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Good Work!

By Deanna Shotts, Community Lay Director

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, *that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*" Phil. 1:3-6

Forty years ago this year, God began a good work in North Alabama. Following His lead, a few spiritual leaders established the Alabama Emmaus Community. Over the years the Community has grown. The ministry has changed multitudes of lives and strengthened the leadership of many, many churches. Like me, I'm sure you have been amazed at the spiritual journey you've taken with God since your original Walk.

On March 19, we celebrated AL Emmaus Walk #500. An incredible milestone! Perhaps you were at Candlelight. If not, I hope you will save the date for the August Training Event and AL Emmaus 40th Birthday Celebration. This will be Fri.-Sat., Aug. 12-13, during Walk #503. Emmaus International Spiritual Director, Stephane Brooks, will attend and address our Community at Candlelight. If you'd like a t-shirt to commemorate this special event, look for the order form in this issue of the Grapevine.

I'm sure all of you have found that being in ministry for Christ has a price. The powers of this world will try to come against us. This price may take the form of expending our time, energy, money, and for some, even their lives. Due to the times we are living in, the Alabama Emmaus Board of Directors has just gone through an unpleasant, long overdue, but necessary decision process.

(Please See Shotts Page 2.)

Lent a time for Self-Examination

By John Simmons, Community Spiritual Director

"Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this." 2 Timothy 2:7 (NIV)

The season of Lent is a time for self-examination and reflection. Remember: On your walk the 3 nights before bedtime when you were led into a time of self-examination and reflection. Remember: How on the first night in silence and reflection how difficult it was to go asleep.

Each Lent I am reminded of those nights on Walk #14. I confess sadly that I do not use the practice of self-examination and reflection on regular basis. John Wesley would be disappointed in me. Wesley and other members of the Holy Club used the list of 22 questions during their private devotional time over 200 years ago, those questions are amazingly still relevant today.

Here are a few of the 22 questions:

- #1 Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
- #2 Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
- #3 Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
- #4 Can I be trusted?
- #5 Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
- #7 Did the Bible live in me today?
- #8 Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
- #9 Am I enjoying prayer?

(Please See Simmons Page 3.)

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Beginning with Walk #501 Pilgrim and Team Registration fees have increased. (For an updated Application to Attend, please visit the AL Emmaus Website: www.alaemmaus.org.)

Pilgrim Registration fees have remained the same since the early 2000's while the Upper Room Fee per Pilgrim and the cost to Camp Sumatanga for groceries, utilities, etc. have gone up. A couple of small increases in the past have been covered by Walk Teams. Unfortunately, this is no longer feasible.

If these increases create a hardship that would prohibit a Pilgrim from attending or you from serving, please try the following suggestions:

1. *Sponsors can contact the Emmaus Coordinator, Angel Rait, asking for scholarship aid for Pilgrims.* Please include a brief statement indicating why a scholarship is needed. The reason will be kept in confidence. Contact her at: office@alaemmaus.org.
2. *Team members please check with your Cluster for Scholarship aid.* It is suggested that Clusters create scholarship funds for Team members and/or Pilgrims.
3. *Check with your home church to see if that might be a source of scholarship aid.*

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of AL Emmaus Walks. God began a good work by bringing Emmaus to North Alabama. I am confident that, *"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."* **He is faithful!**

***"All shall be well, all shall be well,
and all manner of things shall be well."***
- *Julian of Norwich*

A Good Deer Pruning

By Angel Rait, Community Coordinator

While walking out in the yard this week I was shocked to notice my Oak Leaf Hydrangea was covered with buds. I love that we have so many deer living in the woods, but this Hydrangea happens to be their favorite snack. Although I spray it constantly with deer repellent spray, last fall the deer gave this bush a severe pruning. All that was left was a batch of dead sticks. That is why I was so shocked to see life coming back in the sticks. And then I thought, a good "deer pruning" is probably just what that bush needed.



Seeing this bush really spoke to me and reminded me that Jesus prunes me as well! But after that pruning, He nourishes me, He never gives up on me, and He rejoices at my "sticks" because He knows that I will once again bloom. Sometimes He just must strip us totally bare to get rid of the uck and sin so that we can see the new blooms.

Isn't this what happens at dying moments? We must be willing to give up the stuff that keeps us from blooming! Take some time this spring to notice what blooms and take a look at your life. Are you blooming, growing, and sharing with others what Christ has done for you?

