

the fourth day newsletter



Men's Walk #101

Sept 26th - Sept 29th

Times To Remember:

Wed 7pm Sendoff

Fri 7pm Candlelight

Sat 7am Serenade

Sat 4pm Closing

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They asked each other, "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



The Koinonia Factor!

As a pilgrim on my original walk (CAEW #21), I recognized that there were many things that were going on, both in the conference room and outside, but I could not grasp the scope of what was happening. I would see and enjoy the excellent meals, the subtle changes in worship spaces, the plethora of agape "appearing" on my table, and hear about the hundreds of prayers being offered on my behalf around the world. However, in my fourth days, I have been privileged to look "behind the curtain" at the Emmaus community, I now see clearly the amazing miracle of The Walk to Emmaus.

This huge sea of servants who manage every aspect of the experience for the pilgrims in the conference room, those who put in on average over 11,000 hours of work for each walk, are what I like to call "The Koinonia Factor"!

The word *Koinonia* in the Greek is a word that I think connects three of the central values of the Emmaus community into one concept, "shared experience", "working together", and "common purpose". First, Koinonia means "shared experience" and reminds us that the pilgrims on walk #101 will experience a very similar walk to the one that all the pilgrims before were privileged to be a part. Second, Koinonia means "working together" and reminds us that we are blessed to be a blessing to others and only as we work together can we provide the same experience for pilgrims in the future. Finally, Koinonia means "common purpose" and calls to our minds the mission of Emmaus to empower pilgrims with an authentic encounter with God's love in Jesus Christ in order for them to become leaders in their home churches for the cause of Christ.

I am so privileged to be a part of what God is doing on walk #101 and honored to work alongside the hundreds of servants who make up The Koinonia Factor! Our shared experience has transformed our understanding of God's love, our teamwork enables pilgrims today to have the opportunity to be overwhelmed by God's grace, and our unity calls us forward in mission for the sake of God's kingdom. Thanks to everyone and the empowering of God's Spirit who makes this happen.

De Colores! - Michael Beale - SD CAEW #101

It seems like only yesterday, when I stood up at Closing for CAEW #18 at Camp Chandler and tried to put into words what the Walk meant to me and what I intended to do with it. That was almost eleven years ago, and I cannot even begin to imagine my life without the life-changing experience I came away with and the life-long friendships I made on that Walk and since in the Emmaus Community. As I look back on some 4,000 Fourth Days, I am overwhelmed at how God has blessed my life in so many ways – and now, He has blessed me to serve as the Lay Director for Walk #101.

Someone once told me that this would be one of the hardest jobs that I would ever love, and they are so right. The blessings are immeasurable, and they began with all those who have encouraged me and prayed for me along the way. It is easy for me to understand why the Lay Director on an Emmaus Walk gives the Perseverance Talk. I have identified with the great Apostle Paul on several occasions recently, particularly when he tells the Philippians, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

For me, the largest blessing has been to experience how the Emmaus Community has reached out to me in love and said "yes" to our

Lord Jesus Christ, in serving and supporting the Walk. The entire Team – Conference Room and Support Team – have been chosen by God to do His good work. When I see what God is doing, I am literally moved to tears and know that He has something wonderful in store for us all. This shouldn't surprise any of us – we've all seen it happen again and again, Walk after Walk – God changing lives, restoring relationships, bringing forgiveness, healing marriages, bringing down strongholds, and equipping His Church. Can there be any more important work that we ought to be about within the body of Christ?

I give you all my deepest and heartfelt thanks and extend a personal invitation to the entire Community to join us and all the Pilgrims of Walk #101 – whether it's to serve a meal, sign up for the Prayer Vigil, light a candle at Candlelight, sing at Serenade, or hear the Pilgrims at Closing. I cannot think of any better words than those of the Apostle Paul to the Philippians – "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

De Colores! George Mingledorff - LD CAEW #101

Upcoming Walks

- **Men's Walk #101**
Sept 26 - 29
LD: George Mingledorff
SD: Rev. Michael Beale
 - **Women's Walk #102**
Oct 10 - 13
LD: Kelly Aulner
SD: Rev. Charles Cummings
 - **Men's Walk #103**
Oct 17 - 20
LD: Sam Palomaria
SD: Rev. Steve Spinning
 - **Women's Walk #104**
Nov 14 - 17
LD: Linda Hines Hornsby
SD: Rev. Tony Hughes
- Team Meetings - read more see page 8*

Walk #101 Scripture Verse

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Central Alabama Emmaus Walk

To renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through development of leaders and renewal of Christians as faithful, committed disciples of Jesus Christ.



