

LIVING WATERS REPORT



LivingWaters Emmaus & Chrysalis Community-AL



Calendar of Events for 2008

March 6-9 2008 Walk 83 for Men. *Support them! Pray, attend Sponsor's hour (6PM) , Candlelight (8PM) and Closing (4PM)*

May 16-18 2008 Walk 84 for Women
June 6-8 2008 Chrysalis Walk 7 for Girls
Oct. 2-5 2008 Walk 85 for Men
Nov. 13-16 2008 Walk 86 for Women

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Upcoming Walk:

Walk # 83 for Men; Lay director:
Bruce Gohn, Spiritual director:
Larry Turner.

Access the prayer vigil at: <http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvId=2314&commid=111>

Team/Support Meetings will be all combined at Oakmont Presbyterian Church on Patton Chapel Rd West ; Dates: Feb 2, 9, 16 and Commissioning on Mar. 1st. All meet from 8:00AM -12PM. Support Team folks wanted to critique talks, help with Agape. Please attend all the meetings. Bring Breakfast food for all, and Lunch for 3/1

A Note from our Outgoing Community Lay Director:

To God's children in the Living Waters Emmaus Community,

At the beginning of this new 2008 AD year, there is much to celebrate in our LIVING WATERS EMMAUS community. I perceive our Lord has blessed us in several ways that will enable us to serve Him effectively as we move forward.

We have a full board of directors with many new faces that will bring energetic leadership as we move forward in serving our Lord. Your prayers of support and willing participation in serving our Lord through Emmaus will insure great things for the future.

The community gathering at Rolling Hills before Christmas was a tremendous success. Attendance and spirit far exceeded earlier gatherings. This success was recognized at the December board meeting and future early December gatherings at Rolling Hills are something we can all look forward to. Plan now to include this event in your Christmas activities at the end of this year. A special thanks is due Charlie Burnett who led the planning, promotion and preparation of this great celebration of the birth of our Savior.

This past year we revised the method of forming teams and the team meetings are now providing better training and more fellowship. If you have not filled out an interest sheet lately I encourage you to do so and get involved in a walk this year. It is a rewarding experience for you and those you will be serving. Speaking of serving, we began cooking all meals at the last walk. The food was absolutely wonderful and this is another improvement that will become a permanent feature of Living Waters walks. Thanks to Patty Williams for her leadership in getting us started. If food preparation is something that interests you please indicate so on an interest sheet. You will have to write it in because there is no spot on the form for it yet.

As always sponsorship is the most important job available in an Emmaus community. In the past year we saw a decided increase in the number of pilgrims attending our walks. **Praise The Lord**, we now have a waiting list for the women's walks. This blessing will disappear if we do not continue to discuss the blessing that we received through Emmaus and invite friends and associates to participate. Note: men's walks are seldom full. Opportunities are being lost to God's sons.

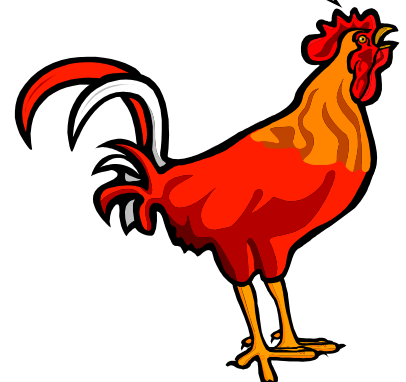
You, who are participating in sponsorship of Living Waters are indeed a blessing to our community and are making it possible for others to participate in receiving God's blessings. The actual cost for each person who spends the whole weekend at a walk is about \$160. With the sponsorship program we are able to hold the cost to pilgrims and team members down to \$100 each. Thank you for witnessing in this way.

To GOD be the glory

Jim Price



Pio pio! De
Colores!!



We Welcome the
new LWE members
from Walk 82:

Charlotte Garrett
Judy Shipp
Gianetta Turner
Lin Livingston
Nancy Sanders
Melissa Harvey
Melinda Blair
Cathey Davis
Vicki Paine
Lois Smith
Linda Taylor
Jamie Shamp
Marion Harris
Bonnie LeVert
LaHayne Livingston
Ernestine Redman
Karen Smith
Miranda Garrison
Brenda Godbold
Connie James
Pamela Paige
Sheilia Smedley
Peggy Taylor
Ashley Cleveland

'THE COOKS CORNER

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

De Colores Jello

(From Pat Chacon...serves a whole bunch)

4 (3oz) pks. jello* (assorted Emmaus colors)

6 envelopes unflavored gelatin

5-3/4c boiling HOT water

1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk

1/4c cold water

A) Combine condensed milk with 1 c HOT water. In another bowl, sprinkle 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin over cold water; let stand for 1 minute. Stir-in 3/4c HOT water; add to milk mixture.

