



LIVING WATERS REPORT

Living Waters Emmaus & Chrysalis Communities of Alabama

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Spring Walks Attended by 42 Pilgrims

Walk 83 was completed in March and brings 18 new members to the Living Waters Emmaus Community:

- Robert Borth
- Kevin Brown
- Charles Dunnaway
- Roger Jefferson
- David Jenkins
- Lynn Juneau
- Mason McCary
- Robert Milliken
- Rick Mims
- Austin Olive
- Tim Peals
- David Richards
- Gary Sandridge
- Marvin "Pumpkin" Steele
- Donald Thompson
- Alex Vardaman
- Otis Washington
- Horace Waugh

Bruce Gohn was the lay director; Larry Turner was the spiritual

director. Despite dealing with a nasty virus bug throughout the weekend, both outside and inside team pulled together to bring everything to a successful conclusion on Sunday afternoon.

Walk 84, led by the Holy Spirit and Jan Slack, finished the spring ladies walk with 24 new Emmaus members.

- Debra Arnwine
- Denise R. Borth
- Anita Brueck
- Angela Fuller
- Lisa Harris
- Stephenie Higgins
- Louise Holland
- Megan Kuntz
- Margie McCary
- Sharon McQueen
- Karen Mims
- Ann Mitchell
- Kristie Northern
- Sherry Owens
- Frances Payton
- Rene Pope

- Cheryl Robinson
- Donna Shamp
- Li Anne Terrill
- Patrice Tingle
- Shelia Tyson
- Martha "Mot" Waugh
- Andrea West
- Jan Wilson

Don Roser served as spiritual director for this walk.

Remember to get those applications in for the fall walks: Men Oct. 2-5 and Women Nov. 13-16



Lay Director Bruce Gohn welcomes Pumpkin Steele and Tim Peals to the Community at Follow-Up

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Snow fell on Saturday morning of Walk 83 - what a refreshing blessing from the Lord!

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FOLLOW-UP LIKE A FAMILY REUNION

Follow-up for Walk 83 was held at Oakmont Presbyterian Church in Hoover. Follow-up for Walk 84 was held at Bluff Park United Methodist Church in Hoover. At follow-up, recent pilgrims, now members of the Emmaus Community,

had a chance to be reunited with their walkmates one more time. They also had the opportunity to share how their fourth days had been going, and to meet the greater Emmaus community. It is a time of food, fellowship, singing, and joyful celebration. Welcome to our newest members! Welcome to the Emmaus family!



Board Available to Serve Community

2008 Living Waters Board of Directors	Newsletter/Roster:
Community Lay Director, Primary PR/ Website:	Glenn Walker-2009
Ronnie Martin-2010	Follow-up/Reunions Groups/Literature:
Community Spiritual Director:	Vacant
John Ray-2008	Candlelight/Sponsor Hour, Closing:
Board President:	Danny Dalton-2009
David Murphree-2009	Team Selection/PR/Website:
Secretary:	Dennis Agnew-2008
Deborah Triplett-2009	Registrar:
Logistics Camp Liaison/Supplies:	Kathy Sharich-2008
Roger Brom-2010	Agape/PAT/Homecoming/Gatherings:
Treasurer:	Cindy Sloan-2008
Margarete Roser-2010	Prayer Chapel/72 Hr. Prayer Vigil/Worship:
Music/Entertainment	Barbara Strickland-2008
Sherry Bawcum-2010	Food Service:
Set-up/Take Down:	Mary Gleason-2008
Bruce Gohn-2010	Advising Former CLD
	Jim Price

The Living Waters Board of Directors is charged with maintaining the activities of the Living Waters Emmaus Community and ensuring that all Walks remain faithful to Upper Room Emmaus model.

Board terms are three years in length. Persons filling partial terms are eligible to serve a follow-up full term. It is important that members rotate off the board at regular intervals to keep ideas fresh and to use the talents of others within the community.

Board members are there for you to call on if you have questions about any aspect of the Emmaus experience. We are always looking for volunteers to help with walks and serve on the board. If asked to help, please give prayerful consideration. Remember, Christ is counting on you!



Writers & Photographers Wanted!

The Living Waters Report will be much more entertaining and interesting if we hear from YOU. So write down some of your fourth day experiences and share them with the community. It can be a source of great encouragement. We'll even do the editing for you if you send us the essence of what you want to say. Digital photos are an added bonus. Keep in mind no photos should be made of pilgrims or inside conference room. Send all material to **Editor** at: skywalk1@earthlink.net, or mail to **155 Hwy. 22, Plantersville, AL 36758**. Deadlines are June 1 (Summer), September 1 (Fall), December 1 (Winter), and March 1 (Spring).

Stay up to date on Living Waters Emmaus events and activities by visiting our website at: www.livingwatersofal.org

Clergy Criteria Can Be Confusing

To preserve the integrity of an Emmaus weekend, it is essential that those serving as clergy meet certain criteria. With the large number of clergy categories, and various denominational differences, the Emmaus guidelines ensure that only qualified individuals guide and lead the spiritual life of a weekend. Any ordained clergy are allowed to fill the role of Community or Weekend Spiritual Director. In the Methodist tradition, licensed local pastors are eligible to serve as Weekend Spiritual

Directors upon completion of their Course of Study. Requirements are less strict for Assistant Spiritual Directors. These sometime cumbersome rules are in place for a good reason. Those serving in a spiritual guidance role must be mature enough in their faith to lead others through the intense spiritual struggles that often occur during a walk. Your LWE Board is committed to overseeing the selection of qualified clergy to serve our community. May God bless all of our clergy members!