In Case Of Emergency
Camp Alamisco
256-825-9482

| <i>Pilgrim Name</i> | | <i>Church</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Millard Andrews | Montgomery AL | First Baptist Church | Waldo Edwards |
| Ron Bodeen | Opelika AL | Auburn UMC | Deborah McCord |
| Chad Caldwell | Jacksons Gap AL | Bay Pine Baptist | Will Baker |
| John Chapman | Montgomery AL | Frazer UMC | John Duncan |
| Nelson Christian | Montgomery AL | Fraser UMC | Bo Cavin |
| Don Christianson | Montgomery AL | St. Luke UMC | Sandy Christianson |
| Winford Collier | Deatsville AL | Cain's Chapel | Brenda Riddle |
| Richmond Counts | Opelika AL | Auburn UMC | Jennifer Jones |
| Allen Crockett | Montgomery AL | Frazer UMC | Sam Palomaria |
| Mike DiLaura | Montgomery AL | St. James UMC | Sam Wainwright |
| Shane Dye | Alexander City AL | Bay Pine Baptist | Jeff Dye |
| David Earls | Opelika AL | Trinity UMC | Rishi Rajan |
| Kelly Ferrin | Montgomery AL | First Christian Church | Martha Smith |
| Tommy Fisher | Montgomery AL | Frazer UMC | Sam Fisher |
| Adam Genger | Acworth GA | Northern Hills | Mike Hall |
| Zac Gibbs | Montgomery AL | Frazer UMC | Brandon Hunt |
| Greg Gosselin | Pike Road AL | Eastern Hills Baptist | Joan McDevitt |
| Jim Hagin | Verbena AL | FBC Foley | Jack Lyster |
| Russell Hamlin | Delta AL | First Assembly | George Simpson |
| Tom Higgins | Opelika AL | 1st Baptist Church | Mark Young |
| Jim Hutson | Montgomery AL | Aldersgate UMC | Walt & Veda Johnson |
| Duane Jones | Clanton AL | Walnut Creek UMC | Ollie Clyde Jones |
| George Jones, Sr. | Valley Grande AL | Valley Grande Baptist | Karl Jones |
| Allen Lopez | Montgomery AL | Frazer UMC | Caroll Jeffcoat |
| Johnny Lowe | Lanett AL | Spring Road Christian | Hugh McClendon |
| Dave McKinney | Montgomery AL | Aldersgate UMC | Jim Snyder |
| Scot Mims | Montgomery AL | Frazer UMC | Steve Thornton |
| Claude Moody | Auburn AL | Trinity Methodist | Terry Love |
| Perry Moore | Alexander City AL | Bay Pine Baptist | Sharon Moore |
| Mark Musgrove | Eufaula AL | Parkview Baptist | Carla Meadows |
| Billy Perry | Selma AL | Cross Point | Jimbo Small |
| Rev. Jim Reece | Wetumpka AL | FUMC Wetumpka | Marvin Salter |
| Tim Roberts | Valley Grande AL | Valley Grande Baptist | Pam Haskins |
| Mac Schuessler | West Point GA | Spring Roa Christian | Eric Hemberg |
| Brent Slay | Montgomery AL | St. James UMC | Sam Wainwright |
| Albert Smith | LaFayette AL | LaFayette First UMC | Dee Dowdy |
| Kimbal Taylor | Ashland AL | First Assembly | George Simpson |
| Paul Thomas | Selma AL | First Baptist Selma | Larry Lewis |
| Joe Wagner | Opelika AL | Lakeview Baptist | Wayne Hall |
| Larry Walker | Wetumpka AL | Fraser UMC | John Duncan |
| Hiram Williamson | Notasulga AL | Cornerstone UMC | Howard Porter |
| Hanan Wilson | Montgomery AL | Frazer UMC | Jon Mark Glenn |

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Team Roster - Men's Walk #101

