



Walk to
Emmaus
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Central Alabama Emmaus Community

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A MESSAGE FROM WALK #136 LAY DIRECTOR

In April 2002, I reluctantly went on my Walk to Emmaus. My sister, Debbie, was my sponsor and I went just to please her (and get her to stop pestering me about it). Little did I know that my life was about to change forever. I have chosen as my verse Luke 24:31 which says: "Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him." That is precisely what happened to me. My eyes were opened in such a profound way to recognize what God wanted me to do with the rest of my life.

I don't always listen like I should and I'm sure I've failed Him in many ways since then; but when I know I'm where he wants me to be, the blessings are beyond measure. In February 2010, I was humbled and blessed to lead Walk #126. I had known for several months that I would be the Lay Director, and with the help of a precious friend, began to prepare for the Walk. Then, in late 2009, my husband's health began to deteriorate quickly. Just six weeks before the Walk was to begin, God took him home. Once again, God was faithful and walked with me every step of the way through that difficult time and every day since then.

What a rare privilege it is to be asked to lead another Walk. I don't know why yet, but I can hardly wait to see what God has in store for the pilgrims and for everyone who will be serving. If you haven't signed up yet to chair or co-chair a work area, please consider coming whenever you can during the

weekend and sharing the gift of agape love you experienced on your Walk. Help be a part in changing someone else's life. Please be in prayer for the women who have committed to be there and for the team members who will lead in the Conference Room. I thank you all for your continued love and support during this past year and covet your prayers for the days to come.

DeColores,
Sharon Irish, CAEW #57



Women's Walk #136

February 23-26

Sharon Irish- Lay Director

Jamie Barkley - Spiritual Director

Montgomery Cluster

Times To Remember

Wednesday 7pm Send-Off

Friday 7pm Candlelight

Saturday 7am Serenade

Saturday 4pm Closing



2011 Chrysalis Dates

Boy's Flight#55, June 9-12, 2011

Girl's Flight #56, June 23-26, 2011

Go to www.cachrysalis.com to download your applications.

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Note from the Spiritual Director

God's love is agape love. When we meet for training we all talk about how to show agape love to the pilgrims and to make them feel as if they are the only pilgrim on the walk. It is an honor to show this agape love. This is the love of Christ shown to us. But as much focus as we put on the pilgrims they are not the only ones participating on the walk. There are 36 pilgrims on the walk but many more people behind the scenes working to make the weekend "The Best Walk Ever".

Behind the curtain and in the background are people who need agape love as much if not more as the pilgrims. I don't know about you, but when I come to Emmaus I bring all my hurts, habits and hang-ups with me. I much as I try I can't help but drag them along. I need your agape love, too. I need your agape love just like the pilgrims, but also, so does the person who sets up the tables, prepares the meals, washes the dishes, serves the meals, gives the agape, sets up for communion, wakes the pilgrims early in the morning, and those at the back table. We all are in need of that wonderful agape love.

This weekend on Walk 136 the pilgrims will indeed receive this amazing agape love; there is no doubt in my mind. When we ask them to come back and work behind the scenes, will that agape love they received on their Walk be there for them? My prayer is that where ever you may happen to be on Walk 136 you will be able to experience God's agape love.

De Colores,
Jamie Barkley
Blue Lake Walk to Emmaus #79



2011 Walk Dates to Remember

Women's Walk #136 Feb 23-26
Sharon Irish - Lay Director
Montgomery Cluster

Women's Walk #137 Mar 2-5
Darlene Gill - Lay Director
Selma Cluster

Men's Walk #138 Apr 27-30
Mike Whit - Lay Director
Millbrook Cluster

Men's Walk #139 Aug 24-27
Allen Brewer - Lay Director
Lake Martin Cluster

Women's Walk #140 Sep 7-10
Michelle Granberry - Lay Director
Elmore Cluster

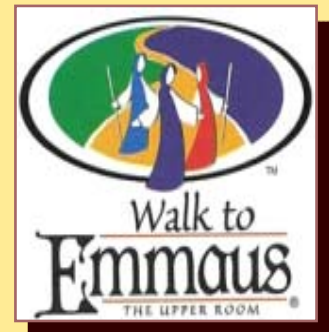
Men's Walk #141 Sept 14-17
Gary Waters - Lay Director
TBA

Women's Walk #142 Oct 20-23
(Thurs—Sun)
TBA - Lay Director
Valley Cluster

For additional Emmaus and
Chrysalis information and updates,
periodically refer to our website at

www.caew.org

*Remember, God equips & gives you
the means & strength you need to
serve, and bring others to Christ.*



Sign Up For Emmaus Prayer Vigils

To sign up for a prayer vigil for Emmaus Walks
locally and around the world go to:

<http://www.3dayol.org>

click on the walk number on the schedule
and look for sign up information.



