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Welcome to a New Year

By Jane Hagler, Community Lay Director

The start of a new year is a time for making resolutions, starting new things, and putting old things away. Before going forward into 2023, let's take a look back at 2022. Alabama Emmaus held 10 Walks and it is nice to be back to a full schedule of Walks. The Memorial service and Training Event in August were well attended. So many clusters and individuals helped repair or improve Hutto with their time and/or donations. Thank all of you for the great year. As we look forward to 2023, some of the Board's priorities continue from last year. The 2023 Board Priorities are:

1. Pray for Emmaus Community
2. Encourage attendance at Cluster meetings and Reunion or Accountability Groups
3. Continue to educate Community on responsible sponsorship
4. Encourage the Chrysalis Community and the use of Chrysalis alumni on Emmaus teams
5. Continue improvements to Hutto and South Wing
6. Pray for Camp Sumatanga, Tony Jones and Camp Staff

I would like to follow up with information in Deanna's column from the December Grapevine about the Community name change. **(Please see Hagler Page 2.)**



New Glass Doors Recently Installed at Hutto

A Christmas Memory

By Paul Vick, Community Spiritual Director

LOV. That is one of the first expressions that our granddaughter Zoe spoke. As a small child, she made her entrance and exit from our home with a cheerful "LOV"! February is the month that we express in a public and private way our love for our special someone. A box of chocolates, a card, flowers, and a romantic evening meal are all welcomed. These pursued actions coupled with unhurried time gives a true message of our first love. Our relationships are worth more than can be expressed in a day, but Valentine's Day is a great day to stop the chaos of the ordinary and show that our loved ones are very important to us.

I so enjoy giving the Justifying Grace talk, because it reminds us of how God has been in pursuit of us from the beginning. He has sent us a 66 Book Love Letter, He keeps sending us flowers, He has been wooing us with Agape Gifts even before we were, just so we would say "Yes" to His pursuing. And He even gave us the "Yes" to say. God never forgets to send us gifts of love every day and will continue for eternity. The second week in February is a week that I dare not forget. February 10 is our wedding anniversary; the 12th is my wife Judi's birthday and of course the 14th is Valentine's day. So, to remember that week is always good for our relationship. And I suppose that to forget would prompt a long visit to the Doghouse. So, I am already getting my love expressions together!

Christ has called us to love others and to pray one for another. One way that He has given us to express His divine love to our fellow Christians is the Walk to Emmaus. The entire 72 hours of Emmaus is focused on God's gracious love and His invitation for those who will, to come closer to a love that knows no limits. The Apostle Paul wrote a beautiful prayer love letter to those he loved in Ephesus,

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The Board did approve changing the Community's name from *The Alabama Emmaus Community of the North Alabama Conference, United Methodist Church*, as stated in the By-Laws to *The Alabama Emmaus Community*. Cluster Directors received an email with information about voting. Please remember that Emmaus is ecumenical. As a Community we should focus on what we have in common and not our differences.

I am looking forward to a year filled with the Holy Spirit at work in the pilgrims and in the Community. May God guide, direct and protect you in 2023.

DeColores,
Jane Hagler, Walk #32

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and I would like to offer a portion of it as a Prayer Love Letter to my Alabama Emmaus Community as an expressed blessing. I share Chapter 3 of *Ephesians* verses 14 – 19: *“When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father,[e] 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.[f] 16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”*
NLT

De Colores and LOV !

Show and Tell

By Angel Rait, Community Coordinator

I have learned over the years that I need “Show and Tell”, even at my age, because I know I learn better that way. And in life I think the best way for us to live is by example. I underwent oral surgery years ago. The surgeon came in and said, “Ok – let’s get started.” He turned on the radio and that was it. He truly did start and finish the procedure without another word.

Last year I had a similar procedure done but this time with my new dentist. He entered the room with a warm greeting and explained, “I am going to do some wiggling and you will feel some pressure.....there will be a little pain in the roof of your mouth.....soon you will have a bad taste on your tongue, I will clean it off quickly..... etc.

What a difference a few words meant!! What if each day is a test of everything we do or say being watched or seen by “someone.” Lent, a time of preparation, starts February 22nd. Jesus teaches us by example, in other words “Show and Tell.” He guides us with His truth, action and words. This is what we should be doing for others. This is exactly what Emmaus is all about – LIVING WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED!