Lay Director

George Mingledorff



Spiritual Director

Rev. Michael Beale

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Rev. Jamie Barkley

Rev. Elvis North

Rev. Mark Osgood

Rev. Jim Sasser

Assistant Lay Directors

Fred Cargill

John Duncan

Wayne Gauntt

Sam Palomaria

Table Leaders

Waldo Edwards

Glen Granberry

Tom Hollingshead

Rishi Rajan

Bill Shirley

Dennis Teel

Phillip Vallia

Assistant Table Leaders

Bill Cutright

Harold Faulkner

Don Letford

Mike Melton

Bob Money

Shelton Nichols

Jim Smith

Media

Steve Blair

Music

Molly Cross

Chad Riley

Board Representative

Jim Snyder

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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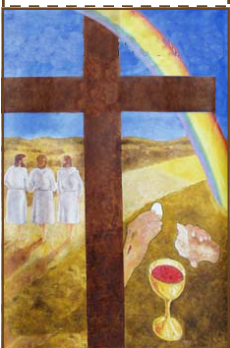
Work Area Assignments - Men's Walk #101



**Agape Needs: 72 of
Each Item**

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- Agape – Sandra Many H 334-727-0175, Ruth Coggins, Betty Jo Landrum, Ford & Mary Jane Laumer
- Banners – Assistant Lay Directors
- Bed Tags – Peggy Massey H 334-613-0176
- Book Covers – Linnie Kopp H 334-872-6950 W 334-874-9566,
- Pilgrim Booklets – Rita Henson H 334-705-0178 W 334-744-2484
- Book Table – Wendy Rajan H 334-749-6402, Veda Johnson H 334-279-8169
- Candlelight – Truman Hornsby, Linda Hines-Hornsby H 334-395-8444, Terri Sasser, Aleta Fountain, Jorie Welch
- Fourth Day Speaker – Jerry Kemp H 334-272-1190
- Music – Steve Badskey H 334-244-9975
- Media – Phillip Abernathy 334-285-2677
- Friday Night Entertainment – Katie Blair H 334-244-9745,
Phillip Abernathy H 334-285-2677
- Friday Night Party – JoAnn Waters H 334-281-5697, Joy Beers, Pam Snyder,
& Peggy Massey
- Greeters – David Waldrop H 334-821-8620 W 334-257-3232, Angi Rhymes,
- Housing & Registration – Karen Gates H 334-356-2225 W 334-215-3815
- Logistics – Ken Fortier kdf62765@yahoo.com H 334-285-4173
Tre' Mills, Mack Lovelady
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fbrosser@bellsouth.net
- Meal/Food Preparation – Hugh McClendon H 334-444-1142 Harold Bordages
John Gates, Frank & Nedetria Talbot, Betty North, Clyde Jones, Jack Lyster, Eric Canada
- Photography – Ken Himes C 334-707-8600
- Refreshments – Dorann Frazer H 334-872-6884, Linda Silavent & Betty Jo Landrum
- Serenade – Mary Sue Burt H 334-279-9423, and Kay Stabler H 334-277-2392
- Speaker's Prayer Chapel – Eleanor Bordages H 251-246-9308, Kathy Nichols H 334-875-2252
- Sponsor's Hour – Fred Turner H 334-356-8618 W 334-265-9108,
Jimmy Daniel H 334-244-7386
- Worship – Don Grobe H 334-270-5848, Alicia Cargill
- 72 Hour Prayer Vigil – Catherine Goodwin H 269-9225 W 334-207-0731

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Work Areas - Understanding & Monthly Focus

Speakers Prayer Chapel

For many walks, the first area staffed by the lay director is not the conference room, but the Speaker's Prayer Chapel. Why this area? This is the power center for the walk; the Source of that power is the Triune God. Here each speaker is "prayed up" before his or her talk and "prayed down" after the talk. Before-talk prayers are usually prayers of praise or supplication for God to use the speaker, to give calmness, confidence and peace of mind. After-talk prayers are usually of praise and thanksgiving for having used the speaker to effectively and lovingly communicate and witness to the pilgrims.

During each talk those in the Speakers Prayer Chapel join in prayer for the pilgrims, often praying for each one by name and lifting up specific prayer requests, as well as prayer for the speaker, the conference room team, the support team and various elements of the walk. Joining members of the community in prayer in the intimate setting of the prayer chapel is an awesome experience because God's presence is so very real there.

The good news is that any member of the community may participate. All you need to do is show up about 15 minutes before any one of the 15 talks which are scheduled as follows:

Day 1: 9:05 am, 11:15 am, 1:45 pm, 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm

Day 2: 8:20 am, 10:00 am, 2:45 pm, 4:15 pm & 6:45 pm

Day 3: 8:30 am, 9:25 am, 10:25 am, 12:15 pm & 1:00 pm

The Speaker's Prayer Chapel is located behind the large rainbow banner just to the left as you approach the entrance to the conference room building. Please watch for pilgrims during break times and do not enter the area until all of them have returned to the conference room.

