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# The Grapevine

Alabama Emmaus Community News

February 2024

## Community Humble Servants

**Lay Director**  
Butch Fennell

**Spiritual Director**  
Terri Milstead

**Asst. Lay Director**  
Debra Baker

**Asst. Spiritual Director**  
Ted Anderson

**Community Coordinator**  
Lane Berry

**Treasurer**  
Kathy Mitchell

### Board Members

Denise Cone  
Judy Anderson  
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Lynda Hall  
Debra Baker  
Anne Parris  
Georgia McCaig  
Bobby Jones  
Bill Rush  
James Dodwell  
Sally Cofield  
Ken Farr  
Will Clay  
Tim Cotton  
Jimmy Grisham  
Mary Lynn Whitten

**Literature**  
Patricia Bush

**Supplies**  
Pam Kirsch

**Community Agape**  
Bruce Parris

**Name Tags**  
Dan Bell

**Newsletter**  
Stephen Milstead

## Hope

*By Butch Fennell, Community Lay Director*

My name is Rodger (Butch) Fennell, Alabama Walk to Emmaus #285, Table of Matthew, East Alabama Cluster, and I attend Flint Hill Methodist Church in Alexander City, Alabama. With the Lord's help I'll be your Community Lay Director for this coming year.

Romans 15:13 – *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Hope is one of the most wonderful gifts that Jesus has given us as his followers. We each can have this hope by merely following in his footsteps. Jesus is our hope now and forever. Webster's dictionary describes the word Hope as a desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment.

I truly hope each of us expects a prosperous new year full of hope and expectations for our churches, our families, our country and our Emmaus Programs. We will need all the prayers and cooperation from our clusters and churches to help us keep the Walk to Emmaus successful in the years to come. My hope is that each of us remembers our Emmaus Walk, what we learned, and carry it forward throughout our lives and to everyone we meet.

De Colores and may God Bless You All,

Butch Fennell, CLD



## Happy New Year Day!

*By Terri Milstead, Community Spiritual Director*

We humans certainly do love the opportunity a new year presents to us to start fresh. We examine our lives, determine everything that we should do to correct them, and then make lists of resolutions for ourselves. Each January 1st, we are certain that THIS YEAR will be the year we keep all of our resolutions, as if the turn of the calendar from one year to the next is the magic potion that will make it all stick.

Unfortunately, as the beginning of yet another year recedes in our mental rearview mirrors, many of us may also see our well intentioned resolutions fading into the distance just as quickly as they were this time last year. As much as we love these annual chances to make changes and start over, the thrill of a new year is seldom enough to fuel us through 365 days (366 days this year!) of perfect, intentional living.



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# Milstead (continued from Page 1)

When we are feeling like the year has already gotten out of hand and that we are never going to be able to make the changes we believe are key to living our best lives, we can take heart in the reminders of this scripture from a somewhat unexpected source, Lamentations:

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.*  
-Lamentations 3:22-23

The transformative love, mercy, and faithfulness of God simply do not wait...will not wait...for a new year to do new things in and through us. A new day will do just fine.

May your 2024 be blessed, one day at a time.

De Colores.

## 2024 Walk Schedule

| <u>WALK</u> | <u>DATE</u>       | <u>GENDER</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 518         | Feb 1-4           | Women         |
| <b>519</b>  | <b>Mar 7-10</b>   | <b>Men</b>    |
| 520         | Mar 14-17         | Women         |
| 521         | Apr 18-21         | Women         |
| <b>522</b>  | <b>May 2-5</b>    | <b>Men</b>    |
| <b>523</b>  | <b>Aug 8-11</b>   | <b>Men</b>    |
| 524         | Sept 12-15        | Women         |
| <b>525</b>  | <b>Sept 26-29</b> | <b>Men</b>    |
| 526         | Oct 17-20         | Women         |
| 527         | Nov 7-10          | Women         |



## Alabama's Young Adult Chrysalis

*Alabama's Young Adult Chrysalis is a three-day spiritual renewal retreat for ages 18-28. Like the Walk to Emmaus, the weekend is filled with talks, food, fellowship, and sharing the love of Christ. "Butterflies" hear talks similar to Walk to Emmaus talks, but with a focus on the needs of young adults in today's society.*

*Our Chrysalis community is seeking help in building a pool of caterpillars for future Chrysalis Journeys. Consider sponsoring a young adult, no matter where they are in their walk with Christ, for upcoming journeys. Attending a Chrysalis journey does not preclude someone from going on an Emmaus Walk in the future. There is a participant application on the Alabama YAC website at:*

<https://www.alabamayac.com/applications>

## Upcoming Walks

| Walk | Date      | Lay Director    | Spiritual Director | Cluster                   | Board Rep                        |
|------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 519  | Mar 7-10  | Jim Maynard     | Larry Hogan        | Athens / Moulton / Shoals | Georgia McCaig<br>Jimmy Grisham  |
| 520  | Mar 14-17 | Lee Ann O'Toole | Cam Price          | Blount / Cullman          | David Speegle<br>Sally Cofield   |
| 521  | Apr 18-21 | Melissa Barnes  | Preston Headrick   | Tuscaloosa / West Alabama | Bobby Jones<br>Mary Lynn Whitten |
| 522  | May 2-5   | Mike Williams   | Mark Adams         | Gadsden / Marshall        | Debra Baker<br>Will Clay         |

**\*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!

## A Life That Was Changed

By Lane Berry, Community Coordinator

I'm sure most of you have heard the song, "Thank you for giving to the Lord", by Ray Boltz.