“Show me your ways Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are my God and my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”

DeColores,
Angel Rait, sjc #173
Table of Martha

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
509*	Mar 2-5	Jeff Bowling	Alan Beasley	Franklin/Haleyville Marion	Jackie Mize Lynda Hall
510	Mar 23-26	Chrystal Whitehead	Abi Carlisle-Wilke	Cheaha East Alabama	Butch Fennell Judy Anderson
511	Apr 20-23	Kathy Hall	Tony Jones	Cullman Blount	Amy Crim David Speegle
512*	May 4-7	Clay Hammond	Rudy Guess	Shoals Athens	Donna McDaniel Georgia McCaig

***Men’s Walk**

Reminder: Candlelight service begins at 7:45; Closing begins at 4:45.
Please remember that children are not to be present in Hutto or at meals during a walk!

Community Coordinator Position

After many years serving as Community Coordinator, Angel Rait will be retiring as of the end of this year.

The Community Coordinator is a paid part-time position. The position is open to any member of the Community who has organizational skills and a passion for working with others. If you are interested, please contact Jane Hagler at edwardthagler@bellsouth.net for the job description. If you would like to apply for the position, please email your resume to Jane by April 30, 2023.

The Board will miss Angel greatly but understands her need to retire.

Emmaus Holy Land Trip

Join us for the very first Holy Land pilgrimage

For the past 5 months, the Upper Room Emmaus Ministries Office Staff has been working at developing an experience that would provide members of Emmaus Ministries communities around the world with an opportunity to literally walk in the footsteps of the two followers to whom the risen Lord revealed himself in the village of Emmaus. This labor of love, in partnership with “Educational Opportunities”, resulted in the coming together of the Holy Land Pilgrimage from November 28 to December 7, 2023.



We are inviting you, your community and family members, and your friends to join us from around the world as we continue our mission of “renewing Christian disciples, and strengthening local churches for their mission”.

Together, we will be visiting Emmaus, Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem and other places in which Jesus touched lives. We will reflect on His work, and witness ways in which Christians, in the Holy Land, live out their calling in their specific context. As individuals and as a group, we will reflect on ways in which we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus today.

Please click <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl23112823q56077#.Y78uitXMK72> to register for this unique experience, and help us share this opportunity with those around you – community and family members, friends...

**When registering, enter “Stephane Brooks” as your host or Group leader.
The Host or Group Leader ID is 56077.**

We look forward to having you join us as we embark on this wonderful journey, and time of reflection and growth.

Rev. Stephane Brooks
International Spiritual Director - Emmaus Ministries
The Upper Room
www.UpperRoom.org

Board Bits

The new year begins with a new Community Treasurer. Kathy Mitchell is taking over from Jim Sims and will be the person everyone will work with for Emmaus weekend reservations at Camp Sumatanga. She will be in contact with Walk Lay Directors and their Housing & Registration chairpersons.

As stated in Jane Hagler's article, the Alabama Emmaus Board of Directors approved changing the name of the Community to Alabama Emmaus Community and sent that to the Clusters for approval. In a related action, the AEC Board updated Standing Rule #6 to read, 'At least one of the five clergy serving on an AEC Walk Team must be an Elder of a Methodist denomination.' Having learned that the Upper room is independent of any denomination, the sentence at the top of the Application to Attend will now state that the Walk to Emmaus is a 3-day weekend sponsored by the Upper Room.

The kitchenette area of Retreat Center #1 is being remodeled to resemble the kitchen Eva Walker Lodge used to have, and will include a stove and full refrigerator.

2023 Walk Schedule

<u>WALK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
508	Feb 2-5	Women
509	Mar 2-5	Men
510	Mar 23-26	Women
511	April 20-23	Women
512	May 4-7	Men
513	Aug 10-13	Men
514	Sep 14-17	Women
515	Sep 28-Oct 1	Women
516	Oct 19-22	Men
517	Nov 9-12	Women

The Grapevine

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3926, Arley, AL 35541, or emailed to DHall92727@aol.com

Praying For You

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to members of the Emmaus Community and their families in the loss of loved ones.