You are invited to join in prayer with others in the Speaker's Prayer Chapel as an act of agape. In addition to those staffing the chapel, there are often family or reunion group members or friends present to pray for a speaker. In order to ensure that the conference room stays on schedule, brief prayers are lifted by assigned conference room team members and those closest to the speaker before the talk. Others who wish to participate are encouraged to stay and pray during the talk. While oral prayers are offered by many, some prefer to pray silently and this is perfectly okay. God hears our prayers either way.

I hope you will come by the Speaker's Prayer Chapel and join in praying for the speakers and pilgrims. Prayer is the backbone of a walk and a beautiful expression of love. Come and experience the joy and blessing of serving in this vital area of ministry.

De Colores,

Sarah Mingledorff

CAEW # 17

Table of Naomi



"After our Lord's death was over, the blood of animals was not the type, but the blood of the grape. That which was terrible in prospect is joyous in remembrance. That which was blood in the shedding is wine in the receiving. It came from him with a wound, but it comes to us with a blessing."

C. H. Spurgeon

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

Residing within us, the Holy Spirit is our ever-present Advisor and Comforter.

Through His guidance, our character, conversation, and conduct are reshaped to look like Jesus'.

The way that we grow in Christlikeness is by submission to the work of the Holy Spirit. Subjecting our body, mind, emotions, and will to the Lord suppresses self-determination and allows Christ's life to be expressed instead. Selfishness is then replaced by His gentle yet firm love. Though we still have our body and mind, we are each a new person.

Charles Stanley



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My Fourth Day Journey



On my first "Fourth Day" after CAEW #97, I was riding high and feeling good about everything. I was now at home trying to be mindful of my wife, who was waiting to go on her walk, and still express the unbelievable power of my experience. At church, I recognized and greeted so many people who participated actively and behind the scenes at my Walk. I thought my current state of euphoria would never leave me. But, with each passing fourth day at work and home, I know those initial feelings began to subside to a certain level. I still felt like my core beliefs had changed in many ways, but the wave of emotion had passed.

Many times in life, I feel our core beliefs are tested and revealed under darker circumstances. On July 6th, 2007, I believe the impact of my Walk to Emmaus was revealed undeniably. My oldest daughter ,Isabel, and I were enjoying that rainy Friday at Chuck E. Cheese in Jackson, Mississippi. When we came out in the rain to get in my truck, I noticed it was not where I parked it. In fact, it just wasn't there at all. A security video later revealed my truck leaving no more than ten minutes after I arrived. To say the least, I felt sick and somewhat violated. My daughter asked me what happened, and all I could say was "some bad, bad men took daddy's truck."

After the initial shock wore off and reality set in, I felt thankful my truck was not taken by force and we remained unharmed. I reminded myself that there were many others in the world suffering tribulations far worse than the theft of truck. As I wound down for the evening, I was running through a list of coulda, shoulda, woulda on how I could have prevented such an occurrence. Then, as I do at the end of every evening, I began the day's final conversation with the Lord. And surprisingly, the first thing I found myself doing was asking God to forgive the people who stole my truck. I asked him to provide them with the power to change their lives, realize the trouble they create, and avoid a path to demise.

What!? I had never considered praying for anyone who had created such trouble in my life. I could hardly believe that thought had entered my mind. I can only attribute this change of heart to my transformation at Emmaus. Before, I would have wished for those people to experience the sound of weeping and gnashing of teeth for eternity. The effects of those three days never appeared so clear to me until that evening.

All in all, I continue to be amazed at the impact God made in my life in one weekend. I am ever thankful for those who took the time to help and participate in my journey to Emmaus. And, I will remain forever mindful to include those who are truly in need our prayers.

De Colores.

Brad Litkenhous

CAEW#97

Table of Peter "The Rock"



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

"If we do not abide in prayer, we will abide in temptation. Let this be one aspect of our daily intercession: 'God, preserve my soul, and keep my heart and all its ways so that I will not be entangled.' When this is true in our lives, a passing temptation will not overcome us. We will remain free while others lie in bondage."
- John Owen

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
(Matthew 6:19-21 ESV)



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Giving Him Glory In All Things



The verse Jeremiah 29:11 has been special to me for many years, but even more so since my walk over four years ago. God has shown me so many times how much He loves me and wants only the best for me. Then came June 13, 2007.

