

LIVING WATERS REPORT



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LivingWaters Emmaus & Chrysalis Community-AL



Calendar of Events for 2007

March 1-4 Men's Walk #79, with al-
most 24 pilgrims. Pray for them and the Team.
Prayer vigil signup available now, call Pat at
621-7384

Support us, attend Sponsor's hour (6PM), Can-
dlelight (8PM) and Closing (4PM)

Ladies' Walks: May 3-6 #80 & Nov. 8-11 # 82
Men's Walk: Sept. 6-9 # 81

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Upcoming Walks:

Walk # 79 for Men
March 1-4 2007

Lay director: Jim Seale

Spiritual director: Tom Duley

Team/Support Meetings will be all com-
bined at Riverchase UMC; Dates: Feb-
ruary 17 & Commissioning on February
24 from 8:30AM -12PM. For both meet-
ings, Support folks only start at 10AM
and are required to attend. **All bring
pot luck for the 24th.**

From the Community Spiritual Director:

As many of you know my life has been somewhat of a roller coaster over the last few months. In the midst of all of that, I had been asked to serve as Community Spiritual Director. While praying about that, some passages from Isaiah had come back to mind. In the majestic words of Isaiah 55 the Lord declares to all who are thirsty: "Come, buy, and eat! Incline your ear and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on Him while He is near... Return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon". (55:1,3,6,7, ESV). The chapter concludes triumphantly: "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst forth into singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands" (55:12, ESV). Significantly, the conclusion of a chapter filled with invitations to follow God is a song of hope. It is a song of homecoming, the song of God's pilgrim people renewed by the sovereign, redemptive power of God.

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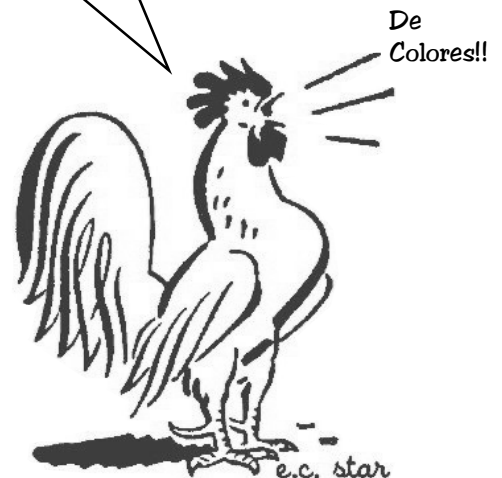
A Note from our Community Lay Director:

Brothers and Sisters:

What an absolutely awesome God we serve and what an absolutely awesome tool of discipleship He has entrusted us with in the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. Working through you and with you as you serve Him by serving as a part of Living Waters Community, God will impact hundreds of lives this year. Our family will grow with every life changed during our walks and flights this year.

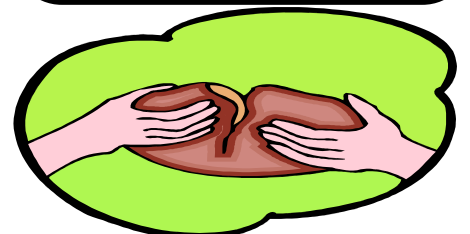
Walk 79 is already off to a great start and We are expecting God to do even greater things in 2007, through Living Waters Community, than ever before. Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 9:37-38. You are those laborers and He needs you, and everything that He has blessed you with, to bring in more laborers. One of my favorite hymns is "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and as I sing it sometimes I wonder: Can God say the same about me? Be blessed in your service to God our creator and His son our Lord and Savior Jesus. I look forward to serving Our Lord with you this year.

Butch Cousins



Who won the Emmaus Candle?

As y'all see, the No Name
newsletter is now named,
and there is a winner of the
suggestion selected by the
Board... but alas, we don't
know who submitted it. We
have the paper with the sug-
gestion, but the person did
not write a name. IF it is
you, please call the editor at
621-7384



Give us your food Lord, day by day

THE COOKS CORNER

(send us your recipes or ask about one you have tasted)

Pat's Dirty Corn Dip - spicy but good!
(Serves 30 or so)

- 1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes, drained
- 16 ounces whipped cream cheese
- 1 cup "Chipotle" salsa
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 cups finely shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 cans white niblet corn, drained
- Corn chips

Combine the tomatoes, cream cheese, salsa, mayonnaise, Cheddar
cheese and corn in a bowl and mix well. Serve with the corn chips.



Do you enjoy cooking and sharing the gift God has given you? You planned to come to the meeting and forgot? Well, no trouble, we got so involved with Christmas, we had to postpone it.

