

the fourth day newsletter

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Wed 7pm Sendoff

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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



REV. TOM BENZ- SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR WALK #99

The sun streamed in the windows this morning as I awoke. A summer shower had washed the night, so crisp, fresh air flooded our room. To stretch the pleasure of the dawn, I laid in bed to pray.

Interestingly, I prayed about a continuing problem situation in one of our orphanage Bible camps in Ukraine. "Please, Lord, redeem this situation." One of the tracks in my mind expressed frustration that I had to daily pray that the problem would be redeemed. All of the ingredients for incredible fellowship and powerful ministry stood side-by-side, yet certain rough spots kept us praying and praying for redemption.

It occurred to me that in the New Testament the original language sometimes indicates that the early believers were not only 'saved' -- once in time -- but that they were 'being saved' -- a continuing work of redemption.

Since I must continually be redeemed, why do I chafe against another need for a continuing work of redemption? The answer boldly pierces my heart: Because my deep-rooted arrogance denies my own need for continuous redemption, the next logical step is to condemn others for needing their own continuous work of grace.

In the popular comedy "What About Bob?" multiple phobias cripple the main character to the point of complete helplessness. But, Bob recognizes his neediness and incredibly and comedically forgives everyone else. He always forgives and even believes the highest and best motives are behind others' actions, even when the other lead character obviously loathes him and even tries to murder him. It seems to me that this grace that he freely, lavishly, and crazily extends to others is rooted in his recognition of his own lack.

Would to God that we could see our own need for His continuous work of redemption without the painful situations often necessary to burn the truth into our hearts. Unfortunately, the pride in most of us dies slowly . . . and often only through pain.

The next thought, though, is how do we realistically address situations that need correction while standing in the revelation of our own continuous need for God's redemptive work in our lives? While painting the house last month, someone had to be on the ladder. Though I fear heights, I bravely climbed. Reaching the top, I could hardly paint. With both legs and both arms tightly wrapped around the ladder, I couldn't get the brush to the wood! While I am sure there is more to the answer than this, I am also sure that, to keep from falling, we must wrap all appendages tightly around the cross and constantly ask for His mercy, His grace, and the continuous work of redemption that we constantly need.

Let us approach Walk 99 with arms, legs and all of our hearts wrapped around the foot of the cross. As we more completely surrender our own pride, in part through recognizing our own neediness, surely we will be more able to lavishly demonstrate His outrageous love for each pilgrim and each team member . . . and to see His blazing glory in our midst!

DeColores,

Rev. Tom Benz - Louisville Area Walk 63 - Table of James

STEVE KOPP - LAY DIRECTOR OF MEN'S WALK #99

Central Alabama Walk to Emmaus #99 is nearly here, and I am humbly sitting at my computer in awe of what God has done in preparing for this walk. We have had our team meetings, fellowshiped and prayed with each other and listened to talks about stories only God could have possibly put in these men's life. The servants in the background have all stepped up and have agreed to serve our Lord. The pilgrim list is complete, and we are all now waiting on Wednesday, May 16, for the walk to begin.

We are waiting for the day when the sponsors pick up their pilgrims and head towards camp and we get the privilege of seeing the face of Jesus as the greeters come with that special GLOW on their faces that only comes from our Lord. I don't know about you, but this first exposure on my walk may have been the hook that Jesus set for me. Each of us experienced the walk in our own personal way, and there was something that got our attention. It could have been the first talk, something on Friday, or even the ride home from the walk. But the result is, we all experienced Jesus in a new and fresh way that has brought us closer to Him.

One thing I know - and isn't it good to just know something and know it for sure - that one of the blessings of the Walk to Emmaus is the people we

meet while serving our Lord. I am sure each of you know what I am talking about. There are the friends we met on our original walk and others we have met while we were carrying boxes, cooking food or passing out Agape. We make these new friends because God intended all along that we become close.

