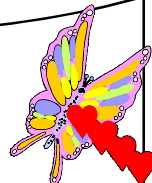


# LIVING WATERS REPORT



## LivingWaters Emmaus & Chrysalis Community-AL



### Calendar of Events for 2007/8

Nov. 8-11 Walk 82 for Women, with 24 pilgrims. *Support them! Pray, attend Sponsor's hour (6PM), Candlelight (8PM) and Closing (4PM)*

Dec. 7, 6:30PM, CHRISTMAS GATHERING at Rolling Hills... YOU AND ALL FRIENDS INVITED

March 6-9 2008 Walk 83 for Men  
May 16-18 2008 Walk 84 for Women

### FALL EDITION



### 2007

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OCTOBER 2007

#### Upcoming Walk:

Walk # 82 for Women Lay director:  
Cindy Sloan, Spiritual director:  
Doreen Duley.

Join the Prayer Vigil at:  
[http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?  
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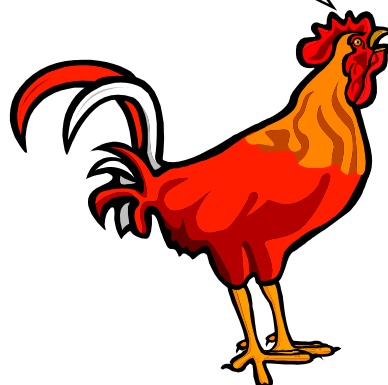
Team/Support Meetings will be all combined at Oakmont Presbyterian Church on Patton Chapel Rd West; Dates: Oct 6, 13 and 20 & Nov 3 (Commissioning) from 8:30AM -12PM. Support folks need to attend all the meetings. Bring Breakfast food for all, and Lunch for 11/3

#### From the Community Spiritual Director:

I would like to invite you to take a few minutes and think about hope. Think about how Christ places the community in our care when we hear 'Christ in counting on you' and how we place the community and ourselves in Christ's care when we say 'I am counting on Christ'. While Jesus hung on the Cross, He placed his Mother into the care of the disciple, John, with 'Woman, this is your son'. Jesus placed his disciple into the care of his Mother with 'This is your Mother'. Sitting at the foot of the Cross, Mary herself symbolizes our community and where we have been over the past few years. In spite of what looked like a disaster and the end of everything, Mary continued to look to the future, to the final victory over evil, never giving up hope, always trusting in her Son. We, the Emmaus community, profess and proclaim the same hope, that in spite of all the hard struggles, the sufferings and set backs that we have experienced, these will seem as nothing when God's glory is revealed to us as we move forward in obedience, trust and hope. (see "Spiritual Director..." on page 4)



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Colores!!



#### A Note from our Community Lay Director:

Help! We have lost the little information we had on the Emmaus Community's REUNION GROUPS!

If you attend an Emmaus Reunion Group (any community) please send us the following information: Name of the group (if any); place where the group meets; whether men's, women's or both; day of the week (or month), and time. Also, let us know if the group is closed (too many members already, but may open in the future). Contact us via snail mail

(see return address) or at the website: Click on "contact LW". We want to make this information available to all the community and especially for sponsors of new pilgrims. God bless you all,  
Jim Price



#### We Welcome the new LWE members

from Walk 81:  
John Bredehoff  
Tim Carisch  
Ken Dupree  
Dominick Glover  
John Higginbotham  
Tom Johnson  
William Lemmond  
Jerry Levert  
Paul Linsky  
Mark Overton  
Adam Rich  
Richard Taylor  
Vincent Thrasher  
Eddie Timberlake  
Greg Warden

#### THE COOKS CORNER

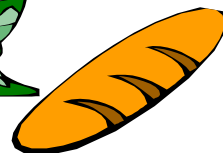
(send us your recipes or ask about one you have tasted)  
Barbara's Bacon and Tomato Dip  
(Serves 4 or so)

- 1 package of REAL bacon bits
- 1 large fresh tomato
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise \*
- 1/2 cup of sour cream \*

Cut tomato in small bits and add the rest. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Adjust the quantities for more guests.

Serve with crackers (any flavor).

(\*) For those concerned with calories and/or fat: Use both, Miracle Whip "lite" and sour cream "lite" or fat free.