DeColores,
Angel, sjc Walk #173

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
501	April 21-24	Debra Fennell	Mike Densmore	Cheaha East Alabama	Stirling Rait Bob DeHaven
502	May 12-15	Carlin Burrow	Mitch Nethery	Franklin/Haleyville Marion	Jennifer Swinney Jackie Mize
503*	Aug 11-14	Ricky Hall	Tony Jones	Blount/Cullman	Sandy Parker Amy Crim
504	Sept 8-11	Danielle Epps	Woody Jones	Tuscaloosa West Alabama	Danny Lemley Mike Whitten

***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!

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- #10 When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
- #11 Do I pray about the money I spend?
- #13 Did I disobey God in anything?

For the entire list: umcdiscipleship.org/resources/every-day-disciples-john-wesleys-22-questions

One thing about following Wesley's 22 questions in our devotional time, it will call us to confession and to seek forgiveness. But would not these questions grow us in our discipleship?

Many years ago, I read a classic entitled "In His Steps" by Rev. Charles Sheldon written in 1896. WWJC- "What would Jesus do"? The book was written with the theme of making choices in daily life that reflect the values of Jesus. Through the years many persons have applied this question in making daily decisions with life changing results. I think a more personal question for me is "Am I doing what Jesus would do"? By these words, I challenge myself to spend time for self-examination and reflection each day during this lent.

De Colores

BOARD BITS

A Note About Agape

Clusters, we need your help! Thank you in advance for observing the following. Because storage space is limited, please:

Deliver Agape' for only one (at most two) walks at a time.

Keep in mind and send the correct amount needed: 60 pieces for Conf. Room or Dining Room and 40 pieces for Bed Agape. Insufficient left-overs can't be used for later walks.

Please have a representative from each Cluster check the Agape' room for left-over items. These can be taken back to the Cluster where a decision can be made as to whether it can be added to and reused.

***Reminder: May 30 is the deadline to turn in names for the memorial service in August. Any turned in after May 30 will be a part of the 2023 memorial.**

The Grapevine

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Cropwell, AL 35054
205-812-0345

Web: www.AlaEmmaus.org
email: Office@AlaEmmaus.org

Address changes should be sent to: David Hall, 849 County Road 3926, Arley, AL 35541, or emailed to DHall92727@aol.com

2022 Walk Schedule

WALK	DATE	GENDER
498	Feb 10-13	W
499	Mar 3-6	W
500	Mar 17-20	M
501	April 21-24	W
502	May 12-15	W
503	Aug 11-14	M
504	Sep 8-11	W
505	Sep 22-25	M
506	Oct 20-23	W
507	Nov 10-13	M

*Due to calendar conflicts and a Camp request to move Walks from summer dates, the following changes were made to the 2022 Walk schedule:

#502 was moved back a week to May 12-15

#503 was moved from June to Aug. 11-14

#504 was moved from July to Sep. 22-25 – and swapped numbers with women's Walk #505

Praying For You

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

To the family of **Sarah Jeffcoat (143)**

To **Ann Summers (36)** in the loss of her husband, **James Summers (31)**

To the family of **Terry Dempsey (321)**

To the family of **Ruby Baltimore (389)**

To **Susan Patterson (292)** in the loss of her husband, **Frank Patterson (299)**

To **Susan Copeland (17)** in the loss of her parents, Mary Frances and Frank Fink

To **Peggy Burgess (17)** in the loss of her mother, Delean Morgan

To **Judy Bonds (136)** in the loss of her mother, Bernice Mayfield

To **Walter Cash (78)** and **Michele Cash (114)** in the loss of his wife and her mother, **Brenda Cash (84)**

To **Todd Walker (458)** in the loss of his father, Glen Walker

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 501
April 21-24, 2022**

Lay Director Debra Fennell - Perseverance

Asst. Lay Directors

Patrice Booth
Chrystal Whitehead - Priority
Christine Neese - Fourth Day
Kim Warren
Valrie Bain
Dianne Wingfield

Spiritual Director Mike Densmore - Means of Grace

Asst. Spiritual Directors

John Hill - Justifying Grace
Ted Anderson - Prevenient Grace
Paul Vick - Obstacles to Grace
Michael Russell - Sanctifying Grace

Music Chair Vic Hamilton

Asst. Table Leaders

Sybil Pemberton - Body of Christ
Beverly Murphy - Discipleship
Cathy Parker - Life in Piety
Shawn Artley - Changing Our World
Angel Rait - Priesthood of All Believers
Mary Larson - Christian Action
Dian Long - Growth Through Study