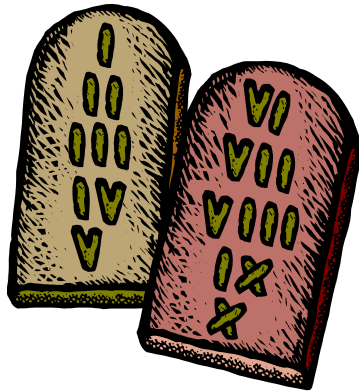
Yes, we have started a "Cooking Committee" to discuss the idea of our Emmaus Community doing the cooking of all meals for the walks, instead of the camp's catering.



Other communities are doing it. Their food is better and more plentiful, the cost considerably lower, and those involved had fun doing it!

You don't have to be a "cook" to enjoy helping us. All willing helping hands will be welcome, from a few hours to several of the walk days.

Please come to the postponed first meeting of the "Cooking Committee" at Alabaster FUMC. Now on Saturday March 10 at 9AM, in the Youth Room (#201). Bring a breakfast snack to share!



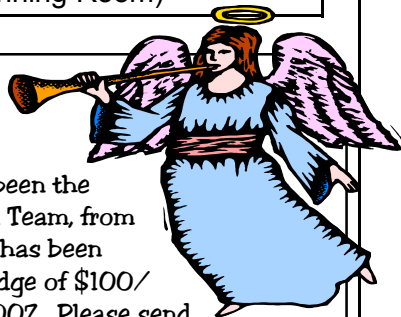
2007 Board Meeting Schedule
 Second (usually) Thursdays at 6:30PM:
 March 15; April 12; May 17
 June 14

All meetings are held at Alabaster First United Methodist Church, on Hwy 119 just off the Hwy 31 intersection (Meets in the Small Dining Room)

COMMUNITY CORNER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your contributions to the community have been the way to reduce the walk fees, to pilgrims and Team, from the \$150 cost to the present \$100 fee. This has been great and we thank you. We asked for a pledge of \$100/year, and contributions are due again for 2007. Please send us one check for the annual amount or pay quarterly (see Jim Price's Fall letter) With your faithfulness we can reduce the fee to \$50!!!

Please send your announcements to LWE, Attention "Newsletter", PO Box 361851, Birmingham, AL 35236 or go to the website (page 1 top, "contact us" "Publicity/Webmaster"



Living Waters Board of Directors 2007

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| Community Lay Director: | Prayer Chapel/72 Hr Prayer Vigil/Worship: Barbara Strickland |
| Butch Cousins | Agape/PAT/Gatherings: Cindy Sloan |
| Community Spiritual Director: | Roster/Newsletter: Frank Chacon |
| Don Roser | Reunion Groups/Follow-up/Literature: Donna Martin |
| President/ Chrysalis Lay Director: | Logistics 1/ Camp Liaison/Supplies: Frank Chacon |
| Jim Price | Logistics 2/ Setup/Takedown/Humbles: Frank Chacon, Jim Price |
| Secretary: Glenn Walker | Food Service/ Walk Refreshments: Carey Chrisco |
| Treasurer/Publicity/Website: Charlie Burnett | Candlelight/Sponsor's Hour/Closing: Mel Tarpley |
| Team Development: Dennis Agnew | |
| Registrar: Kathy Sharich | |
| Music/Entertainment: Mark Lollar | |

(Spiritual Director... from page 1)

I once again became convinced that if I sought to follow Christ in doing God's will then the Spirit would indeed lift me up and fill my needs. As we enter this new year and we are asked to serve in various ways, not only in the Living Waters Emmaus community but also in our congregations and communities, let us take to heart those passages. Let us seek to be pilgrims with Christ as He leads us in service. Let us follow where only He can lead us. Even when we do not know how all those 'other things' in our lives will be resolved.

To be a pilgrim again is to proclaim a song of hope, come wind and weather, to proclaim a song of faith, come lion or giant, discouragement or disaster. As the writer of Hebrews states, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (11:1, ESV). But in this we must also recall that to be a pilgrim means to take up one's cross and follow Christ where he may lead. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said that when Christ calls someone, he bids them come and die. "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it," says Christ repeatedly. The paradox of the Christian pilgrimage is that we are called to bring all that we are into the presence of God and allow ourselves to be broken and remade in the hands of the Father.

In all of this though we still hear the words of the Lord: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy, and eat!" Let us receive God's invitation, let us follow in hope, and eat what is good, for in Him our souls delight in the richest of fare, an everlasting covenant, the promise of hope for weary pilgrims. I invite you all to be pilgrims once again and to follow and serve Christ where ever He leads. Hope to see all of you when we are serving at the walks and flights this year.

Don Roser

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