

# the fourth day newsletter

## Women's Walk #98

Apr 25 - Apr 28

**Times To Remember:**

Wed 7pm Sendoff

Fri 7pm Candlelight

Sat 7am Serenade

Sat 4pm Closing

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**"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"**  
Luke 24:32



### **CHARLES CUMMINGS - COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

On a warm, humid Saturday night in a lakeside parking lot after a Chrysalis candlelight ceremony, I heard a familiar voice call out "Shuck." I turned around and saw the Lay Director's 17-year-old daughter, a neighbor whom I have known her whole life. Shannon's family always called me "Shuck" since she was a child because it is easier to say than Charles or Chuck.

I had served that weekend as an assistant spiritual director on the flight, for which her father was the lay director. I was hurriedly and impatiently leaving Blue Lake for Auburn knowing all my responsibilities for the next day - just hours away. In Shannon's hand was a Chrysalis cross on a woven necklace.

When Shannon was in the Speaker's Prayer Chapel praying for me before my talk, she noticed I did not have a cross. Knowing me so well and loving me just as I am, she informed me in no uncertain terms that I needed a cross. Knowing her so well and loving her just as she is, I informed her I had lost my original Emmaus cross and she would just have to deal with it.

Beside my truck in the parking lot Shannon held out the cross and said, "Shuck, I made this for you." It was one of those moments God uses to humble me and make me stop.

"Thank you Shannon," I uttered.

I reached for the cross and attempted to give a hug at the same time. Shannon said, "Wait !! You have to do it right." I must have looked confused, but I knew from many shared past experiences that I was going to receive this cross how ever Shannon thought best.

Shannon stood on her tiptoes, placed the cross over my head and around my neck and with a strong voice declared, "Christ is counting on you!"

"And I am counting on Christ!" I answered.

Of all the Emmaus/Chrysalis Cross Ceremonies I have attended, this one was the most special. Without an audience, Table, or community present, those words sank in to my heart like never before. As the Body of Christ, we know Christ is counting on us. In our own humanness, we know we must count on Christ. As Shannon said, "You have to do it right."

**Charles Cummings**  
Blue Lake Emmaus Walk # 66  
Table of John

### Upcoming Walks

- Men's Walk #99  
May 16-19  
Steve Kopp LD
- Women's Walk #100  
Aug 22-25  
Judy Lovelady LD

### Team Meetings

- May 5 - Men's Walk 99 -  
8:30 Church St UMC -  
Selma. Bring two, two-liter  
drinks and lunch snacks.  
Breakfast will be provided.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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**EMMAUS CELEBRATION**  
FRIDAY JULY 20, 2007  
6:30 p.m.  
FRAZER UMC  
MONTGOMERY  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

### **JOY PRIESTER - LAY DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WALK #98**

As walk #98 approaches, I am overwhelmed by the response of servanthood from our Emmaus community. So many servants are ready and willing to give of their time, energy and efforts to serve the ladies of walk #98. One of the responses I have heard from pilgrims of previous walks is, "I just want to come back and serve the way I have been served this week." God is offering us another opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to these ladies, and I look forward to serving along with each and every one of you.

When Saturday's closing service is complete, I pray that God has been honored and glorified in all that has gone on during these three days, and that we have all had the opportunity to witness lives that have been renewed and refreshed by the Holy Spirit.

We would not have been able to see 97 successful walks if each walk had not been bathed in prayer. I encourage your continued prayer support, not only for walk 98, but for all that will follow and for our entire Emmaus community.

The ladies of walk 98 don't know this yet, but they do look forward to seeing you at Candlelight, Serenade and Closing. I am humbled to be a servant for our Lord on walk #98, and I am so excited to see what God has in store for each servant and each pilgrim!

**DeColores,**  
Joy Priester  
CAEW #27  
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Walk #98 Scripture Verse

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CAEW #98  
April 25th-28th

Central Alabama Emmaus Walk

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In Case Of Emergency  
Camp Alamisco  
256-825-9482

**Pilgrims** (As Of Mon 4-23-07)

Michelle Arrington  
Beth Barker  
Rhonda Blythe  
Karen Boswell  
Haynes Bryant  
Pat Buchanan  
Rhonda Caver  
Tina Caver  
Casey Dillard  
Ann Duncan  
Kimmie Ellis  
Julie Etherton  
Christy Flurry  
Beth Giddens  
Donna Guerin  
Tiffany Hall  
Adrenne Hayes  
Kasey Hope  
Anne Horne  
Penny Johnson  
Deborah Jones  
Cathy Latham  
Eileen Leete  
Dianne Lilly  
Jane Massey  
Nancy McLachlan  
Rosemary Meadows  
Lori Morrow  
Suzie Negas  
Melanie Peppers  
Pam Petersime  
Kim Shelton  
Molly Stewart  
Tifannie Struggs  
Kim Thompson  
Heather Thornton  
Freda Thrower  
Brooke Trout  
Joan Turner  
Jorie Welch  
Joanne Wells  
Pam Yarbrough