In it he describes a dream he had of going to heaven with a friend. As they are "walking the streets of gold, beside the crystal sea", a stranger approaches and begins telling the dreamer that "even though you may not know me now, you used to teach my Sunday School when I was only eight, and every week you would say a prayer before the class would start, and one day when you said that prayer I asked Jesus in my heart. Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed."

The song goes on to describe other instances of when the 'dreamer' made choices in his life that had life changing effects on the lives of others. I'm sure we can all name people in our lives that lived their lives in such a way that, 'we are a life that was changed'.

I know that applies to me in so many ways, but especially the two people that sponsored me on my Emmaus Walk. Dan and Teresa Aughinbaugh are very special friends that my wife, Lee, and I love dearly. They gently 'persuaded' and encouraged me to go... I didn't want to, but finally the time was right and I am forever grateful. I am a life that was changed because of it... just like so many of you.

Has someone been on your mind and you're not quite sure why? Could the Lord be prompting you to reach out to that person to sponsor on the Emmaus Walk? I encourage you to pray and discern if this is the case. Could your sponsorship of someone make them "a life that was changed"?

DeColores,

Lane

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## 2024 Alabama Emmaus Community Priorities

- Pray for our Emmaus Community
- Encourage attendance at Cluster meetings
- Support and encourage development of Reunion Groups
- Continue to educate and encourage Clusters on the importance of Sponsorship
- Encourage the Chrysalis Community and the use of Chrysalis Alumni on teams
- Continue improvements to Hutto and the South Wing
- Pray for Camp Sumatanga, Tony Jones and the Camp Staff
- Pray for each Walk and the Pilgrims

## Praying For You

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

The family of **Bill Henson (287)**

The family of **Barbara LeMay (369)**

The family of **Sue Bradley (19)**

The family of **Brenda Elmore (300)**

The family of **Janice Sandlin (128)**

**David (183) and Sandra (207) Honey** in the loss of their daughter, Kim (Williams) Honey

Dianne Wingfield, her sons Brian and Mark, and their families in the loss of her husband and their dad, **Alan Wingfield (263)**

James Harris in the loss of his wife, **Beverly Easterwood Harris (275)**

**Pat Seal (123)** and family in the loss of his sister, **Susan Carol Seal Moore (173)**

**Sally Moore (182)** and family in the loss of her husband, **Kelly Moore (183)**

**John Hardeman (183)** in the loss of his wife, **Laura Hardeman (182)**

The family of **Mary Trimm (308)**

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 519  
March 7-10, 2024**

**Lay Director** Jim Maynard - Perseverance

**Assistant Lay Directors**

Frederick Martin  
Brian Moore - 4th Day  
Sanders Woodroof - Priority  
Roy Rudolph  
Wes Henry  
Mike Creecy

**Spiritual Director** Larry Hogan - Means of Grace

**Assistant Spiritual Directors**

Tony Latham - Prevenient Grace  
Bradley Hipps - Justifying Grace  
Greg Patrick - Obstacles to Grace  
Carol Gullat - Sanctifying Grace

**Music Chairman** Buddy Carter

**Assistant Table Leaders**

Robbie Taymon - Priesthood  
Harlow Fikes - Piety  
Tom Wissert - Study  
Glenn Stokes - Christian Action  
Heath Reed - Discipleship  
Morris Seymor - Changing Our World  
Charles Woodroof - Body of Christ

**Table Leaders**

Mark Jackson  
Ricky Hall  
John Eaton  
Fred Mason  
Grayson Bailey  
Wes Canestrari  
Michael Carr

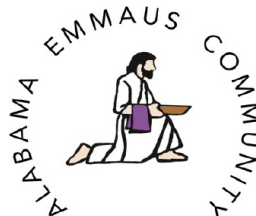
**Board Reps** Georgia McCaig  
Jimmy Grisham

**Committees**

**Agape** Tammy Harvey 256-710-3485  
**Food Service** Rosemary Lewey 256-566-3298  
**Refreshments** Regina Chisolm 256-656-0799  
**Prayer Vigil** Kris & Tom Murphy 256-777-0163  
**Housing** Susan Fikes 256-431-8420  
**Candlelight** Alan Schollian 256-990-2368  
**Clean-up** Julia & Bob Young 256-777-1507  
**Closing** Laura Moore 256-874-0959  
**Entertainment** Susan Henry 256-206-1833  
**Follow-up** Lynn Littrell 256-565-3566  
**Prayer Chapel** Hal Mills 256-366-7190  
**Sponsors' Hour** Julie Martin 256-771-4623  
**Worship** Clay Jackson 245-431-2064  
**Photographer** Chad Bottcher 256-233-1232  
**Humble Servant** Donnie Armstrong 256-366-0282  
Donna McDaniel 256-431-5008  
Susan Maynard 256-509-4158

