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From The Community Spiritual Director Jim Dannelly, Blue Walk to Emmaus No. 1, Table of John

Always Be Thankful

It has been a while since I heard the hymn sung, the chorus of which says:

"Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessing; see what God has done. Count your blessing; name them one by one. Count your many blessing, see what God has done."

Paul admonished in Colossians 4:15: "Always be thankful." (The Living Bible)

Counting your blessings is a very significant and helpful spiritual exercise. Always being thankful is vital to our spiritual health.

It is key to keeping God in the proper place in your understanding and perspective on life. He is our Creator and the source of every good thing in our lives. You keep that straight in your thinking and outlook by counting your blessings.

It is key to a positive outlook. It is most always true that no matter how difficult our circumstances may be, the good in our lives outweighs the bad. Just stop and count your blessings, one by one, and you will see that and your faith will be strong and sure.

It is key to a grateful heart. The happiest people in this world are the grateful people. The happiest Christian fellowships are those where people worship God with a spirit of joy, whose worship says with the Psalmist:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul and let all that is within me Bless His holy name."

A grateful heart is the source of praise. Acknowledging that you have been blessed is the key to a grateful heart.

Counting our blessings is important to us in the Emmaus fellowship and work for these same reasons. This is God's work, not ours. We can move ahead giving our best to every walk because of the bountiful good that He has bestowed upon us in this effort. Because of His blessings our hearts overflow with gratitude and praise. We count our blessings, one by one and see what God has done.

Always be thankful. Count your blessings. Wise and significant council. I trust that you do in your Christian walk and that we do in the life and work of the Central Emmaus Community.

From The Community Lay Director Jerry Goodwin, Blue Lake Walk to Emmaus #20, Table of Thomas

This has been a very good year for Central Alabama Emmaus. We have had 7 great walks where Jesus came along side the pilgrims and brought them closer to Him. I am confident that Walk 53 will be the same. Thank you so much for your willingness to give of yourself to make these walks happen. Whether you were mopping floors or giving a talk, it was an important job. And, most importantly, thanks for praying. The most important part of the Walk to Emmaus is prayer. Thanks to the CAEC Board for the hard work to ensure that the background positions were taken care of for each walk. It has been a joy and privilege to work with this group of people that are so dedicated to Jesus Christ and the Emmaus movement. It is that time of year that some of our board members will be leaving the board. I would like to give a special thanks to Bo Cavin, Jay Jacobs, Lamar Frazer, Mary Hriber, and Otto Hammond. You have been a blessing to all of us. Thanks for all that you have done.

I would now like to welcome those selected to replace them. The new lay members are Brenda Aughtman, David Smalley, Nan Cantrell and Ron Baughman. Our new clergy member is Glenn Pugh. Thanks to each of you for saying yes to our Lord Jesus to serve on the Board. I am looking forward to working with you next year.

The board has decided to reduce the price of meals for the people working in the support positions. The new prices for meals are breakfast - \$3 and \$4 for the other 2 meals (lunch/dinner and dinner/supper). Also, if you are staying at the camp, meals will now be included in the cost of the room.

Thanks to all for allowing me the honor and privilege to be the Community Lay Director this year. You have all demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and charity making it a great experience. Thanks again.

DeColores Jerry Goodwin



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Candidates for Walk #53

Invited Pilgrims Toppy Bailey BeBe Blackmon Amy Blackwell Ami Brooks Paula Cardwell Tonya Chestnut Cheryl Childers Nancy Crutchfield Edie Delp Reeder Dulaney Cindy Ellis Mary Evans Zella Fitzpatrick Nora Haisten Karen Hamm Becky Hill Susan Holmes Sharon Irish Ashley James Lynn Johnson Stacey Johnson Kim Jones Leigh Lang Evelyn Leachman Melanie LeMay Linda Locklar Melissa Morris Melanie Moseley Whitney Muncaster Karim Oaks Susanne Redd Carol Reynolds Suzanne Rogers Debi Rus Beth Scott Phyllis Senn Vickie Taylor Anita Thebo Katrina Warren Marquerita Williams Lana Woods Cheryl Woodward

Wesley Memorial UMC Auburn UMC Whitfield UMC, Montg First UMC, Prattville New Shiloh Baptist Church Asbury UMC, Skipperville Auburn UMC Church Street UMC, Selma Auburn UMC Westwood Baptist Church, Selma Snowdoun UMC Faith Full Gospel Baptist Heritage Baptist Church, Montg Good News Baptist, Selma First UMC, Prattville Parkway Baptist Church, Auburn Beulah Baptist Church, Wetumpka Debbie Smalley North Point Community Church Langdale UMC, Valley Park Memorial UMC, Troy Cornerstone UMC, Auburn Church Street UMC, Selma Auburn UMC First UMC, Opelika Frazer Memorial UMC Auburn UMC Church Street UMC, Selma Auburn UMC Church Street UMC, Selma Frazer Memorial UMC, Monto First UMC, Prattville Park Memorial UMC, Troy Christ Community Church, Montg Booth UMC, Booth, AL

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LOVEAND SYMPATHY

...to the family of Marilyn Callaway (CA 15) of Selma on the loss of her husband, Vick (CA 31). Marilyn's parents are Carroll (BL 27) and Sadie (BL 32) Jeffcoat of Montgomery.

