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LIVING WATERS REPORT

Living Waters Emmaus & Chrysalis Communities of Alabama

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TRANSITION TO NEW CAMP BRINGS NEW BLESSINGS

Over the past few months, the community has made the transition from Rolling Hills to Camp Boothe as the site for walks, flights, and community events. Challenges were met with a cooperative spirit, and for the caterpillars and pilgrims, their experiences was unhindered by the environment of a new camp.

Women's Walk 86, which was led by the Holy Spirit and **Dee Ann Lawrence** on Nov. 13-16, 2008, was the last walk held at Rolling Hills. Nineteen new members of the Emmaus Community were welcomed at the closing ceremony:

Amanda Beckett, Carolyn Booker, Betty Brant, Traci Brown, Angelie Copenhaver, Lillian Culpepper, Alice Hodges, Angela Howard, Jan Hoyle, Kathy Hutchinson, Affie Martin, Mary Mattingly, Jeanie Mayer, Sue Ellen McMath, Jan Phillips, Rhonda Redwine, Arnella Samuels, Rose Shorter,

and Lois Truss.

The new camp was commissioned on the first weekend of January, in preparation for the first Chrysalis Flight in over two years. Eleven caterpillars encountered the Holy Spirit in a mighty way during **Girls' Flight 7**. The weekend was led by the Holy Spirit and **Donna Martin**. The 12 new butterflies in our community are:

Ariana Blackwell, Dirishea Collins, Clarissa Dorsey, Sydney Henderson, Taylor Henderson, Temperance Jones, Christina Massie, Elizabeth Miller, Alexis Morgan, Sharhonda Polk, Shwanda Polk, and Samone Weaver

Men's Walk 87, led by the Holy Spirit and **Frank Chacon**, on Feb. 19-22 was the first walk to be held at Camp Boothe. Using lessons learned from the Chrysalis Flight, the weekend proceeded smoothly, and another rousing outpouring of the Holy Spirit was experienced by all. An estimated crowd of

over 110 people showed up for Candlelight - an awesome moment on a wonderful weekend!

We welcome our 11 new members from Walk 87:

Steve Benson, Austin Castleberry, Randall Griffith, Bryan Hilyer, Brian Hurst, Jeremy Kreider, William Lane, Terry Slaughter, Franklin Tate, Bob Tyler, and Darryl Webb.

The next walk will be **Women's Walk 88** on April 23-26, 2009. This walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and **Jamie Raley**. Applications should be sent in early, as this walk is expected to fill up quickly.

For those yet to visit the new camp, directions to the camp are posted on the community website. **Camp Boothe** is located at 3111 Grey Hill Road, West Blocton, AL 35184. The phone number is (205) 938-2444. It is in the town of Green Pond, Bibb County, AL, about 4 miles from Exit 97 on Interstate 20/59.

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Camp Boothe sign welcomes Living Waters for first time.

We hope to see everyone at Send-Off, Candlelight, and Closing on Walk 88!

Camp Boothe: Real Seclusion from World

Change can be a difficult pill to swallow, especially when leaving our comfort zone. For over 20 years, Camp Rolling Hills was home to the Living Waters Emmaus weekends. Due to rising costs and encroaching development at Rolling Hills, the Board took a step of faith to move future walks to Camp Boothe in

Bibb County. The new camp offers more room space and seclusion. During an Emmaus event, the entire camp is available to the community. It also has gates that can be locked at night (to keep pilgrims in?) for added security. There's still some logistics issues to work out, but that's just all part of the fun of a doing ministry in a new location!



Camp Boothe facilities are isolated from the hustle and bustle of the world amid a beautiful, tree-lined setting.