To **Sandra Walker (370)** in the loss of her husband, **Luther Walker (364)**

To **David Carlisle (212)** in the loss of his mother, Eleanor Carlisle Childers

To **Christine Brightbill (334)** in the loss of her father, **Ralph Drake (229)**

To **Lisa Holmes (211)**, **Kyla Campbell (228)** and **Kim Priest (340)** in the loss of their mother, **Brenda Wisener (296)**

To **Bonnie Cowan (19)** in the loss of her husband, and to **Mel Cowan (?)** in the loss of his father, **Luther Harold Cowan (18)**

To **Barbara Ellis (66)** in the loss of her husband, **Roland Ellis (85)**

To **Leanne Price (312)** in the loss of her father, Ted Wilson Jr

To **Lousie Tapley (168)** in the loss of her husband, Charles "Tom" Tapley

To the family of **Carolyn Glass Mobley (BL #48)**

To **Sandra Shivers (373)** in the loss of her father, Gary Shivers

To **Gemma Hawkins (217)** in the loss of her brother, Joe Maxwell Worthy

To **Peggy Scott (NAS)** in the loss of her husband, and to **George Scott IV (7)** and **Michael Scott (3)** in the loss of their father, **George Scott III (NAS)**

To **Kitty Fredrick (175)** in the loss of her husband, **Bobby Fredrick (224)**

To **Bobbie Blankenship (192)** in the loss of her sister, Barbara Ann Poole Teel

Linda Hatchett (436) in the loss of her husband, Wayne Hatchett

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 509
March 2-5, 2023**

Lay Director Jeff Bowling - Perseverance

Asst Lay Directors

Buddy Perdue - Priority
Robert Wood – Fourth Day
Rux Bentley
Chris Burcham
Gene Ingram
Tony Mize

Spiritual Director Alan Beasley – Means of Grace

Asst Spiritual Directors

Mitch Nethery – Obstacles to Grace
Jeff Fleming – Sanctifying Grace
Elliott Gordon – Justifying Grace
Bo Lloyd – Prevenient Grace

Music Chair Pat Seal

Asst Table Leaders

Brent Bailey – Life of Piety
Ed Blackburn – Priesthood
Mitch Dobbins – Body of Christ
Larry Gilmer – Discipleship
Scott Godsey – Christian Action
Lynn Griffin – Changing Our World
David Howell – Growth Through Study

Table Leaders

Ritchie Burt
Michael Carr
Ken Farr
Paul Huffman
Clyde Putman
Greg Sibley
Rocky Stone

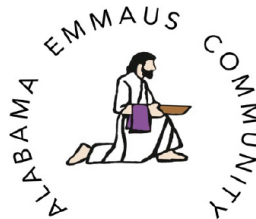
Board Reps Jackie Mize
Lynda Hall

Committees

Agape: Deanna Shotts 205-412-2771
Food Service: Gloria McKee 256-668-0282
Refreshments: Nancy Bowling 256-577-0863
Prayer Vigil: Joanne Cox 662-316-0851
Housing: Jennifer Swinney 256-627-0731
Candlelight: Debbie Wood 205-269-4488
Charlie Beavers 205-567-2252
Clean-up: Sue Hellums 256-668-2257
Closing: Sue Hellums 256-668-2257
Entertainment: Jimmy Gardner 256-710-5843
Follow-Up: Sally Moore 256-668-0666
Prayer Chapel: Lee Page 256-668-1747
Sponsor's Hour: Ralph Holt 256-710-3447
Worship: Kim Perdue 256-668-1946
Photographer: Joan Cleveland 256-810-0639
Humble Servant: Joan Cleveland 256-810-0639

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Bill Orr	Birmingham	Bill Rush
Keith Branham	Boaz	Kristy McDaniel & Marilyn Moore
Allen Brunk	Fayette	Mandy Harville Brunk
Wayne Gilliam	Fayette	Dana Gilliam
Sam Junkin	Fayette	August Junkin & Dana Gilliam
Billy Hunt	Florence	Will Vaden & April Vaden
Mark Ford	Gardendale	Doug McKinney
Jeff Halcomb	Hamilton	Mike Shotts & Sarah Nix
Bart Huche	Hamilton	Deanna Shotts & Mike Shotts
Steven Lines	Heflin	Neale Morgan & Tracy Williamson
Ian McDougald	Helena	Scott Mitchell
Tim Floate	Huntsville	Bruce Wallace & Layne Salvador
Glen Gray	Maryville, TN	Ken Mason & Linda Mason
David Crump	Meridianville	Lisa Crump & Ann Turner
Jeff Dame	New Market	Ann Turner
Adam Casey	Pulaski, TN	Jana W. Killen & Al Killen
Derrick Winfrey	Springville	Jessica Winfrey
Zac Langer	Tuscaloosa	Randy Smith
Keith Minix	Valley	Stephanie Kirby
Mark Burnett	Wellington	Linda Burnett