Many of you have been praying for this walk for months, but we now have the names of the pilgrims, the conference room team and the servants in the background. I ask you to start praying for each of us by name. Pray that each of our hearts, pilgrims' and servants' alike, will open up to receive more of our Lord. As Mathew 18:19-20 states, "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered in My name, there I am in their midst." So as you go to the Lord in prayer, know for sure that others are also praying and that the Lord always listens to prayers offered by two or more. Prayer is the heartbeat of all of the Emmaus walks.

DeColores,

Steve Kopp - CAEW #56 - Table of Luke

Upcoming Walks

• [Women's Walk #100](#)

Aug 22-25

Judy Lovelady LD

• [Men's Walk #101](#)

Sept 26-29

George Mingledorff LD

Team Meetings

Aug 4 - Women's Walk 100

AUMC - Auburn

Aug 18 - Women's Walk 100

Flint Hill UM - Alex City

More updates to be provided in June for Walk 100 & 101.

Frazer Memorial UMC will be hosting a Sunday night Emmaus worship service on June 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Walk #99 Scripture Verse

“No longer shall the sun be your light by day, Nor the brightness of the moon shine upon you at night; The LORD shall be your light forever, your God shall be your glory.” Isaiah 60:19



Pilgrims *(As Of Thurs 5-9-07)*

Robert Atkins
 Charles Brazeal
 Kevin Carpenter
 Larry Carter
 Bill Colmer
 Dick Doucet
 Brent Dukhie
 Bruce Dunkin
 Perry Ezell
 Tommy Fisher
 David Gregory
 Lynn Grimes
 Klaus Guenzel
 Jim Gunther
 Kevin Harp
 Eric Jones
 Trey Jones
 Rev Keith Jones
 David Miller
 David Morris
 Paul Nichols
 Rev. Doug Orr
 John Perry
 Chris Pignato
 Bryan Prescott
 Jason Reed
 Chad Reese
 Ken Ringer
 Bill Salzarulo
 Lenny Schaefer
 Scott Selman
 Max Stewart
 Richard Stocks
 Doug Suddath
 Ben Taylor
 Jim Taylor
 Mitch Tucker
 Wayne Vardaman, Jr.
 Casey Waid
 Shannon Williams
 Kevin Yoxall

Minter, AL
 Valley, AL
 Auburn, AL
 Montgomery, AL
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 Wetumpka, AL
 Selma, AL
 Valley Grande AL
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 Ashland, AL
 Ariton, AL
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 Selma, AL
 Verbena, AL
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 Clanton, AL
 Athens, AL
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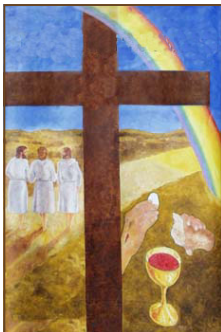
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 AUMC
 Frazer UMC
 Mountain View Baptist
 Our Lady Of Guadalupe
 Queen Of Peace
 Crosspoint Christian
 Community Fellowship
 Frazer UMC
 FBC Opelika
 Trinity UMC
 St. James UMC
 Frazer UMC
 AUMC
 FBC
 Westwood Baptist
 First Assembly
 Harvest Freewill Baptist
 AUMC
 Westwood Baptist
 Verbena UMC
 Elkdale Baptist Church
 Auburn UMC
 FUMC Clanton
 Orrville Baptist Church
 AUMC
 AUMC
 Crosspoint Church
 Prattville FBC
 FBC Opelika
 Walnut Creek UMC
 Elkdale Baptist
 College Grove Community
 Petrey UMC
 John's Creek Baptist
 Church St. UMC
 AUMC
 St. James UMC
 St. Michael Catholic Church

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 Gill & Shirlee Ausman
 Keith Hamrick
 Pat Barnt
 John Gates
 John Duncan
 Steve Kopp
 Steve & Donna Tidwell
 Wes Vickers
 Sam Fisher
 David Williams
 Steve Tucker
 Harold Woodman
 Benny Nolen
 Steve Clemmons
 Jim Creech
 Michael Fondren
 George Simpson
 Amber Goolsby
 Mark Young
 Shelton & Kathy Nichols
 David Edwards
 George Yocum
 Wes Cumbie
 Lynn Best
 Pat & Veronica Chesnut
 Steve Davis
 Ford Laumer
 Steve Tidwell
 Scott Carmichael
 Kraig Smith
 Tony and Beth Hughes
 Robert Beers
 Herb Goodwin
 Kline Jeffcoat
 Charles Bell
 Steve Clemmons
 Wayne Vardaman
 Todd Dowdle
 Marty Black
 Eddie Gran