The Great Team Meeting Experiment

Team meetings are an essential preparation to an Emmaus weekend. It is during this time that the inside and outside teams form bonds that ensure charity and cooperation around during the weekend. The Emmaus Handbook provides guidelines for conducting team meetings. Interpretation of those guidelines often vary between communities. After much deliberation and prayer, the LWE Board agreed to allow the teams for Walks 83 and 84 to experiment with both outside and inside team members previewing talks and staying together during team meeting times. Other communities have followed that interpretation as well.

The purpose was to build a stronger bond between outside and inside teams, and to provide larger preview audiences for the speakers. The caveat on this allowance was that a speaker could choose to limit his or her audience to just the inside team if the practice talk material was of sensitive nature. Also, only the inside team was allowed to critique the talk. The board has collected feedback from team members and will be studying the results over the summer. If you were a recent team member, we would love to have your comments as well. Please send your comments to any board member. **De Colores!**



Inside and Outside Team members prepare for an upcoming weekend, led by an ALD.

REUNION GROUP REPORTS

Does your reunion group have a story to tell? If so, we would like to feature your group in our newsletter! Please send us updates of reunion group activities, along with digital photos! Article length should be no more than 150 words.



SPONSOR'S HOUR: JUMP START TO WALK

It is an exciting time when the day finally arrives to pick up your pilgrim and bring them to Emmaus! You hide your excitement as you take them out to dinner, and as you get them signed in, anticipating (even though you're not supposed to) the great weekend ahead. But after joyous singing and the send-off, one more task is left to be done...Sponsor's Hour. Your prayers over the cross that your pilgrim will receive is the jump-start to the weekend. Praying for the Holy Spirit to work his miracle, praying for God's Agape Love to be made real, praying for your pilgrim...that is being a true servant, and a true Christian friend.



Crosses are hung on large cross, after being prayed over by sponsor and friends

GRACE IS FREE BUT THE WEEKENDS ARE NOT

The cost of a three-day Emmaus weekend for the community is currently over \$150 per person, with prices rising each year. Thanks to agape gifts from community members, the cost to the pilgrims and team members is still only \$100. Even this cost may be a deterrent for some, so additional assistance is available through gifts and offerings collected at Emmaus events. Sponsors need to remember that it is your responsibility to ensure the weekend fee is covered by the opening night of the

walk. Also, a \$50 deposit is required with each application before that pilgrim can be assigned a walk. It is suggested that the remaining balance be paid by the pilgrim, or by the sponsor, or by donations from your church. Since the community is already discounting the walk by \$50, there is limited funds to pay the full fee for every pilgrim. Please take this sponsorship responsibility seriously. If assistance will be needed, please notify the registrar several weeks before the walk so funds

can be designated to your pilgrim from available funds. Requests for assistance must be approved in advance of weekend by Living Water Emmaus Board. Help us maintain financial stability by attending to the cost for your pilgrim to attend.



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GOD LOVES:

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 2-5, 2008 Walk 85 for Men

Nov. 13-16, 2008 Walk 86 for Women

Dec. 6, 2008 Community Gathering

Feb. 19-22, 2009 Walk 87 for Men

Apr. 23-36, 2009 Walk 88 for Women

Living Waters Walk Weekends

72-Hour Prayer Vigil:

(7 p.m. Thursday through 7 p.m. Sunday)

Send-Off & Sponsor's Hour - 7 p.m. Thursday

Candlelight Service - 8 p.m. Saturday

Community Party - following Candlelight

Closing - 4 p.m. Sunday

GOING FOURTH...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a mighty God we serve! As we read and so often sing those words, I am continually reminded of how true they are. We have already witnessed that fact in the first two walks of this year where we had the largest number of pilgrims for a men's walk in a number of years and had a full walk of 24 pilgrims in the last women's walk. And while we are excited to see walks at or near full capacity, the most exciting realization is that on an individual basis, each and every one of the men and women who attended these walks received a fresh touch from the Holy Spirit, as they were bathed in the Agape love that those who served them were so blessed to be able to share. My prayer is that we never take for granted

the privilege we each have been granted to serve Christ by serving others in Emmaus. While the primary purpose of the Emmaus ministry is to help Christians to become a leader or become a better leader in their churches, it is also true that for those who choose to remain active in the Emmaus community, this fellowship is an important part of our walk with Christ. For these two reasons I encourage each of you to continually be in prayer regarding those who you can sponsor to attend a future walk and to continue your participation in the various support roles needed to conduct all of the pre-walk, walk weekend and post-walk activities.

I would also like to direct your attention to the article contained elsewhere in this newsletter that lists the members of your

Community Lay Director's Note

2008 Board of Directors. Please make yourself familiar with each of these individuals and keep us all in your prayers. This is a dedicated group of servants who are seeking to serve the community by serving in the various board positions. And finally let me say how humbled and honored I am to serve God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by serving as your Community Lay Director.

Once again let me say "What a might God we serve!"

Ronnie Martin
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