



Community Humble Servants

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Debra Baker

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Bobby Jones

Literature

Patricia Bush

Supplies

Lane Berry

Community Agape

Bruce Parris

Name Tags

Dan Bell

Newsletter

Stephen Milstead

Challenge

By Jane Hagler, Community Lay Director

Several structures at Camp were damaged as a result of the freezing temperatures on Christmas Eve. Retreat Center Buildings 4 and 5 sustained the most damage and will be unavailable for several more months. There was less damage in Building 2 and the hope is it can be completed earlier. The Marshall County Cluster plans to donate a thousand dollars (\$1,000) to help Camp cover expenses not covered by the insurance. The Cluster is challenging all Clusters to match this donation. The Board and Tony Jones at Camp agree it will be better to send Camp one check. So, the Alabama Emmaus Treasurer, Kathy Mitchell, will be collecting Challenge donation checks from Clusters. Checks should be made out to Alabama Emmaus Community and put 'Challenge' in the memo line. The deadline for the challenge is April 30th. I appreciate everything Camp staff has done to accommodate housing for Walks. I will admit it has been a fun adventure staying in different buildings at Camp.



Retreat Center Buildings

There is another way we can help. The Camp staff is smaller now than before COVID so it is hard for them to do everything the way it was before. They have asked if the Community members at Closing would please pick up the chairs and stack them on racks along the walls. If we help with the chairs, the Camp crew can clean and mop in less time.

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Smile, We are Easter People on Our Fourth Day!

By Paul Vick, Community Spiritual Director

In the spirit of being ecumenical, I share in this time of Lent and Easter a portion of an article by Catholic Bishop Kagan entitled "What does it mean to be Easter People?*

"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our hymn of praise!" Do you know who said this? Do you know that the great St. Augustine was the first to proclaim this fact in an Easter Sunday sermon to the Catholic people of his Diocese of Hippo?

With the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and after keeping the discipline of Lent of intense prayer, active good works of charity and the doing of sincere penance, is this great proclamation ours? If we say yes, then for this yes to be true and sincere, we must actually live like Easter makes a difference in our lives. That is what St. Augustine was preaching in that Easter Sunday sermon.

If we say no to this proclamation, that is truly a great sadness. We have literally wasted Lent and more. We have wasted the time the merciful God has given us to use His grace to correct our faults and to conform our very lives and persons more closely to Jesus. In essence, we have admitted that Easter does not really matter in our lives; we prefer to go the way of the world rather than follow faithfully Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

What St. Augustine meant in that Easter Sunday sermon when he taught his people what it means to be "Easter people," was simply this:

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Starting in April the Birmingham Emmaus Community will be holding their Walks at Camp Sumatanga. The camp they had been using, Chula Vista, was sold and they had to find a new location. They have scheduled three Walks this year with dates near Alabama Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Journeys; April 13-16, August 17-20, and September 21-24. Please be respectful when they are using the Camp. Both Communities have the same goal of bringing disciples to Christ.

DeColores,

Jane Hagler

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their faith in Jesus Crucified and Risen must be lived by imitating Him in daily life by the way they spoke, thought and acted. Anything else was a betrayal of Jesus and their faith. It was true then and is just as true today and will always be true.”

Yes, how true, no matter what our denomination or Christian fellowship, God continues to call each of us into a closer and deeper walk with Him. I pray that all who witness and participate in Alabama Walk to Emmaus will experience the Risen Lord this Easter in a new and even greater profound way. We are indeed Easter People on Our Fourth Day imitating Jesus! De Colores and LOV !

* <https://bismarckdiocese.com/news/what-does-it-mean-to-be-easter-people>

God's Cross-Stitch

By Angel Rait, Community Coordinator

I recently heard the most beautiful message that I want to share with you. One Sunday morning as I sat waiting on worship I noticed that on the altar was what appeared at first glance to be an ordinary painting of Jesus with His arms outstretched. But there was something about the picture was not an ordinary at all. The more I looked, the more it just drew me in, and I couldn't stop staring at it.

One of the pastors also began looking closely at it and quickly became consumed by the Holy Spirit. She heard God saying to her, "This is my people – all colors and shapes, all blended together to be an example of Me. This is what My Church is supposed to look like." She went up to the altar to take a closer look at the painting and saw that it was not actually a painting at all. It was cross-stitched, which gave her message from God more meaning. Just like that beautiful "picture," God has stitched us and blended us all together until we became a beautiful picture of Christ with each one of us representing Christ to others as His disciples.