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 510
March 23-26, 2023**

Lay Director Chrystal Whitehead - Perseverance

Asst. Lay Directors

Valrie Bain
Suzanne Batchelor
Chris Brightbill
Debra Fennell - Fourth Day
Susan Lewis - Priority
Susan Vickers

Spiritual Director Abi Carlisle-Wilkie - Means of Grace

Asst. Spiritual Directors

Patsy Carlberg - Sanctifying Grace
Deb Epley - Prevenient Grace
Joy Morgan - Obstacles to Grace
Deb Welsh - Justifying Grace

Music Chair Bob Bentley

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Bernice Robinson - Body of Christ
Denise Burford - Discipleship
Kim Warren - Life of Piety
Christine Neese - Changing Our World
Shawn Artley - Priesthood
Teely Samson - Christian Action
Linda Culver Stanfield - Study

Table Leaders

Kellie Adams
Mary Larson
Cathy Parker
Angel Rait
Sharon Wright Seals
Allison Sligh
Judy Thompson

Board Reps Butch Fennell
Judy Anderson

Committees

Agape: Judy Belitz 256-493-1941
Food Service: Donald Neese 256-596-2100
Refreshments: Barry Thompson 256-239-0062
Prayer Vigil: SuBette Crisp 256-591-0416
Housing: Alan Brown 256-454-2526
Candlelight: John Ray Hardy 256-770-6918
Clean-up: Paul Webb 256-493-4712
Closing: Alan Wingfield 256-839-5539
Entertainment: Terry Lewis 256-755-1821
Follow-up: Linda Kociaba 256-848-3878
Prayer Chapel: Glenda Prestridge 256-282-5061
Sponsors' Hour: Katrina Upchurch 256-493-2634
Worship: Brenda Kent 256-362-3753
Photographer: Deb Hendrick 256-861-2000
Humble Servant: Chris Whitehead 256-487-1580

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Treasure Carter	Anniston	Sherill Clontz and Sonia Gallimore
Jessica Conn	Arab	RoxAnne Henderson & Annette Simmons
Emily Couch	Arab	RoxAnne Henderson & Annette Simmons
Lisa Kelly	Athens	Donna McDaniel & Dana Downs
Sherry Sampson	Athens	Donna McDaniel & Dana Downs
Cynthia Dugger	Birmingham	Bernie & Jenni Scott
Stephanie Wahl	Boaz	Misty Brogdon
Rebecca Danley	Hamilton	Vickie Johnson & Trent Danley
Amanda Harbor	Hamilton	Preston Headrick
Jessie Sullins	Hamilton	Preston Headrick
Lexi Bennett	Heflin	Carol Sarrell & Tracy Williamson
Katie Fuller	Heflin	Beverly Turner & Jay Grubbs
Meredith Williamson	Heflin	Tracy Williamson & Beverly Turner
Ricketta Wilson	Heflin	Farrell Turner & Neale Morgan
Sara Young	Heflin	Neale Morgan & Jay Grubbs
Sheila Randolph	Hodges	Cass Vickery & Jodi Trulove
April Boddie	Huntsville	Jackie Carrico Albrecht & Ken Albrecht
Ann Kepner	Huntsville	Sandra (Sandy) May & Sherry Johnson
Wendy Kirk	Huntsville	Cathy Saik & Deb Callins
Pricilla Jones	Moundville	Lynn Gregory
Kasey Evanko	Pelham	Tracey Evanko & Patrick Friday
Glover Pope	Pelham	Sharon Hamilton
Sherrelle Helms	Pell City	Bernie Scott & Jenni Scott
Amy Kay	Pell City	Katrina Upchurch
Tarsha Tubbs	Sawyer ville	Portia Shepherd & Sherrie Hiett