Pilgrims of Women's Walk #136

Pilgrim	City	Church	Sponsor
Jane Adams	Wetumpka	Mountain View Baptist	Ed & Mary Rhodes
Gayle Berry	Auburn	Living Waters	Ashley Belcher
Sheila Brantley	Wetumpka		Deborah Hathcock & Pam Galloway
Penny Cox	Opelika	Cornerstone	Kelli Harris & Jackie Waters
Lydia Culp	Montgomery	Frazer UMC	Randall Culp
Hilary Fijolek	Notasulga		Nancy Murphy
JoAnn Frazier	Alex City	Faith Temple	Linda Blair & Marlys Peterson
Emily Gentry	Auburn	Auburn UMC	Dru Washburn
Claire Goldman	Auburn	Auburn UMC	Carolyn Robinson
Nickki Gore	Clanton	Walnut Creek UMC	Tony & Beth Hughes
Arlesa Grubbs	Goodwater	Macedonia Bpatist	Missy Waldrop
Kim Hall	Montgomery	Eastern Hills Baptist	Laurie Shipp
Bette Hammett	Alex City	Flint Hill UMC	Joe Mallory
Melissa Huffman	Tyler	Christ the King	Michael & Linda Motes
Tammy Lacy	Prattville	Elkdale Baptist-Selma	Belinda Davis
Heather Lindsey	Montgomery	Landmark Church of Christ	Jeff Lindsey
Mavis Lusco	Opelika	Living Waters	Bill Berry
Lauren Matson	Prattville	Frazer UMC	David & Katie Hagood
Janice McBride	Jacksons Gap	First UMC - Dadeville	Margie Farrington
Julie Nolen	Auburn	Auburn UMC	Ashley Belcher
Leigh Oelmann	Auburn	Auburn UMC	Christy Flurry
Dana Pouncy	Prattville		Gina Mount & Darlene Pearce
Kathy Powell	Auburn	Cornerstone	Erin Stephens
Joanna Reaves	Auburn	Auburn UMC	Molly Foster
Laura Sasser	Elmore	Elmore UMC	Terri Sasser
JoAnne Singleton	Alex City	Flint Hill UMC	Butch & Debra Fennell
Jean Slaughter	Wetumpka	First Baptist Wetumpka	Sharon Irish & Kathy Holt
Pam Smith	Brundidge	Park Memorial UMC	Frank & Nedetria Talbot
Tonya Smitherman	Selma	Plantersville Baptist	Belinda Davis
Susan Teel	Montgomery	Frazer UMC	Jim Smith
Cassandra Thomas	Wetumpka	St James Family Worship - Wetumpka	Susan Reynolds
Amy Todd	Pike Road	Frazer UMC	Dale & Elise Todd
Angela Tucker	Pike Road	Frazer UMC	Dale & Elise Todd
Debra Walters	Opelika	Providence Baptist	Christine McIntosh
Ashley Wilcox	Millbrook	Robinson Springs UMC	Jeff Wilcox
Debbie Wyatt	Valley	Langdale UMC	Nancy Calhoun & Sheila Lane

Conference Room - Women's Walk #136

Lay Director	Sharon Irish
Assistant Lay Directors	Betty Jo Landrum Rita Carswell Shay Baugh Nedetria Talbot
Spiritual Director	Jamie Barkley
Assistant Spiritual Directors	Jim Sasser Dee Dowdy Bob Bachant Charles Cummings
Music	Debbie Smalley Marian Woodman
Media	Barbara Rosser Mo Moseley
Table Leaders	Cindy Clem Martha Ellis Shanda Foster Sybil Pemberton Dru Washburn Angie Rhymes
Assistant Table Leaders	Mary Evans Linda Pearson Abby Land Helena Britton Sharon Moore Kelli Harris
Board Rep.	Judy Lovelady

Work Areas - Women's Walk #136

SUPPORT AREA	CHAIRPERSON
AGAPE	Terri Sasser
BOOK COVERS / BAGS	Mary Evans & Linda Pearson
BEDTAGS	Lorri Schoonover
BOOK TABLE	Donna Hall
CANDLELIGHT	Truman Hornsby & Susan Outlaw
ENTERTAINMENT	Stephanie Conner
FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY	Elise Todd
GREETERS	Buddy Englebert & Mark Pickler
LOGISTICS	Jim Miller
FOOD PREPARATIONS	Tad Smith
MEAL SERVICE	Kris Johnson & David Hagood
NAME TAGS / NEWSLETTER	Carl & Debbie Kelly Sherry Watkins
PHOTOGRAPHY	David Hagood
REFRESHMENTS	Kris Johnson
HOUSING & REGISTRATION	Kay Walters & Bobbie Walters
SERENADE	Katie Hagood
SPONSORS' HOUR	Bruce & Jamie Shelton
72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL	Shannon Mayes
SPEAKERS' PRAYER CHAPEL	Donna Goodwin & Martha Smith
WORSHIP	Darrell Pearson



“Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.”