Table Leaders

Denise Burford
Roberta Wyckoff
Kathy Mitchell
Susan Vickers
Bernice Robinson
Christine Brightbill
Suzanne Batchelor

Board Reps

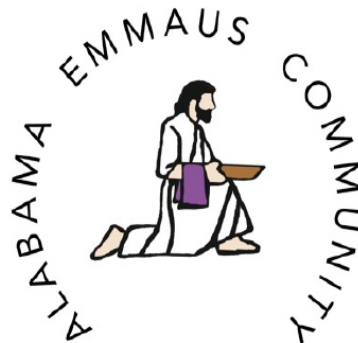
Stirling Rait
Bob DeHaven

Committees

Agape: Pam Branham 205-837-2708
Food Service: Donald Neese 256-596-2100
Refreshments: Betty Hamilton 256-234-2904
Prayer Vigil: Andy Robinson 706-537-9442
Housing: Teely Samson 256-239-6263
Candlelight: Dave Hall 256-872-4810
Clean-up: Chuck Cohron 205-739-9606
Closing: Alan Wingfield 256-839-5539
Entertainment: Carol Scroggins 706-766-4102
Follow-up: Rhonda Nelson 256-404-2502
Prayer Chapel: Brenda Kent 256-362-3753
Sponsors' Hour: James Long 256-839-6827
Worship: Louise Tapley 256-329-9400
Photographer: Deb Hendrick 256-861-2000
Humble Servant: Butch Fennell 256-252-2795
Patsy Coe Densmore 256-749-9354

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Angie Bagwell	Albertville	Lucan Bagwell & Tsali Burch
Amber Burch	Albertville	Tsali Burch & Lucan Bagwell
Lisa Gladden	Albertville	Vicki Mann & Mike Gladden
Kasey Allen	Alexander City	Mike Parker & Delona Nolen
Brandy Galvan	Alexander City	John Williams & Linda Williams
Jenny Roberson	Alexander City	Anna McCain & Shelia Dean
Nancy Lipham	Anniston	Judi Vick & Paul Vick
Shawnee Weigt	Anniston	Cathy Poole
Lisa Hilyer	Arab	Chris Bishop & Sharon Reep
Jane Upton	Boaz	Delilah Gibson
Kim Dawson	Bridgeport	Sherry Mayfield Seavers & Mike Seavers
Eddie Nelson	Goodwater	Joanne Singleton & Butch Fennell
Gloria Hayes	Guntersville	Vicki Mann
Sheila Hobson	Guntersville	Vicki Mann
Jessie Sims	Hamilton	Joanne Cox & Melinda Knight
Heather Wingo	Hayden	Holli Martin
Ashley Clowdis	Leesburg	Mandy Pope
Rita Cheatham	Moulton	Kay Seale & Rosemary Lewey
Vanessa Jordan	Moulton	Lynn H. Littrell
Lacy Dollar	Munford	Zack Dollar
Rachel Beard	Owens Cross Roads	Angie Sullivan
JoJo Henry	Pinson	Holli Martin
Kelly Pavkovich	Pinson	Holli Martin
Terrye Weldon	Springville	Ann Bailey & Kay Cherry
Esther Glenn	Trussville	Beckee Scott Blackmon
Lucy Coker	Vestavia Hills	Suzanne Scott Trammell & Melinda Burnett



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 502
May 12-15, 2022**

Lay Director Carlin Burrow - Perseverance

Asst. Lay Directors

Lou Ann Hubbard - 4th Day
Carrie Bolton - Priority
Dana Fleming
Nancy Bowling
Pam Putman
Jimmie Dell Short

Spiritual Director Mitch Nethery - Means of Grace

Asst. Spiritual Directors

Jeff Fleming - Justifying Grace
Mark Adams - Obstacles to Grace
Alan Beasley - Sanctifying Grace
Preston Headrick - Prevenient Grace

Music Chair Debbie Wood 205-269-4488

Asst. Table Leaders

Sarah Nix - Body of Christ
Kathy Hall - Discipleship
Melanie Skillman - Life in Piety
Pattie Gregg - Changing Our World
Mary Ellen Allen - Priesthood
Judy Burcham - Growth Through Study
Patty Gann - Christian Action

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JoAnn Cox
Carla Roberts
Pam Brasher
Sue Bailey
Kay Phillips
Michelle Murray