Deatsville, AL  
Kellyton, AL  
Alex City, AL  
Tuskegee AL  
Mtn Brook, AL  
Woodstock, GA  
Selma, AL  
Jones, AL  
Notasulga, AL  
Wetumpka, AL  
Prattville, AL  
Valley, AL  
Auburn, AL  
Wetumpka, Al  
Auburn, AL  
Acworth, GA  
Montgomery, AL  
Prattville, AL  
Auburn, AL  
Salem , AL  
Selma, AL  
Clanton, AL  
Atlanta, GA  
Alex City, AL  
Prattville, AL  
Woodstock, GA  
Tallasse, AL  
Woodstock, GA  
Kennesaw, GA  
Alex City, AL  
Deatsville, AL  
Jackson's Gap AL  
Helena, AL  
Montgomery, AL  
Auburn, AL  
Wetumpka, AL  
Montgomery, AL  
Alex City, AL  
Alex City, AL  
Wetumpka, AL  
Eclectic, AL  
Selma, AL

**Church**

St James UMC  
Alex City UMC  
Alex City UMC  
Greenwood Baptist  
Northern Hills  
Valley Grande Baptist  
Elkdale Baptist  
Elam Baptist  
Frazer UMC  
Glynwood Baptist  
Langdale UMC  
Auburn UMC  
Cain's Chapel UMC  
Auburn UMC  
Northern Hills  
Vaughn Forest Baptist  
Glynwood Baptist  
Auburn UMC  
Trinity UMC  
Valley Grande Baptist  
Mt Pisgah Methodist  
East Cobb Church Of Christ  
Flint Hill UMC  
Prattville FUMC  
Northern Hills  
Macedonia Christian  
Northern Hills  
East Cobb COC  
Bay Pine Baptist  
Cain's Chapel  
Dadeville FUMC  
Walnut Creek Methodist  
Pilgrim Rest Mission Baptist  
Auburn UMC  
Frazer UMC  
Frazer UMC  
Alex City UMC  
Alex City UMC  
Frazer UMC  
St Luke UMC  
Crosspoint Christian

**Sponsor**

Larry Arrington  
Betty & Vic Hamilton  
Donna & Mike Wells  
Stephen Senger  
Vickie Dearing  
Tim Broadwell  
Lorri Schnoover  
Melody Harris  
Debra Dillard  
John Duncan  
Skipper & Martha Ellis  
Jason Etherton  
Shanda Foster  
Shirley & Dan Esco  
Christi Hall  
Mike Hall  
Mike McGuire  
T R Hope  
Mary Jane Laumer  
David Smalley  
Karl Jones  
Nina Burkhalter  
Anthony Leete  
John Lilly  
Becky Hill  
Annette Broadwell  
Donna & Mike Wells  
Annette Broadwell  
Chuck Negas  
Sharon Moore  
Amy Adams  
Carl Kelly  
Tony Hughes  
Laura Peters  
Michelle Granberry  
Stave Thornton  
Kim Rawlinson  
Donna & Mike Wells  
Cathy Skarecky  
Terri Sasser  
Charlotte Brewer  
Donna Tidwell

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Team Roster - Women's Walk #98

Lay Director

Joy Priester

Spiritual Director

Rev. Glen Pugh

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Rev. John Brannon

Rev. Eddie Kelsey

Rev. Alan McBride

Rev. David Noles

Assistant Lay Directors

Aleta Fountain

Ellyn Hix

Judy Lovelady

Sharmon Morris

Table Leaders

Michelle Granberry

Joy Green

Sharon Irish

Shelly Munger

Mimi Stacy

Sid Utsey

Betsy Windle

Assistant Table Leaders

Suzanne Baker

Katie Blair

Trish Block

Stacy Deavor

Rhonda Gibson

Carol Harris

Joan McDevitt

Music and Media

Marian Woodman

Chrystal Strickland

Barbara Rosser

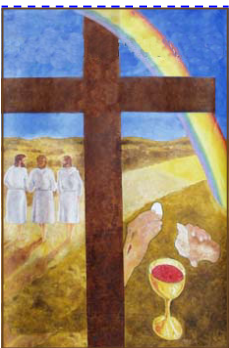
Board Representative

Teri Dingler



He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 1:15



Agape Needs: 72 of Each Item

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Work Area Assignments—Women’s Walk #98

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Candlelight	Lake Martin Cluster	Music: Praise Band 1st UMC Alex City	Fourth Day Speaker: Robert Turner
Entertainment	Abby Land and Cain’s Chapel		
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Serenade	Robert Turner		
Sponsor’s Hour	Steve Davis		
72 Hour Prayer Vigil	Mike Wells		mwells@chal.org
Speakers Prayer Chapel	Nan Cantrell		hollyh@charter.net
Book Bags	Donna Wells	Kathy Skarecky	dwell@alex.k12.al.us

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## Work Areas — Understanding & Monthly Focus

### Agape

One of the best areas to work in at Emmaus is Agape. Those of us who have been blessed to serve in this area understand that Agape is the one area in which we get to share the love (Agape) from the entire community with our Pilgrims.

