Huntsville	Roger Crowson
Tim Taylor	Moulton	Moulton RG (Tim Littrell)
Mike Freeze	Odenville	Brad Clem
Stephen Fanning	Owens Cross Rds.	Teek Patnaik
Adam Johnson	Pickensville	Tim Alexander
Rance Welborn	Town Creek	Cecil Caine
Jeff Garrett	Tuscumbia	William Vaden

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 473
March 1-4, 2018**

Lay Director	Sarah Rickert (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Danielle Eppes (Priority) Esther Lawley (Fourth Day) Judy Trull Carol Frazier Dana Gilliam Angie Broadbent
Spiritual Director	Lynn Gibson (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Woody Jones (Prevenient Grace) Alicia Rhodes (Justifying Grace) Jody Gurley (Sanctifying Grace) Roger Short (Obstacles)
Music	Jesse Broadbent
Asst. Table Leaders	Melinda Wheat (Priesthood) Rachel Caruthers (Study) Sherry Eaton (Discipleship) Martha McDow (Changing Our World) Gaynor Scogin (Christian Action) Mary Lynn Whitten (Body of Christ) Sarah Griffin (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Julie Kuhn Michelle Gibson Jenni Strickland Kacie Davis Jana Weaver Angie Baines Jill Hannah
Board Reps.	Katie Woodward, Terrie Alexander

Committees

Agape:	Toby Rickert	662-386-0270
Meal Service:	Bobby Jones	205-210-3824
Refreshments:	Jacque Allred	205-275-2534
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Polly Bailey	205-792-9315
Housing:	Mark Scogin	205-345-7699
Candlelight:	TBA	
Clean-up:	Paul Hass	205-239-6749
Closing:	TBA	
Entertainment:	Team	
Follow-up:	Bill Trull	205-596-3477
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Frank Frazier	662-328-5397
Sponsors' Hour:	Betsy Hass	205-799-7727
Worship	Julie Thomas	205-799-6069
Photographer:	Toby Rickert	
Humble Servant:	Ryan Rickert	662-243-2190

Name	City	Sponsor
Patricia Lambert	Athens	Mary Pat Martin
Jeanne Walls	Birmingham	Ruth Grissom
Libby Morris	Birmingham	Nicole Spradlin, Holli Martin & Monica Gallups
Sharon Ams	Birmingham	Susan Miller
Susan Wiedeman	Birmingham	Rhonda & Bill Rush
Jenilee Ross	Florence	Jan Johnson
KaSara Streetman	Florence	April Vaden
Annette Coplen	Guntersville	Sandra Walker
Mary Jones	Locust Fork	Amy Armstrong
Brittany Epps	Meridianville	Anita Robertson-Rector
Tina Kostka	Northport	Tim Eure & Dave Bailey
Wendy Freeze	Odenville	Jennifer Rich
Rita Quarles	Oneonta	Paula Cheney
Sarah Thompson	Oxford	Bill & Glenda Prestridge
Mandy Dudley	Remlap	Amy Armstrong
Kris Moser	Rogersville	Linda Watson
Rebecca Fox	Talladega	Chuck Hamlin
Kristie Smith	Tuscaloosa	Angie Baines

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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.

Jimmie Oliver (283), for the loss of her husband,
Calvin Oliver (304)

The family of **Joe Rowe (203)**

The family of **Ada Cook (28)**

The family of **Lillian Rogers (177)**

Liz Anderson (281), for the loss of her husband,
Billy Don Anderson (280)

Tom Thompson (265), for the loss of his wife, **Judy Thompson (301)**

Carolyn Peinhardt (4), for the loss of her mother

The family of **Bob Kynerd (365)**

Margo Ridgeway (259), for the loss of her husband,
Larry Ridgeway (255)

Kathy Lawter (233), for the loss of her husband,
Dave Lawter

Pat Luna (25), for the loss of her mother, **Clara Luna (34)**

Paulette Smith (352), for the loss of her husband,
Wallace Smith (329)