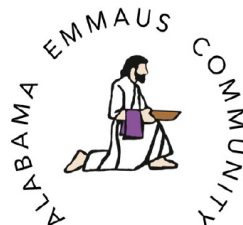
Board Reps Jennifer Swinney
Jackie Mize

Committees

Agape: Kevin Posey 205-412-2602
Food Service: Jerry Gann 205-468-3742
Refreshments: Shay Pounds 205-412-3726
Prayer Vigil: Linda Hall 204-412-0410
Housing: David McNutt 205-269-1328
Candlelight: Chris Burcham 256-577-3993
Clean-up: Rick Holte n/a
Closing: Charlie McAfee 205-269-1812
Entertainment: Sheila Jones 205-412-5823
Follow-up: Ricky Hall 256-810-8988
Prayer Chapel: Lou Gross 256-201-2403
Sponsors' Hour: Bob Masdon 205-269-0039
Worship: Susan Godsey 256-332-5940
Photographer: Jeff Bowling 205-810-8970
Humble Servant: Jeff Bowling 205-810-8970

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Linda Castleberry	Alabaster	Suzanne Scott Trammell
Patty Turner	Albertville	Neeysa Biddle & Trista DeBacker
Annette Simmons	Arab	RoxAnne Henderson & Suzanne Ingram
Marie Taymon	Athens	Clay Jackson
Robyn Little	Birmingham	Jadell Dunn & Susie Heckathorn
Cheryl Verdi	Chelsea	Steve & Sandra Smith and Margaret Sheppard
Bethany Aldridge	Fayette	Dana Gilliam & Mandy Harville Brunk
Erin Guy	Fayette	Dana Gilliam & Mandy Harville Brunk
Rachel McCauley	Fayetteville	Angela Steelman
Britney Underwood	Florence	Will & April Vaden
Tori Dahlgren	Gardendale	Steve Baccus & Donna Baccus
Glenda Mayo	Grant	Tammy C. Hayes
Sarah Emerson	Hodges	Lisa Shipman & Marla Wakefield
Adessa Cannon	Huntsville	Deb Callins & Cathy Saik
Amy Ficken	Huntsville	Nancy Nolan
Melissa Findley	Huntsville	Tana Lane
Erin Melicks	Killen	Will Vaden & April Vaden
Abbie Porter	Lincoln	Tammy Jones & Deb Welsh
Christy Hill	Loganville , GA	Misty Brogdon
Lisa Crump	Meridianville	Ann Turner
Lauren Carter	Meridianville	Sue Seward & Roberta Shivers
Nancy McGee	Millport	Patricia Bush
Karen Belles	Oneonta	Lana Beck
Donna Wilson	Remlap	Emilie Sims
Amanda Hasting	Rogersville	Neal Harvey
Tarsha Tubbs	Sawyerille	Portia Shepherd & Sherrie Hiatt
Lissa Walker	Tuscaloosa	Joy Jones
Anita Scoggins	Tuscumbia	Jenilee Ross and Tosha Phillips



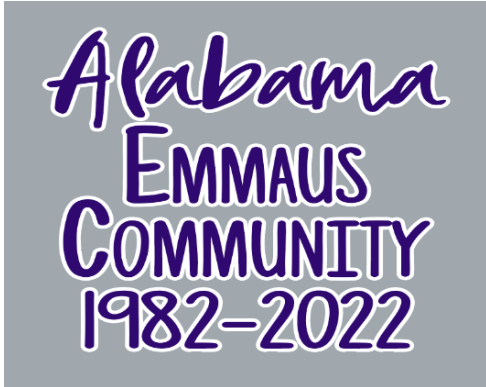
Alabama Emmaus Community

Celebrating 40th Birthday

T-Shirt Order Form

Orders & Payment Due No Later Than July 25, 2022

**Will be available for pick-up at Training Event: Fri., Aug. 12 & Sat. Aug. 13 OR
Prior to Candlelight: 7 pm on Sat., Aug. 13**



(Front Left Side)



(Back)

Name: _____

Walk#: _____

Cluster: _____

Phone: _____

Small – X-Large

\$12.00

2XL-3XL

\$15.00

Small QTY _____

Price Total \$ _____

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You can order thru email by sending the order form to marydshotts@gmail.com and mail the check to 375 Moses Rd Hamilton AL 35571. Or You can mail the order form and check to Deanna Shotts at 375 Moses Rd Hamilton AL 35570. Please make checks payable to Alabama Emmaus Community. **Order forms and payments due no later than July 25, 2022.**