Give us your food Lord, day by day

## A Letter from the LWE Board October 03, 2007



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Living Water Emmaus Board of Directors (Board) continues to give praise to God and thanks to you for your support to bear some of the rising cost of conducting walks. Your response to our vision of lowering the cost to pilgrims and team members has been a tremendous blessing. We continue to be able to keep the per person fee to \$100 regardless of various price increases. Your faith and your support have brought this blessing to pass for the past year.

We are asking you, the members of the LWEC, to continue support of this vision by committing to ongoing monetary support. We will continue the scholarship offerings at Sponsor's Hour and Candlelight and may ask for donations for supplies. All of your responses with support have been a blessing and have served the community well. Still the issue of rising costs remains. This way God continues to remind us to place our trust in Him and our community for ongoing support.

You can look at the impact in many different ways. One example is this: If 280 members each gave \$ 8.33 a month (\$25 per quarter or \$100 per year); this could cover the costs for all four walks for the year. We do not pretend to know the individual circumstances of anyone or what our community members can do. Some may be able to give more and some less than \$ 8.33 a month (as in the example). The Board feels called to trust in God and in the community. So, we humbly and respectfully ask that you prayerfully provide ongoing support however you can.

The Scriptures tell us "without a vision the people perish". We know from Christ that any real and lasting change begins with a vision. The Board has placed its trust in the One who holds the future. We have voted to maintain the fee of the walks for 2008 at \$ 100.00 for pilgrims and the team members who are serving and staying the weekend. The Board has also pledged its support by committing to an average of \$ 8.33 a month. We ask you to join us by committing to give whatever you can in ongoing support for the LWEC.

Another, even more valued gift, is that of our relationship with one another. It would be a tremendous blessing and gift of grace to see as many of the community members as possible at Sponsor's Hour, Closing and most especially Candlelight; please come and support us! So here are the upcoming walks through Spring 08:

Walk 82	Nov/08-11/2007 Women
Walk 83	Mar/06-09/2008 Men
Walk 84	May/15-18/2008 Women

Please write these dates down now. You will be seeing them often over the next few months. Please join us in sharing agape with the pilgrims.

*We pray that you join us in our support of Christ, the Pilgrims and the uplifting and strengthening of the Body of Christ. You can mail your check to: Living Waters Community, P.O. Box 361851, Birmingham, Al. 35236, or bring it to any of the above walk functions. Remember: "Christ is counting on you!"*

Grace and Peace and Love,

The LWEC Board of Directors

### TELL IT HOW YOU SEE IT... A TESTIMONIAL

#### The Walk to Emmaus, An Outreach Ministry?

Two years ago my wife and I joined a small rural church that had a history that went back one hundred and fifty years. When we joined this church there was no one in the congregation who had attended or knew a lot about the Walk to Emmaus. We shared our experience with our new church family and with God's guidance we have had nine men and women take the Walk to Emmaus Journey in the past year and a half. Our United Methodist Women's Group and Men's breakfast group have donated funds to sponsor future pilgrims for Walks.

We see in the not too distant future, our sleepy little rural church will be surrounded by an estimated twenty-five thousand new homes. God is doing His Outreach Ministry in our church through the Walk to Emmaus, to prepare us for our ministry for the future.

We want to minister to the world but sometimes we need to kindle the "Fire of God's Love" in our own hearts and in our church's. The Walk to Emmaus is that ministry that will prepare us as God's Disciples and church members to face the challenges in our ever changing world today.

How is the Walk to Emmaus a outreach ministry for our churches ? Through getting our churches involved in support of the Walk to Emmaus Ministry we invest in the future of our church ministries and the laity that will serve in these ministries.

How do we do this? Talk with your pastor, service groups, Sunday school classes, and other church organizations about the Walk to Emmaus and how to get involved in the support of this ministry. Ask those who have craft abilities to make AGAPE. Approach the children's Sunday school classes to make Agape to teach them the importance of sharing AGAPE Love. Set up a mission fund to sponsor pilgrims from your church and establish a Reunion Group to help support those who have been on the Walk and those who are interested in taking a Walk.