PRAYER REQUESTS

...for Forrest Johnson (CA 48) of Camden. Many of you will remember that he was in a car accident some time ago, and perhaps heard his testimony at a Candlelight service. He is now in a hospital in Birmingham, with severe problems probably related to his difficult recovery, but as yet, undiagnosed. His wife, Jodi, is due to give birth to a new baby at any time now.



Many of the manuals used by the Chairperson of a committee for the Walks are missing! Please check your closets; car trunks; night stands; under the dog's bedwherever a manual might be hiding-

ard Representative so that we may have them ne

Central Alabama Emmaus Walk #53

Support Team

† Agape Julie Ford Sue Utsey

Pat & Donna Benton

† Banners Jim Sasser

† Book Covers Kelly Aulner Darlene Gill

† Book Table Angie Jacobs Toddy Savage

† Candlelight Tim & Jennifer Chambliss Christine Spain

† Closing Gary & Jackie Waters

† Entertainment Donna Keith Florence McArthur

† Housing & Registration Gwen Newton

† Logistics Mike Franklin

† Meal Preparation Allen McCord

† Meal Service

Jack & Lvnn Moselev Doug & Betty French Renee & Charlton Harris

† Photographer Doug Priester

† Refreshments Dorann Frazer Sue Utsey

† Serenade George & Lee Ann Adams Sally Johnson

† Speaker's Prayer Chapel Howard Porter **Emily Porter**

† Sponsor's Hour Dowe & Brenda Aughtman

† Servant's Pool Lamar Frazer

† Worship Jean Hammonds

† 72 Hour Prayer Vigil Mike & Tina Rabren

ASK AUNT EMMA

Dear Aunt Emma.

I just moved here from out of state. I notice some things are slightly different on a Walk to Emmaus in Central Alabama than they were on my Walk. Why? D.M.



Dear D.M..,

While we, all throughout the United States, follow the basic model for a Walk to Emmaus, the model does permit slight variations according to local facilities, local customs and traditions- BUT, the Board of Directors of the Central Alabama Emmaus Community has signed a letter of agreement with the National office to conduct Walks in accordance with the model provided by the Upper Room. There is a set way to do most everything. It is most important to follow the model. Every Pilgrim- no matter where they went on their Walk- should have the same experiences; talks; events and happenings to relate to, not just in their Community, but wherever they go. If you do not have prior experience in performing your assigned Emmaus function, please ask someone responsible for that area (every Board Member has a prescribed area of responsibility) or check with the Lay Director. We, as servants, need to faithfully reproduce the model so that every Pilgrim can receive all the blessings. Aunt Emma

HOWAND WHYARE PEOPLE SELECTED FOR THE CONFERENCE ROOM? (Part#3)

Jerry Keel, CAEW#21, Table of Luke

I really hope this series has and will answer most of your questions about team selection and the qualifications of each of the Conference Room positions. If you have followed the last two articles I have covered the positions of Assistant Table Leaders and Table Leaders. If you have missed either of these articles, don't worry you can still find them on the web page (WWW.CAEW.ORG). Just click on the newsletter section. In this article I will go to the next position **Assistant Lay Director.**

You have seen that with the Assistant Table Leader position you have to have a good working knowledge and work history in the background. To be a Table Leader you had to have served as an Assistant Table Leader two (2) times. To be an Assistant Lay Director, you must have been a Table Leader at least two (2) times and have given at least two (2) different talks. At this point your name would go on the list for team selection to consider for this position. Do you see the progressive servanthood of each position so far? Team Selection takes this list prays for God's guidance and begins to look at who on this list is a real servant. That includes the following:

Who has been a servant for others on other Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights?

Who has become a leader in their community and in their church?

Who has been a great sponsor to others to the Walk To Emmaus?

Who works in the local Clusters?

Who is involved in a reunion group?

Who always served with a smile on their face and a song in their heart whether they were in the Conference Room or cleaning the toilets?

Who tries to build others up instead of doing things to break them down?

Who has a history of working well with others on an Emmaus Team?

I think you get the picture. Team Selection looks for a face that stands out as a leader and a follower. Once this list is put together, Team Selection meets with the Weekend Lay Director and looks at their list of names that they would like to see on a Walk in a leadership role. Team Selection will give the Weekend Lay Director a final list of about ten (10) names. From this list, four (4) must be chosen for a Walk. There must be two (2) Assistant Lay Directors with experience and two (2) new Assistant Lay Directors. The four (4) Assistants must come from the entire community and not just the Weekend Lay Director's home church. Team Selection will also ask that no one serve more that two (2) times a year in the Conference Room. This will allow more people to have the experience of working as an Assistant Lay Director. I know in the past this has not always worked out due to several reasons. But this is the game plan for each Walk in Central Alabama.

Once chosen the Weekend Lay Director must pray over each talk and assign each Assistant a talk that should be new to them. That means that a person should not always give the same talk because when a person writes a new talk they are growing in their own walk. Isn't that what Emmaus is about?