First, we need to understand what Agape is. The early Christians used the word “agape” to refer to the self-sacrificing love of God for humanity, which they were committed to reciprocating and practicing towards God and among one another. The work area of Agape is our opportunity to share this love with each other.

This work area involves the passing out of the agape “treasures” at specific times during the weekend. We place the agape in the conference room, on the dining tables and on their beds. Each piece of agape is provided by love from someone or a group, such as a reunion group or cluster. To make sure that every person receives the noted treasures, we need 72 pieces.

One thing many of us may not know is that each day of the weekend has a special focus. Day 1 – Thursday is focused on God. Day 2 – Friday the focus is on Jesus. Day 3 – Saturday is focused on the Holy Spirit. Agape always tries to make sure that the agape we pass out is appropriate for the day. Another thing to remember is most pilgrims like to wear the agape - and that goes for most of the conference room, too - so wearable agape is always a plus.

Another part of Agape is the extra blessing of putting together the packets and bags that each Pilgrim gets to take home. This includes the book with an updated list of everyone in the conference room, as well as pictures and other literature. And of course, let’s not forget the blessing of the letters. One of the most wonderful ways our friends share their love is through the Agape letters.

Another special part of this work area is the sharing of agape through letters with other communities. We receive many letters that we print and bring to the walks to share with the pilgrims. In addition, we send each of these communities an agape love letter for them to share. Each letter is accompanied by a list of walks for our community to pray for. We all know that the backbone and heart of each of the Emmaus walks is prayer, and this is an opportunity for you to add another community to your prayers. I know that they will be lifted up, as our pilgrims and our walks are also lifted up by our brothers and sisters in Christ.

So, if you wish to share you love in a very special way, come and work agape. We would love to have your help sharing our love.

**DeColores**  
**Steve Kopp**  
**CAEW 56**  
**Table of Luke**



..... Jesus Jesus Can I  
Tell You How I Feel,  
You Have Given Me  
Your Spirit  
I Love You So

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12: 3-5

**"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."**  
John 15: 9



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 \* the fourth day - sharing and testimony \*  
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## My Fourth Day Praise Report

I could be the poster child for a difficult pilgrim. It would be an under statement to say that I did not want be there. I was mad at my husband for making me go on that walk and for abandoning me to renew my relationship with the Lord.

After a rocky start, the Lord dealt with my willful ways. My Emmaus walk deepened my desire to serve my mighty Lord anyway He wanted me to.

This brings me to my 4<sup>th</sup> days when I returned home. I was on fire for the Lord. I had started a Bible class at my work, doing daily study and praising the Lord everywhere I went. I went through two Beth Moore studies. I was in constant prayer for my son, who was in Iraq. I believed that the Lord was watching over him. My son came home in January 2006 and married in February 2006, all to the Lords glory. My worship and service could not be going better.

This is still going to be a praise report, but Satan wasn't very happy losing.

In May 2006 my job that I enjoyed very much ended, along with the income. At the same time, the Bible class that I had started ended. This meant that I no longer had the opportunity to see several of the women that I was sharing the Good News with. It was a real blow to have everything that seemed so right just pulled away from me. The announcement of the closer and the end of my position came when I was up at the camp working as the co-chairperson for Agape.

Then, when I was preparing to be the Chairperson for Greeters, I fell down the back deck stairs at our home and broke my foot. I still made it to the Walk - broken foot and all - but I have to tell you that I questioned my husband - maybe God didn't want me at Emmaus. My husband assured me that it is not God, but Satan who didn't want me there. I turned to the scriptures, read them and believed that the Lord would restore me and had plans for me. He would reveal it to me in His time.

I'm so thankful He loves me, and that when I have doubts, He just tugs at me or sends the right person to me. Sometimes, I think the Holy Spirit just moves me to have faith that He will see me through anything. With that, I pray that the Lord will protect my sweet, dear son who will have to return to Iraq in July 2007. This is a praise report! Have faith, brothers and sisters, in your 4<sup>th</sup> days.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" Romans 8: 28

DeColores  
 Cathy Skarecky  
 CAEW 83  
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And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

**1 Thessalonians 5: 14-24**



**Spirit of the Living God  
 Fall afresh on me  
 Spirit of the Living God  
 Fall afresh on me  
 Melt me. Mold me.  
 Fill me. Use me.  
 Spirit of the Living God  
 Fall afresh on me**





## Christian Accountability - A Need for Support and Involvement in a Reunion Group

Accountability is essential for any society to function and Christian accountability is no different. We are all held accountable in one way or another. For example, there are laws to obey and if we fail to be obedient, we may have to suffer the consequences set by the officials who hold us accountable. Accountability is simply being responsible for one's actions.