After the service there was a long line of people wanting to take a look at this "painting" up close. It was then that you could see those thousands of tiny stiches all put together to make this exquisite picture. There was a "Cross-stitch guide" that was used to help the stitcher know where to place the stitches and when to change the colors. And God has a guide for us, His Word, that tells us how we are all supposed to come together and make an image of Christ. Ahhhh, only God can hold the needle that stiches us all together to make the Body of Christ!

See you at Camp!

Angel, sjc #173

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
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
513*	Aug 10-13	Ryan Rickart	Preston Headrick	West Alabama Tuscaloosa	Mike Whitten Bobby Jones
514	Sept 14-17	Lisa Smith	Terry Bentley	Gadsden/Marshall/ Cherokee-DeKalb	Lane Berry Debra Baker

***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.



Memorial Golf Tournament

Benefitting Shoals Emmaus Cluster & Camp Sumatanga

Cypress Lakes Golf Club

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Registration 7:30 a.m. with a Shotgun start 8:30 a.m.

\$100/person or \$400/team

Lunch provided

Platinum Sponsor \$750

Gold Sponsor \$600

Hole Sponsor \$100

Hole in One Prizes with a chance to win a Ford!

Board Bits

The vote to legally change our community name to the "Alabama Emmaus Community" from the "Alabama Emmaus Community of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church" has been taken. It passed by a large majority (of 613 total votes, 597: yes, 13: no, and 4: abstained). The board will proceed with the work needed to do this.

2023 Walk Schedule

<u>WALK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
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

2023 Chrysalis Schedule

<u>JOURNEY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
106	Feb 17-19	Young Ladies
107	Aug 4-6	Young Men

The Grapevine

Alabama Emmaus Office, P.O. Box 38
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

Praying For You

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

To **Dot Nelson (438)** in the loss of her son and to **Randy Nelson (432)** in the loss of his brother, **Ben Nelson (486)**

To **Judy Shivers (373)** in the loss of her husband, Gary Shivers

To **Linda Stewart (234)** in the loss of her husband, Dr William "Bill" Stewart.

To **JoAnn McMillian (11)** in the loss of her husband, and to **Melinda Briscoe (23)** in the loss of her father, **Joseph C McMillian (12)**

To the family of **Brenda B Wisener (296)**

To the family of **Virginia "Jo" King (206)**

To the family of **Pat Cleghorn (?)**

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 511
April 19-23, 2023**

Lay Director Kathy Hall - Perseverance

Asst. Lay Directors

Pam Putman - Priority
Emilie Sims - Fourth Day
Jennifer Swinney
Shannon Jones
Sherry Fincher
Kathleen King

Spiritual Director Tony Jones - Means of Grace

Asst. Spiritual Directors

Dudley Brock - Prevenient Grace
Jeff Fleming - Obstacles to Grace
Cam Price - Sanctifying Grace
Joe Hastings - Justifying Grace

Music Chair Debbie Wood

Asst. Table Leaders

Sara Manney - Body of Christ
Gina Frazier - Discipleship
Melainie Skillman - Life of Piety
VJ Brown - Changing our World
Rita Speegle - Priesthood
LeeAnn O'Toole - Christian Action
Judy Bonds - Growth Through Study

Table Leaders

Kay Phillips
Lisa Nichols
Sue Bailey
Stephanie West
Jane Sims
Judy LaRocque
Vickie Johnson

Board Reps

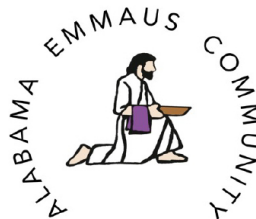
Amy Crim
David Speegle

Committees

Agape: Brad Nichols 205-269-8924
Food Service: Dianne Herfurth 205-708-8740
Refreshments: Deanna Shotts 205-412-2771
Prayer Vigil: Mary Nell Saunders 205-275-2292
Housing: Bain Brown 205-369-7630
Candlelight: Ted Hagler 205-985-9608
Clean-up: Mickey Phillips 205-540-6673
Closing: Mickey Phillips 205-540-6673
Entertainment: Shelia Jones 205-932-3534
Follow-up: Sally Moore 256-668-0666
Prayer Chapel: Jolene Stockton 256-810-4726
Sponsors' Hour: Ricky Hall 256-810-8988
Worship: Pam Branham 205-837-2708
Photographer: Ricky Hall 256-810-8988
Humble Servant: Ricky Hall & Mike Shotts