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Team Roster - Men's Walk #98

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Steve Kopp

Spiritual Director

Rev. Tom Benz

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Rev. John Brannon
Rev. Charles Kendall
Rev. Mark Osgood
Rev. Jim Sasser



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Tre' Munger
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Jack Moseley
John Sherrer
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Eric Canada
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Hugh McClendon
Dave Schoonover

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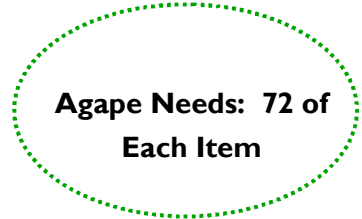
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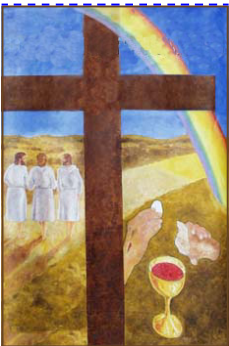
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Randy Lovelady



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

Colossians 1:15



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Work Area Assignments - Men's Walk #99



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**Agape Needs
72 of Each Item**

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Work Areas - Understanding & Monthly Focus

Meal Service

Do you remember all of the wonderful meals you were served on your walk? Do you remember the beautiful smiling faces of the ones that served you those meals? I think we can all remember how special we felt as we were served. I remember seeing joy in the faces of those that served meals to me way back on Walk # 22 and I knew that I wanted to come back and serve in the same way.

I would like to invite you to come back and help with Meal Service. If you can come and serve one meal, come to serve meals for one day or come and serve all three days, we welcome you to come and help us serve. No experience needed! We will gladly show you what you need to do. You supply the smile and we will teach you the rest.

We ask you to arrive before the scheduled meal times so that we are ready to serve the pilgrims when they arrive. Please be ready to serve at the following times:

Thursday

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.

Lunch – 12:00 p.m.

Dinner – 5:00 p.m.

Friday

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.

Lunch – 11:45 a.m.

Friday – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.

Lunch – 10:45 a.m.

Remember that Friday night is our “formal” dinner so please remember to wear your black pants and white shirt if you are planning to serve. We will supply the red cummerbunds and bow ties – you just supply the smile and a willingness to serve.

We also appreciate it when our servers stay and help the chairperson reset the dining hall for the next meal, help us spot mop, wash pitchers etc. Many hands make light work and we can always use you to help us. We also need extra helpers to hang the lights for the Friday night dinner.

After you have served a few times in meal service and find out what a great place it is to serve, we ask you to consider coming back to co-chair this area. We will pair you with an experienced chairperson so that you will be ready to chair meal service on a future walk.

Please come and help us be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve meals to our pilgrims. You will be truly blessed by the experience and you will be a blessing to others.

DeColores,

Terri Sasser
CA – 22
Table of Ruth



This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

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

Your biggest weakness is God's greatest opportunity.





the fourth day - sharing and testimony

"Better Is One Day In Your Courts"

Who remembers that old hymn ... "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world" Well, our Fourth Days have been a testimony to that thought. Allow us to go back.

Frazzled with the hectic life of commuting across, through, and around the ever-growing city of Atlanta, we moved to Auburn three years ago. We moved with the hope of a more peaceful life, a closer marriage and a healthier environment in which to raise our children. Unfortunately, after we arrived, we realized that we had merely replaced the chaos and confusion of Big City Life with the chaos and confusion of Small City Life. "Why hadn't things worked out like we planned," we wondered. How could we realize the peace that we knew God was leading us to when He brought us to Auburn ... the peace discussed in Isaiah 26:3: "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." Enter God.