There are several accountability groups that specialize in assisting people who would like to overcome an issue, addiction, or other tendency. As humans, we find support, comfort, and motivation from others who are struggling with similar life circumstances.

There are Christian accountability groups as well. Christians need support and comfort and often find this through Christian accountability. There are two essential elements to accountability: Trust and the Ability To Relate.

## Christian Accountability - The Essential Element of Trust

In order to establish Christian accountability, there needs to be trust. Developing trust is a slow process and it takes time to develop and grow. As people meet together to share, they begin to establish a rapport with one another. How is this accomplished? Let's see what the Bible says.

- Active listening is essential to developing trust. James 1:19 says, "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."
  - A non-judgmental attitude is another essential element. Remember, we can be accepting of an individual while being discerning of the situation. Matthew 7:1-2 says, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
- Caring for each other is also essential. 1 John 4:21 says, "And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

Accountability involves a willingness to open yourself up and share sensitive or personal information. This is why trust is so imperative. If you sense trust, you are more open to share your innermost thoughts without concern of betrayal.

## Christian Accountability - The Essential Element of Relating

Relating is an important factor in Christian accountability. It is helpful when the group shares a common bond or has been through similar experiences. People who relate to one another can empathize and share with an understanding heart. People can feel comfortable in sharing their circumstances, and can be totally accepted without fear of rejection.

## Christian Accountability - Biblical Guidance

Does the Bible speak of Christian accountability? First of all, the Bible says that God holds us accountable. Romans 14:12 says, "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God." This is personal accountability.

Christians are also accountable to one another. In 1 Corinthians chapter 12, we read that Christians are all part of the same body - the body of Christ - and each member needs or belongs to the other. This Scripture suggests the importance of strong accountability between Believers. It is important for every Believer to have at least one other person in which to confide, pray with, listen to, and encourage.

Galatians 6:1-2 gives a helpful principle, "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." If your accountability friend has done something contrary to the Bible, you are called to confront him gently, forgive him, and comfort him. It also admonishes you to consider yourself because no one is above temptation.



## God Wants Time Alone

"God wants you alone sometimes because he wants your absolute, undivided attention. God doesn't hug two people at a time; He hugs us one at a time. He loves us one at a time, but unless we are willing to get alone with Him, our minds will always be divided. Private meditation allows the Lord Jesus Christ to have each of us all to Himself. *His private workings are often His most precious.* He wants you all to Himself to put His loving, divine arms around you.

**Charles Stanley**

## Time is Made, Not Found

The truth is that we don't have time *not* to practice solitude and silence. No time is more profitably spent than that used to heighten the quality of an intimate walk with God. If we think otherwise, we have been badly educated. The real question is, will we take time to do what is necessary for an abundant life and an abundant ministry, or will we try to get by without it? Knowing Christ though times spent away in solitude and silence will let our "joy be complete" (John 16:24)

**Dallas Willard**



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FRIDAY JULY 20, 2007

6:30 p.m.

FRAZER UMC. MONTGOMERY

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

## 2007 Board Representatives

Work Area	2007 Board Representative
72 Hour Prayer Vigil	<a href="#">Sue Utsey</a>
Agape	<a href="#">Steve Kopp</a>
Banners	<a href="#">Mike Wells</a>
Book Table	<a href="#">Aleta Fountain</a>
Candlelight	<a href="#">Jack Mosley</a>
Food Preparation	<a href="#">John Duncan</a>
Greeters	<a href="#">Roger Lien</a>
Housing and Registration	<a href="#">Roger Lien</a>
Logistics	<a href="#">Mike Wells</a>
Meal Service	<a href="#">Terri Sasser</a>
Music	<a href="#">Christi Hall</a>
Photography	Charles Cummings
Refreshments	<a href="#">Randy Lovelady</a>
Serenade	<a href="#">Christi Hall</a>
Speaker's Prayer Chapel	<a href="#">Sarah Mingledorff</a>
Sponsor's Hour	<a href="#">Elvis North</a>
Supplies	<a href="#">Sue Utsey</a>
Worship	<a href="#">Aleta Fountain</a>
Registrar Men's	<a href="#">Michelle Nix</a>
Registrar Women's	<a href="#">Lynn "Mo" Moseley</a>
Community Spiritual Director	Charles Cummings
Community ASD	<a href="#">Elvis North</a>
Community Lay Director	<a href="#">Joe Eakes</a>
Community ALD	<a href="#">Christi Hall</a>