Luke 24:35 (NLT)



Agape Needs:

72 of each item for Women's Walks
65 of each item for Men's Walks

**“This Little Light of Mine,
I’m Gonna Let it Shine. . .”**

Carol Mills



Those words from the popular children’s gospel song illustrate the life of one of our beloved co-workers who passed away one year ago at Bethany House on March 7th – Carol Mills. Carol let her light shine to all she encountered – hospital visitors, patients, co-workers – and later, when she underwent cancer treatments – the staff in the [Cancer Center](#).

Carol, who was 61, had worked in Quality Management and had been fighting a very rare form of cancer called leiomyosarcoma, a disease she was diagnosed with in 2006. Throughout her illness, she remained positive and was a source of encouragement to many people.

She worked with Dr. Jake Meadows for 17 years, and began working with [EAMC](#) in 1989. She continued to work at the hospital at least part-time through January 2010, when she finally had to stop due to her health. During her 20-year career at EAMC, she worked on 4SW (Med-Surg) in many roles including floor nurse, assistant unit manager, PCC and clinical coordinator. She later worked in Performance Improvement before moving to Quality Management.

Away from work, Carol was involved in her church, First Baptist of Opelika, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school. One of her greatest experiences was traveling with a group to the Holy Land on a trip organized by her church in December 2008.

Her director, Laura Bell (now Assistant Vice President/Quality Management) said of Carol: “Her smile radiated and her laughter echoed throughout the hospital. Those who were privileged to know Carol witnessed the overwhelming love of Jesus in her words and actions, for she truly led a Christ-centered life. Cancer was a vehicle for Carol to spread the word of God, to turn the negative into positive, and to persevere through pain and suffering to perform selfless acts of kindness. Carol was a teacher, a mentor, a counselor, a friend and a patient advocate. She held uncompromising standards as she served as a gallant fighter and even in the face of death, the patients of East Alabama Medical Center for over 20 years. She her effervescence for loving, laughing, singing, and living was an awesome and amazing wonder to witness. Though we will miss her greatly, those who knew her will never forget the inspiring way she lived her life, the special moments shared together, the wisdom and counsel she freely gave, and the unconditional love she showered on us all. Heaven has now received a treasure—our angel on earth.”



A Light for Carol

To make a donation go to
www.EAMCfoundation.org
and click on “A Light for Carol”

Carol’s friends and family would like to place a stained glass window in the EAMC Chapel in memory of Carol, so her light can continue to shine for others.

Welcome the newest members to our community

The Men of CAEW #135





In Case Of Emergency
Camp Alamisco
256-825-9482

LOST YOUR BADGE?

Contact Carl & Debbie Kelly at duncan55@charter.net or
 Brenda Easterwood at beasterwood7785@charter.net.
 The cost to replace a lost badge is \$2.



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Looking for articles, updates, cluster & reunion group photos and information to share with the Emmaus community.

Address, contact phone, or email changes?

Help keep your information updated. Send any changes or updated information (with your original walk # and location) to:

sdutsey@aol.com

If you don't have email or computer access, call anyone in the Community to assist you with any update needed to your current address, phone or other information.

Emmaus Work Area	2011 Community Board Representative
72 Hour Prayer Vigil	Wendy Rajan
Agape	Lynnie Kopp
Book Table	Pat Barnt
Candle Light	Don Ingram
Food Preparation	Frank Talbot
Greeters	Kathy Nichols
Housing and Registration	Kathy Nichols
Logistics	Duane Skarecky
Meal Service	Wayne Gauntt
Music & Media	Allen Brewer
Photography	Sharon Irish
Refreshments	Tracie Starr
Serenade	Linda Brewer
Speaker's Prayer Chapel	Wendy Rajan
Sponsor's Hour	Chad Wilbanks
Supplies	Judy Lovelady
Worship	Darrell Pearson
Registrar - Men's	<u>Jim Snyder</u>
Registrar - Women's	<u>Lynn "Mo" Moseley</u>
Community Spiritual Director	Jamie Barkley
Community Lay Director	Wayne Gauntt
Community ALD	Darrell Pearson
Community Treasurer	Linda Brewer
Community Secretary	Sharon Irish
Communications Coordinator	Pat Barnt
Community ASDs	Glen Pugh, LuAnn Houser
	Clarence Stewart, Mike Wells