As our weeks and months in Auburn passed, God sent a series of inspired men and women into our lives who showed us with their hearts, minds and extraordinary kindness that God had not led us to Auburn for some great task or for instant family bliss. God lead us to this community of believers to be filled with His Spirit and to provide a Christian environment for our family. He brought us friends who have encouraged us to spend time in His Word, and thus, as promised in Romans 10:17 ("Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."), to increase our faith. We began to learn, with blessed acuity, that we are justified through our faith, and that with that faith, comes peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ (See Romans 5:1). Hence, the victory of our faith, the peace of a life of Piety, came not from the mere magic of living in Auburn, Alabama, but from the Believers who encourage us daily to delve into God's Word and to prioritize that which should be most important to our family.

And where was that victory most recently evident in our lives? For both of us, our best days have been our first, second, third ... **AND MOST OF ALL, OUR FOURTH** days in this wonderfully inviting Emmaus Community. Psalms 84:10 tells us that "better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere." Though we confess that some days are spent in darker places, since our Walks, our fourth days have been spent in God's courts more often than not. Bible study, fellowship with believers, and peaceful family moments with God are the fruits that He has provided from our decision to join this Community, and what a blessing they have been!

We each remember separate Saturday afternoon drives back from Camp Alamisco, wondering whether life could deliver on the promise of "Fourth Days" that were as peaceful and comfortable as Days One, Two and Three. Through faith, the Fourth Days have not ended and have, in fact, improved. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world, and thanks to God and to all of you, the Waggoner family is enjoying that Victory more and more, with each Fourth Day that passes.

DeColores,

Jon and Kammi Waggoner
CAEW #91 - Table Of John
CAEW #96 - Table Of Ruth



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



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





How To Answer the “Tell Me What To Expect” Question

When faced with questions from your spouse or friend who may be awaiting their own walk, we are often reluctant to share what goes on at the camp or tell them what to expect during their walk. While a potential pilgrim may not know what questions to ask, you do not need to tell them everything that will occur during the three days. However, keep in mind - there are no secrets! Saying to a pilgrim that you can't tell them anything about the Walk potentially creates unnecessary suspicion and anxiety. For clergy and staff leadership, this posture often builds a wall of division that results in an “us vs them” mentality against the Emmaus community. There is no reason to shroud the event in secrecy. This practice has probably done more harm to the movement than people realize. You can share many things about Emmaus without revealing some of the unique and meaningful experiences.

Here are some suggested items to cover with a pilgrim:

- There are 15 presentations (five each day) dealing with subjects like setting priorities, serving God in everyday situations, how to be a disciple and how to persevere in faith. Encourage note taking.
- Time is spent discussing these presentations.
- Time is spent in the chapel meditating and praying.
- Communion is emphasized.
- There is plenty of good food and fellowship.
- Discuss sleeping and showering arrangements with your pilgrim. A list of suggested items to bring is included with the pilgrim's assignment letter.
- No contact with family or business is expected except, of course, for emergencies.
- Tell how each weekend is unique, but each person seems to find exactly what God wants that person to experience. Don't try to prejudge what a person's needs are or what someone will get out of the Walk to Emmaus. Simply tell your own story. There are no expected results other than experiencing God's love.

DeColores,

Allen Brewer
CAEW #52
Table of Paul

A special word of gratitude to Allen (from everybody) for his awesome articles on Reunion Groups over the past 3 months! We have been told by so many brothers and sisters about the insight and clarity they provided.

Your biggest weakness is
God's greatest opportunity.

The Crown Of Life

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1: 2 - 4

*Jesus Choosing The Twelve - ... -
----- and you*

“But Christ knew what He was doing - From His divine perspective, the ultimate success of the strategy actually depended on the Holy Spirit working in those men to accomplish His sovereign will. Those men were merely instruments in His hands— just as you and I can be God's instruments today. God delights to use such ordinary means - There was no backup players, No plan B if the Twelve should fail. “

John MacArthur - Twelve Ordinary Men



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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	Michelle Nix
Registrar Women's	Lynn "Mo" Moseley
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Community ASD	Elvis North
Community Lay Director	Joe Eakes
Community ALD	Christi Hall



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