B) Combine one pkg. colored jello & one envelope unflavored gelatin. Dissolve in 1 cup HOT water. Pour into 13x9x2 dish (Pam coated). Refrigerate until almost firm (about 20 min.) Pour 1 c of creamy gelatin mixture (from A) over layer(s) in dish. Refrigerate until firm (20 min).

C) Repeat B a total of 4 times, alternating jello layers and creamy layers, chilling each layer at a time. Finally, chill ALL at least one hour. Cut into finger sized rectangles, and place in a serving dish; if stacked, separate with plastic film or wax paper. *(Any brand flavored jello will do)



2008 Board Meeting Schedule

Second (usually) Thursdays at 6:30PM:

Mar. 20 (yes), Apr. 10

All meetings are held at Alabaster First Methodist Church, in the "Small Dinning Room" across from the kitchen.

YOU! & ALL IN THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED

**COMMUNITY CORNER
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Jim Price penned the request below, which was included in the Fall LWE Report . But alas, we have received hardly any response from YOU. We hope this does not mean no one belongs to such a group? Will you PLEASE read and heed. Thanks.

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. Jim Price

A note from Jenny Gallman the North Alabama Spiritual Director (with permission)



Do you ever find yourself making things harder than they really are? Admittedly, sometimes things really are difficult. But sometimes, it's just not as bad as we may feel at the time.

I was driving down I-59 on my way to Birmingham the other day; trying to open a bottle of water: I was simply thirsty and needed a drink, but the top was stuck tightly. After unsuccessfully using all the strength I could muster with my hands, I resorted to banging the bottle against certain parts of the car. I started with the steering wheel, but envisioned the airbag popping out in my face as I'm traveling 70 miles an hour down the interstate.

So my second choice was the door panel. When several hits against the door didn't loosen the top, I resorted to using my teeth as a pair of pliers in hopes of securing a tighter grip.

Once again unsuccessful, I located a pair of scissors and tried to poke a hole in the side of the bottle. I was really thirsty but it just wasn't enough to foster any success with my "interstate bottle-opening adventure".

Other things in life can prove to be truly difficult. Opening a stubborn water bottle just skims the surface of the deep well of flying times in life, It is our promise that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us...However, when a loved one dies and the grief seems unbearable; or a job is lost bringing insurmountable financial crisis; or the doctor gives a negative report; or a child makes a choice that pierces the heart...we may find that we have cause to wonder just how we're going to make it through .

Sometimes this is how we face our spiritual journeys as well. The need just seems so great, the task overwhelming, and the temptation is to throw up our hands and cry "enough Lord... enough!" Hear the words of John 6:28-29. The disciples have approached Jesus and asked, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" And Jesus response is this: "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

Can you believe it's so simple? The one work our Father requires is that we simply believe in Jesus! It's not that we must fulfill a long list of duties; nor that we are to be all things to all people; not even that we are to always "get it right"; but simply that we believe in the One...to believe in Jesus. (... continues above to the right)

2008 Living Waters Board of Directors

Community Lay Director, primary PR/ Website:
Ronnie Martin-2010
Community Spiritual Director:
TBD.
Board President:
David Murphy-2009
Secretary:
Deborah Triplett-2009
Logistics Camp Liaison/Supplies:
Roger Brom-2010
Treasurer:
Margarete Roser-2010
Music/Entertainment
Sherry Bawcum-2010
Set-up/Take Down:
Bruce Gohn-2010

Newsletter/Roster:
Glenn Walker-2009
Follow-up/Reunions/Groups/ Literature:
Mandy Smith-2009
Candlelight/Sponsor Hour, Closing:
Danny Dalton-2009
Team Selection/PR/Website:
Dennis Agnew-2008
Registrar:
Kathy Sharich-2008
Agape/PAT/Homecoming/ Gatherings:
Cindy Sloan-2008
Prayer Chapel/72 Hr. Prayer Vigil/ Worship:
Barbara Strickland-2008
Food Service:
Mary Gleason-2008
Advising Former CLD: **Jim Price**

(... Jenny Gallman continues) Can't we do that? No matter how trying our lives may seem... can't we do this one thing required... to just believe; to focus on the promises rather than the failures; to see the potential rather than the handicaps; to fix our eyes on the one who says all things are possible if we only believe?

To believe on the one whom God has sent...this one work is ours. No longer relying on our own strength or capabilities, we simply trust in the Incarnational Reality...God with us. So I encourage you. As you face life, whether in joy or sorrow; with anticipation or dread; good report or bad... Only believe!

Blessings on the journey!

*Jenny Gallman, Spiritual Director
North Alabama Emmaus Community*

Community Prayers solicited for:

Val and Ray Sapp,
Neal Hartley,
Tom & Mandy Smith,
Margaret Roser's Dad Robert
The Bawcum family,
Linda Chandler's husband Joe,
Pilgrims & Team of Walk 83
Frank McCallister,

Skip Jackson
Earldon Arwood

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