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Sharron Fortenberry	Albertville	Tami Kelly & Anne Sweitzer
Alicia Crew	Alexander City	Mike Jackson & Debra Fennell
Stephanie Jennings	Alexander City	Cathy Parker & Christine Cromer Neese
Pam Pounds	Altoona	Lisa Socha & Darlene Williams
Melissa Smith	Boaz	Ginger Haven & Janice Davis & Malarie Haven
Claire Mills	Coker	Danny Lemley & Norma Lemley
Hanna Gilliam	Fayette	Dana Gilliam
Priscilla Gray	Fayette	Dana Gilliam & August Junkin
Ebony Rodgers	Fayette	Dana Gilliam and Esther Lawley
Magen Routen	Fayette	Dana Gilliam and August Junkin
Destyn Stowe	Fayette	Dana Gilliam & August Junkin
Cassandra Eidson	Guntersville	Barbara Harris
Amanda Harbor	Hamilton	Preston Headrick
Susan Blumstein	Helena	Gene Ingram & Ali White
Fran Neal	Helena	Ali White & Lisa Green Creel
Jodie Scoggins	Hueytown	Susie Simmons
Diane Cannon	Northport	Paul Wilson & Mary Ham Wilson
Robin Fondren	Northport	Mary Ham Wilson & Paul Wilson
Sharon Reeves	Oneonta	Karen Willingham
Karen Conner	Scottsboro	Joy Harbin
Kristi Hill	Tuscaloosa	Kristi Babb
Elizabeth Wright	Tuscaloosa	Grayson Wright & Patti S. Wright
Lenora Wisdom	Vernon	Michael Wisdom & Eric Terrell
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**Alabama Emmaus Walk 512
May 4-7, 2023**

Lay Director Clay Hammond – Perseverance

Asst. Lay Directors

Donnie Armstrong – 4th Day
Neal Harvey
Mitch Dobbins – Priority
Andy Clem
Jack McDaniel
Jonathan Killen

Spiritual Director Rudy Guess – Means of Grace

Asst. Spiritual Directors

Greg Patrick – Prevenient Grace
Bart Bowlin – Justifying Grace
Bradley Hipps – Obstacles to Grace
Phil Springer – Sanctifying Grace

Music Chair Chad Kennington

Asst Table Leaders

Frederick Martin – Piety
Pete Peeden – Changing Our World
Clay Jackson – Priesthood
Michael Carr – Body of Christ
Richard Martin – Christian Action
Mike Creecy – Discipleship
Wes Henry – Study

Table Leaders

Ricky Hall
Jimmy Grissom
Glen Stokes
Joe Peeden
Alan Schollian
Kevan Hutto
Stephen Milstead

Board Reps Donna McDaniel
Georgia McCaig

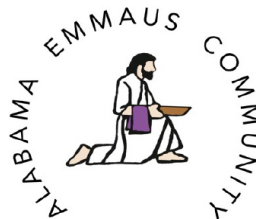
Committees

Agape: MaryLee Dobbins (256) 366-6323
Food Service: Rosemary Lewey (256) 56573-56
Refreshments: Revonda Twesme (256) 462-9964
Prayer Vigil: David Twesme (256) 762-9974
Housing: Lynn Littrell (256) 565-3566
Candlelight: Katie Beth Carr (256) 415-1339
Closing: Mary Young (256) 381-6043
Entertainment: Don Shelton (256) 214-2454
Follow-Up: Brenda Quesenberry (256) 446-9918
Prayer Chapel: Mark Paris (256) 443-8298
Sponsor's Hour: Julie Martin (256) 674-0957
Worship: Donna Schollian (256) 461-7111
Photographer: Chad Botcher (256) 759-8909
Humble Servant: Lynda Botcher (256) 381-6433