I know that some of you are saying that you meet all of the qualifications listed about and have not been called. You may think that the community records for your service history are not

CLUSTER INFORMATION

Auburn Emmaus Cluster

Contact Sheila Mansfield (334) 887-7400. Follow up meetings are Thursday night following each Walk at 6 p.m. for a covered dish supper at Auburn UMC in the Epwortl Center.

Chilton County Emmaus Cluster

Contact Bob Taylor. The Cluster meets the f Tuesday of the month following each Walk.

Millbrook Miracles Emmaus Cluster

Contact Ricky and Elaine Messick (334) 365-9100. Meet the fourth Sunday of each month at noon at Millbrook First UMC. Lunch is provided -- free will offering.

Montgomery DeColores Emmaus Cluster

Contact George Mingledorff (334) 277-2039; e-mail gmingled@bellsouth.net or Jim Snyder (334) 272-3548; e-mail: taraln2@aol.com. A covered dish gathering and follow-up will be held on Tuesday nights following each walk at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at Frazer Memorial UMC. Please mark your calendars NOW for April 23; May 28; September 3; October 1; October 29 and November 26. Call for Reunion Group information or visit our website: www.EmmausMontgomeryAL.com

Phenix City Emmaus Cluster

Contact Mike McKnight at (334) 298-3186. Meetings are every 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Epwarth UMC in Phenix City.

Prattville Walkers Emmaus Cluster

Contact Reverend Gail Baughman (334) 358-4893. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at First UMC in Prattville.

Selma Emmaus Cluster

Contact Kent Taylor (334) 875-1171. Gatherings and follow-ups meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. at Church Street UMC in the Fellowship Hall. Bring light refreshments.

Valley Emmaus Cluster

Contact Annette Elliott (334) 499-2439. Call Annette also for Reunion Group information. A covered dish supper is held each Wednesday night following a Walk at 5:30 p.m. at Langdale UMC.

correct, that is the records that go into a database that shows what each person in the community has done on each Emmaus Walk. Well you may be right. If you show up on a Walk, serve a meal without coming to any of the team meetings and the Chairperson does not turn your name in to the Community registrar then your name is left off the service for that walk. If the chair of a committee shows a service was completed by a reunion group then the names are left out of the records because no one knows the names of all the reunion groups. Just don't get discouraged about not being asked for the next level of leadership. This should be a good sign that our community has gotten so large that it takes a while for everyone to be called. If you have not been called look at this list of qualifications and pray for guidance on how you can be a better leader. But please remember that God does not call all of us to lead from the front. Some of the best leaders do so by being an example in the background.

DeColores, Jerry Keel

2003 Walk #s and Dates:

Location: Camp Alamisco, Dadeville Alabama



Walk #	Approx. Dates	Lay Director	${\bf Spiritual\ Dir.}$
Men's #54	Feb 19 – 22	Jay Jacobs	Glenn Pugh
Women's #55	March 26 – 29	Peggy Massey	Mike Beale
Men's #56	April 23 - 26	Wayne Hall	Dan Morris
Women's #57	April 30 – May 3	Brenda Aughtman	Dric Williford
Women's #58	May 28 – 31	Sarah Mingledorff	Bill Huffman
Men's #59	Aug 27 – 30	Ron Baughman	John Bonner
Women's # 60	Sept 24 – 27	Christy Hall	Bill Price
Men's #61	Oct 15 – 18	Gary Cochran	Mike Pearson
Women's #62	Oct 22 - 25	Nan Cantrell	Alan McBride
Men's #63	Nov 19 – 22	Terry Brooks	John Brannon

Dates are not confirmed with Camp Alamisco. They could change due to schedule conflicts with the camp.

WALK #53 EVENT SCHEDULE November 20 - 23

SEND-OFF: WEDNESDAY, 7 P.M.
CANDLELIGHT: FRIDAY, 7-9 P.M.
SERENADE: SATURDAY, 7 A.M.
CLOSING: SATURDAY, 4-6 P.M.
AGAPE NEEDS: 72 OF EACH ITEM

Camp Telephone #: 256-825-9482

Central Alabama Emmaus Community

Board Members and Work Areas

Please contact them for information about working on any Walk.

Name	Phone #	Work Area
Deborah McCord	(334) 821-1301	Food Prep.
Jo Ann Waters	(334) 281-5697	Book Table
John Sherrer	(334) 872-9792	Candlelight
Jim Sasser	(334) 273-9442	Worship & Banners
Bo Cavin	(334) 821-7714	Agape
Sue Utsey	(334) 875-3523	Refreshments
Michael Beale	(334) 262-2748	Photography
Mary Hriber	(334) 277-8401	Serenade & Sponsor's Hour
Jay Jacobs	(334) 821-5067	Housing, Registration & Greeters
Jerry Goodwin	(334) 857-3638	Music
Jerry Keel	(334) 272-7763	72 Hour Prayer Vigil
Otto Hammonds	(334) 272-4915	Closing
Lamar Frazer	(334) 874-4705	Servant's Pool & Food Service
Wayne Hall	(334) 741-1020	Logistics & Speaker's Prayer Chapel

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