2009 Bring Many New Faces to The LWE Board

2009 Living Waters Board of Directors	PR/Website/IT:: Mark Washburn-2011
Community Lay Director: Ronnie Martin-2010	Follow-up/Reunions Groups/Literature: Deborah Triplett-2010
Community Spiritual Director: John Ray-2009	Candlelight/Sponsor Hour/Closing: Danny Dalton-2010
Board President: David Murphree-2009	Team Selection: Steve Walker-2011
Secretary/Newsletter/Roster: : Glenn Walker-2009	Registrar: Jan Slack-2010
Logistics Camp Liaison/Supplies: Roger Brom-2010	Agape/PAT/Homecoming/Gatherings: Tiffany Walker-2011
Treasurer: Kym Longstreet-2011	Prayer Chapel/72 Hr. Prayer Vigil/Worship: Kathy Sharich-2009
Music/Entertainment: Sherry Bawcum-2010	Food Service/Refreshments: Margarete Roser-2010
Set-up/Take Down: Pat Richards-2011	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!



Donations Make Great Agape

While the Board was able to cut costs by relocating to Camp Boothe, donations are still required to keep the application fee to \$100. In addition to your personal donation to the Community, you may consider asking Sunday School classes and other small groups at your church to consider donating to LWE. Since our objective with Emmaus is to strengthen local church leaders, it would be a good investment for local congregations to support Emmaus.

They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32 NLT

Attention, Reunion Groups!

The Board is attempting to revise our list of reunion groups. We need you to send your group name, meeting location/times/days, contact person/phone number to Debra Triplett at deb8059@bellsouth.net.

Team Meetings Prepare Members for Weekend

To ensure team unity and a receptiveness to the Holy Spirit, team formation begins months before the actual weekend. There are typically 4-5 team meetings in preparation for the 3-day walk. The Emmaus Model actually calls for up to ten team meetings spread over 10 weeks. However, by doubling the length of a team meeting (typically 3-4 hours each), team formation can be done in the five meeting format.



Team Preps for Walks 87 and 86

Behind the Scenes...with a Servant's Heart

An Emmaus Weekend is one of the few "jobs" that is actually fun to do! Thanks to the many agape angels in the background, our first weekends at Camp Boothe have been a great blessing to team members and pilgrims alike. Don't forget to fill out your Interest Sheet if you want to experience the joy of working on an Emmaus team!



Sight and sounds of Camp Boothe during a 72-hour retreat.



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GOD LOVES:

Calendar of Events

Apr. 23-36, 2009 Walk 88 for Women

Sep. 10-13, 2009 Walk 89 for Men

Nov. 12-15, 2009 Walk 90 for Women

Follow-Up is usually held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening following the Walk. Non-Emmaus friends are welcome to attend Follow-Up and Gatherings.

Gatherings are generally held twice per year.

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...

Emmaus Community Spiritual Director

Chrysalis is Back!!!

Martin Luther once said, "A dairymaid can milk cows to the glory of God." Percival Bryan was a cab driver in Washington, D. C. for over fifty years. He died in 1996. He became quite well known. He always carried a guest book in his cab, and he asked his passengers to sign it, over the years, he collected signatures of senators, jazz greats, and even a president or two. Over the years he accumulated enough signatures to fill 312 guest books. Mostly they were just ordinary people.

Bryan, however, didn't treat anyone like they were ordinary. If he saw that you were feeling down, he would try to cheer you up. He would talk to you and try to coax a smile. He told of two passengers,

two young men, who robbed him one night. He started a conversation with them, and before the ride was over, they gave him his money back and signed his guest book.

A journalist asked Bryan what kept him going. He said, "My priorities, my friends, and God. Every morning I get down on my knees and I have my little prayers. I ask God to go with me, protect me, ride with me, and take my eyesight, my nose, and my mouth, especially my mouth, and share Him with others." He went on, "And I tell you sometimes I feel very rich. Don't have nothin', not much money in my pocket, but inside I feel like I have done my best and God has given me the wisdom and the strength to keep going."

Guess what happened? He donated his

guest books to the Smithsonian! And they put them on display! Can you imagine that? A cab driver's guest books on display in the Smithsonian.

I sometimes wonder what the pilgrims from our walks do with what they have experienced and learned over their Emmaus walk. I truly pray that they will take a lesson from Percival Bryan and realize that wherever they are and whatever they are doing, they can make a difference in the lives of the people that they come in contact with.

John Ray

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Riverchase United Methodist Church
Hoover, AL