**Pilgrims**

| <b>Name</b>              | <b>Location</b> | <b>Sponsor</b>                  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| John (Jay) Freeman       | Albertville     | Richard Greenwood               |
| Adam King                | Albertville     | Philip Mann                     |
| Gary Hill                | Athens          | Emily Hill & Cathy Brett        |
| John Garrett             | Belle Mina      | Richard Martin, Jr.             |
| William Mathis           | Boaz            | David Socha & Lisa Socha        |
| Jeff Whitaker            | Cherokee        | Anita Whitaker                  |
| Drew Hill                | Gainesville, GA | Emily Hill                      |
| Stan Emmons              | Grant           | Kelly Saylor                    |
| David Still              | Guntersville    | Tom Hayes                       |
| Justin Sibley            | Haleyville      | Greg Sibley                     |
| John Cotney              | Helena          | Ted Peterson & Roger Brom       |
| Don Perkins              | Helena          | Roger Brom & Ted Peterson       |
| Keith Vansant            | Helena          | Ted Peterson & Roger Brom       |
| Austin Goodwin           | Jacksonville    | Ted Anderson                    |
| Harold Gilbert           | Madison         | Rob Suggs                       |
| Kenneth Thomson Chastain | Russellville    | Rocky Stone & Pat Seal          |
| Chuck Walker             | Spruce Pine     | Willie Johnson & Sharon Johnson |
| Mark Patty               | Weaver          | Barry Thompson                  |



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 520  
March 14-17, 2024**

**Lay Director** Lee Ann O'Toole

**Assistant Lay Directors**

Kathleen King- 4th Day  
Shannon Jones - Priority  
Melanie Skillman  
Amy Crim  
Kathy Hall  
VJ Brown

**Spiritual Director** Cam Price - Means of Grace

**Assistant Spiritual Directors**

Chris Cone - Obstacles  
Mark Parris - Prevenient  
Tony Jones - Sanctifying  
Joe Hastings - Justifying

**Music Chairman** Bob Bentley

**Assistant Table Leaders**

Leslie McDuffie - Discipleship  
Emilie Sims - Changing Our World  
Terri Russell - Piety  
Paige Shelnett - Christian Action  
Sabrina Price - Growth Through Study  
Lee Berry - Body of Christ  
Whitney Foreman - Priesthood

**Table Leaders**

Becky O'Toole  
Sarah Manney  
Cindy Hasting  
Christy Shelnett  
Judy LaRaue  
Shelley Miller  
Marcia Musso

**Board Reps** David Speegle  
Sally Coffield

**Committees**

**Agape** Ricky Hall 256-810-8988  
**Food Service** Lane Berry 256-506-6233  
**Refreshments** Rodney O'Bryant 205-332-9409  
**Prayer Vigil** Jim Saunders 205-275-2292  
**Housing** Bain Brown 205-369-7630  
**Candlelight** Mickey Phillips 205-540-6673  
**Clean-up** Mike O'Toole 205-237-8855  
**Closing** Dianne Herfurth 256-708-8740  
**Entertainment** Julie Coleman 205-616-9399  
**Follow-up** Jim Sims 205-531-4965  
**Prayer Chapel** Bob Manney 205-807-8290  
**Sponsor's Hour** Carol Kenyon 205-790-0860  
**Worship** Sandi Tracy 205-616-7817  
**Photographer** Crystal Payne 205-966-5024  
**Humble Servant** TRay Mauldin 205-222-1703

**Pilgrims**

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Location</b> | <b>Sponsor</b>                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Kimberly Sue Abbott | Pell City       | Kelley Largin                  |
| Lori Beth Beggs     | Gadsden         | Misty Brogdon                  |
| Hannah Buckelew     | Oneonta         | Hal Buckelew                   |
| Christy Buckner     | Oneonta         | Dan Buckner & Vanessa Gargus   |
| Connie Estes        | Northport       | Norma Lemley                   |
| Kylah Lenore Glenn  | Guntersville    | Susan Briscoe & Barbara Harris |
| Leslie Glover       | Columbus, MS    | Deborah Clinton                |
| Karen Gravitt       | Haleyville      | Tony & Jackie Mize             |
| Saless Jones        | Columbus, MS    | Angie Broadbent                |
| Patricia Long       | Grant           | Susan Briscoe & Barbara Harris |
| Anita Mathis        | Boaz            | David & Lisa Socha             |
| Lindsey Matthews    | Piedmont        | Ted & Judy Hay Anderson        |
| Serena McBrayer     | Altoona         | Berry & Linda Faust            |
| Sharon Reeves       | Oneonta         | Karen Willingham               |
| Paula Walker        | Spruce Pine     | Willie & Sharon Johnson        |