For six to eight months prior to that I had worked with several people, including Tom and Larissa Benz, Donna and Jerry Goodwin and Sarah Mingledorff, to prepare for a mission trip to Ukraine. I was the self-appointed craft lady. I thought I had done such a great and wonderful job to make sure everything was just right and that God was going to be so pleased with my efforts. We were to leave on Saturday, June 16th.

On Wednesday June 13th my husband, Art, was scheduled for a heart catherization because earlier tests indicated there might be a problem. Before we could get to the hospital that morning for the heart cath, we received a phone call telling us that one of Art's sisters in Michigan had passed away. We knew she was terminally ill, but had not expected her death so soon. Then the heart cath revealed that Art needed quadruple bypass surgery. Now there were two reasons why I couldn't go to Ukraine.

This began several days of being angry and indignant with God. How could He let me work so hard and be so excited about this mission trip, then allow the circumstances to prevent it? How could He do this to me after all I'd done for Him? I cried when I had to turn over "my crafts" to Donna; I cried on Saturday when I knew the group was flying out of Atlanta; and I pouted with God because He didn't change those circumstances so that I could go. How much more childish and immature could I have been? Little did I know that God would show me the truths of Jeremiah 29:11 once again.

The doctors agreed to delay Art's surgery for a few days so that we could go to Michigan, be with his family and attend his sister's funeral. During that trip, I was able to see how important it was to Art that I was there to support him during this difficult time. Two days after our return home, Art underwent the surgery, with not four but six bypasses. We both have adult children from prior marriages and two of Art's three daughters came to be with their dad for the surgery. Neither of them attends church and don't have the benefit of the support and prayers that come from a church family. The love and support that was shown by our pastor and church family was such a blessing to us and a very visual display of God's love to Art's daughters.

God brought Art through a difficult surgery and continues to strengthen and heal him every day. But He's done more than the physical healing of my husband. He brought about a spiritual healing in me. He showed me that He does have plans for my life, plans to prosper me and not to harm me, plans to give me a hope and a future. That doesn't mean that I will always understand or agree with those plans, but that doesn't matter. I have learned yet again that I have to live by faith and trust that God knows what is best for me and that I will give Him the glory in all things.

De Colores
Sharon Irish
CAEW #57
Table of Sarah



Jeremiah 29: 11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future .."



Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;
my hope comes from him.

Psalms 62: 5

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.
"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55: 8-9

But when the kindness and love of
God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of righteous things we
had done, but because of his mercy.
He saved us through the washing of
rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he poured out on us generously
through Jesus Christ our Savior, so
that, having been justified by his
grace, we might become heirs having
the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3: 4-7

"A sheep who has been with a
shepherd for many years is better
equipped to hear the shepherd's
voice, but that is not true for the
newborn lamb. If we neglect the
Word of God and don't build it into
our lives, when Satan comes along
we're all too easily deceived. If we
feel an overwhelming urge to act
spontaneously, we better pull in the
reins. God is interested in having all
the details in their proper places."

Charles Stanley



Team Meetings

Team meetings.....the essential Prayer, Participation, and Preparation for any Emmaus Walk. It is the vital bonding of the team, the work areas, and the community that makes each of these walks special and seamless. Please plan to participate in these upcoming team meetings. Get up! Get out! Get involved!

Men's Walk 101

September 8 - Aldersgate - Montgomery - 8:30
(joint team meeting with Women's Walk 102)
(hot breakfast provided)

September 15 - Aldersgate - Montgomery - 8:30

Women's Walk 102

September 8 - Aldersgate - Montgomery - 8:30
(joint team meeting with Men's Walk 101)
(hot breakfast provided)

September 22 - AUMC - Auburn - 8:30
(joint team meeting with Men's Walk 103)

Men's Walk 103

September 22 - AUMC - Auburn - 8:30
(joint team meeting with Women's Walk 102)

October 6 - FUMC - Prattville - 8:30

Women's Walk 104

October 27 - Frazer Memorial UMC - Montgomery - 8:30
November 10 - Frazer Memorial UMC - Montgomery - 8:30

On ALL team meetings bring: snack foods and 2 name brand drinks - liter size.

Address or email changes? Help keep our records updated.

Send any changes - or updated info - with your original

Walk Info and complete name to:

sdutsey@aol.com

Thanks.

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