Our mission is clear and that is: To "Share God's love, hope and Joy with the world", but what better place to start than at home in our own Church Family?

DeColores, David Murphree

(David Murphree, LWE Walk 73 table of Luke, is a member of the LWE Board, he lives with his wife Janet in the Chelsea area and they worship at Union UMC the Church at Chelsea Park)



## CHOSEN...

Reflections from a fellow pilgrim on the journey

By JENNY GALLMAN Spiritual Director of the North Alabama Emmaus Community  
It's hard to believe that Walk #8 in 1983 (I think) has led me 24 years later to the call of Spiritual Director for the North Alabama Emmaus Community. In the spring of that year, I was chosen by Jim and Carol Jean Barrow to be their sponsored "pilgrim" to this new thing called "The Walk to Emmaus."

In the days when not a lot of information about Emmaus was shared with those you sponsored, I was among those who worried that my only tennis shoes might wear out on such a long journey. Little did I know that not only those tennis shoes... but many pair since would carry me through numerous walks over the years, culminating in such a place of being chosen, once again, for a new aspect of the journey.

I have learned over the years that each act of "being chosen" carries with it both a call and a responsibility. The call on Walk #8 was to a deeper walk of intimacy with God, and to a time of intense reflection as to my Life's purpose in Christ. The responsibility was to either answer or deny that call. Some 20+ years later, the call is pretty much the same.

I shared a story about one of my students at a recent Emmaus candlelight which I think bears repeating. In addition to co-pastoring Alabama City UMC with my husband, Taylor, I teach elementary special needs students in a private Christian school. One of my students is Evan, a 10 year old who as a result of his mother's drug use during pregnancy has mild retardation. He has one of the most loving and innocent spirits that I have ever encountered. Every week at school, we have chapel with various guest speakers from the community. On this particular day, the guest speaker happened to have the same name as my student, Evan Smith (fictitious).

When the elementary principal stood to announce the speaker, she said: "Today's guest speaker is Evan Smith. We will invite him to come now and share a word from the Lord with us."

Upon hearing his name called, my student leaned over to his homeroom teacher and asked: "Mrs. Smith, should I just go on up there?"

I think it is such a response that pleases our Lord. One that is eager to say yes to the call. Evan didn't have a prepared speech. He didn't have a Bible and a three-point message stuck away in his pocket. But he did have a willing spirit... and if this was his call, then he was going!

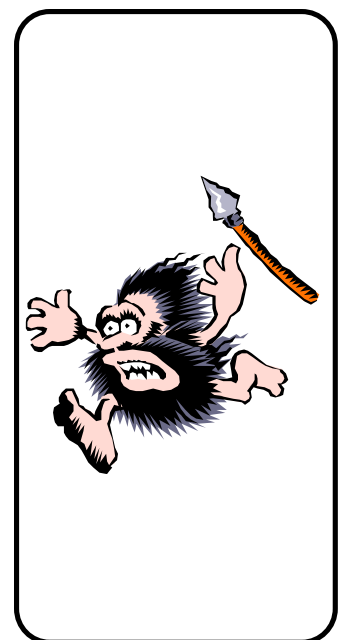
The beauty of the journey is that we are all chosen... we have all been called to both deeper intimacy with God and to walking out our purposes in Him.

The call stretches forward over the years of our life as well as demands immediate attention in the daily grind. We are all chosen... but the "chosenness" demands a response. For this year, I have heard and received the call... and I do so with humility, knowing that it's only as we answer and fulfill our calls together in recognition of His sovereignty that much glory will be brought to God and the Emmaus community will be all God has intended it to be.

So... pull out the tennis shoes and let's get walking. Be encouraged in God's un-failing love for us all... And when we hear the call, let's ask, "Lord, should I just go on up there?"

*"Do not fear what others fear...do not be frightened. But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord; and always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." I Peter 3: 14-15*

Jenny Gallman, Walk #8 Table of Esther, Alabama City UMC, Gadsden  
(From the Alabama Emmaus Community News "The Grapevine" September 2007 issue)



**ARE YOU MOVING??** Know someone in the Community who has ? Help us stay in touch! PLEASE send us the new address (e-mail and phone too) to [livingwatersofal.org](http://livingwatersofal.org) and in the home page click: "contact living waters" then "contact / newsletter" or mail us at: Living Waters Community, P.O. Box 361851



**2007 Board Meeting Schedule**

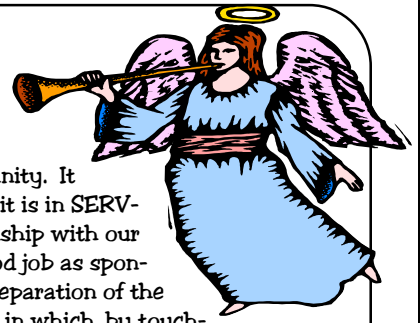
Second (usually) Thursdays at 6:30PM:

Oct. 11, Nov. 1, Dec. 13

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

**ALL IN THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED**

**COMMUNITY CORNER  
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**SPONSORSHIP...**

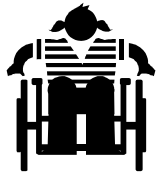
is vital for the livelihood of the Emmaus community. It is FOR the pilgrims that we sponsor Walks, and it is in SERVING the pilgrims that we all grow in our relationship with our Lord. But, the Walk begins with our doing a good job as sponsors. It is THROUGH our prayers and diligent preparation of the pilgrims, that the Holy Spirit can find fertile soil in which, by touching their hearts and souls with the new awareness of the love of God, will cause to sprout that "closer relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ" But NO, the job is not simple and most of us fail to do it well: We MUST PRAY, explain, reassure, inquire, write agape letters, pick up, attend, care for home, bring back, PRAY, carry to follow up, and be there for the 4th days; maybe for weeks or months...! All this is explained in the little publication from Upper Room, titled SPONSORSHIP. It is only \$3 and available at the supply table during any and all LWE events. Buy one now before you sponsor that pilgrim. But most importantly, READ IT and heed, please! De Colores, Frank Chacon, Logistics

(Spiritual Director'... from page 1)

It is a joyful celebration as we serve and journey in Christ's presence with Christ's people. It is a great act of witness that we are trusting and serving to raise up disciples in Christ's church. On our journey we are strengthened in our faith and in our hope by the love and prayers and examples of our brothers and sisters and those of that great band of Christian witnesses, the saints from the last two thousand years, who also accompany us. As we move forward as disciples of Jesus, let us journey as Mary did. Let us listen and respond to Jesus with obedience, faith, love, generosity and constancy. Let us serve Jesus in one another. Let us reflect in our lives the light of our faith in Him. Let us keep our gaze fixed on Christ as we make our journey through life and as we seek to serve Him in this world. Grace and Peace,  
Don Roser

**From the Walk Registrar: MEDICAL CONCERNS ON THE WALK.**

Are you sponsoring that pilgrim that you have been praying for? What a blessing he or she has answered the call by the Holy Spirit. But have you? When preparing for a walk, we make arrangements to meet the needs of the pilgrims, just like you are doing for their needs at home. But, what about those personal needs due to a medical condition of the pilgrim? YOU must make sure you tell us on the application form: Is the pilgrim diabetic?, on special diet?, subject to respiratory problems with strong odors or perfumes?, needs handicap access?, needs special seating?, is hearing impaired? The list could go on and on. So PLEASE, inquire and let us know. And reassure your pilgrim we need to know for their safety and comfort. Thanks!



**CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS!!**

Year 2008 is just around the corner. This means Board Elections are coming in November. The LWE Board serves you by keeping the community going: Having pledged to follow the Upper Room Model for the Walk to Emmaus, the Board maintains its integrity and offers opportunities in this ministry to all in our community as part of the Walk Team, Support and their Pilgrims. The board has openings for 5 members at large this year. The job is very important and highly rewarding. We desire your nominations of serious LWC Members who long to serve the Lord in this capacity (this is the only requirement). Please submit the name of the person you want to nominate (make sure your candidate agrees to serve, self nominations are gladly accepted) to the Lay Director, via the Website, "Emmaus Board/Jim Price" or phone him at 205/678-3092 You may want to READ the "Board Responsibilities Letter" also under "Emmaus Board". God bless you!

**Living Waters Board of Directors 2007**

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

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