Pilgrims

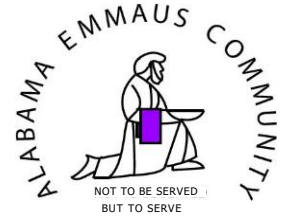
Name	Location	Sponsor
David Cagle		
Alan Sandlin		
Chuck Farmer	Athens	
Adam Holland	Athens	
Hilton Cawthon	Birmingham	Tom & Stephanie Cawthon
Chris Jahraus	Chelsea	Tom Benz & Nancy Hendrix Benz
Patrick Malone	Florence	Hal Mills & Lori Mills
Ben Atchison	Hartselle	
Ken Floyd	Harvest	Vern Spearman & Lola Spearman
Shane Smith	Heflin	Steven Lines & Jay Grubbs
Ron Babin	Hoover	Alden Snow
Coty Galloway	Jacksonville	Ted Anderson & Colin Cotton
Craig Carter	Lexington	Clay Jackson
Chuck Stewart	Madison	Lee Riddle & Genie Riddle
Shanon Terry	Moulton	Marshall Lewey & Angela Terry
Matthew Cornelius	Oneonta	Joe Hastings
Charles Bellew	Rainbow City	
Pierre Pacitti	Remlap	
Dan Limbaugh	Sylacauga	Royce Warren & Kim Warren
Rick Dunphy	Vestavia Hills	Perry Stowe & Suzanne Scott-Trammell
Gordon Huffman	Vestavia Hills	Perry Stowe & Suzanne Scott-Trammell
Danny Mitchell	Warrior	Warren Hodges & Mike Wynn

* Some information not available at time of publishing (forms in the mail)





Alabama Emmaus Community
 Annual Overnight Training Event
 Retreat Center - Camp Sumatanga
 August 11-12, 2023



Registration from 5-7 PM

Serving on an Emmaus team is something to be anticipated! It can be an ultimate form of service and a source of blessing to the giver and the receiver. Is this your calling? Would you like to know more? This is your golden opportunity! The Alabama Emmaus Annual Training Event for team service is to be August 11 & 12. The training sessions will be enjoyable as well as informative. As with any Emmaus event, there will be food, fun, fellowship and music. Come spend some quiet time at camp, renew old friendships, and make some new ones. *This is a great event for your new pilgrims!*

All training sessions will be held on Saturday. This is your information sheet and registration form. You may copy this form as needed. **Please note the deadline for registration!** On the second page of this form is the tentative schedule of events and a list of classes. Please fill out the "Registration for Classes" section with the classes you would like to attend.

The costs for housing and meals are also listed on the second page. Participants will stay in Buildings 1, 2 and 3, and rooms are first come, first served. Meals for the Training Event will be in Lodge Dining Room. Rooms may be secured for Friday and/or Saturday nights. A registration fee of \$5.00 is requested of each person who attends the Training Event. This fee covers materials that will be provided. Please submit your form by August 5th. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Jennifer Swinney (256) 627-0731 or sswinney@centurytel.net.

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT MADE OUT TO ALABAMA EMMAUS COMMUNITY MAIL TO Jennifer Swinney AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW
Registration Deadline is August 5, 2023.

Name: _____

Cluster: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____

(Cell) _____

Email: _____

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM TO: Jennifer Swinney
200 L and L Drive
Phil Campbell, AL 35581
256-627-0731
sswinney@centurytel.net

TOTAL HOUSING (MEALS ARE INCLUDED.)	\$
MEALS NEEDED BECAUSE NOT STAYING AT CAMP	\$
PARTICIPATION FEE *PER PERSON*	\$ 5.00
TOTAL PAYABLE	
Please make checks payable to: ALABAMA EMMAUS COMMUNITY	\$

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 11th

5:00-7:00 Registration, 2nd Floor, McKinney-Atkins
 6:00 Dinner, Lodge Dining Room
 6:45 Welcome & Singing
 7:00 Memorial Service
 7:45 Break
 8:15 Guest Speaker (Tony Jones)
 8:30 Angel Rait, Alabama Emmaus Coordinator
 8:45 Singing and Announcements
 9:00 Good Night

Saturday, August 12th

8:00 Breakfast in Lodge Dining Room
 8:00 Registration, 2nd Floor McKinney-Atkins
 8:30 Announcements & Singing
 8:45 Devotion
 9:00 Speaker
 9:30 Snack Break
 10:00 Class I
 11:00 Class II
 12:00 Lunch in Lodge Dining Room
 12:40 Jane Hagler, Community Lay Director
 1:00 Class III & Dismissal

TENTATIVE CLASSES

The Path to Lay Director
Assistant Lay Directors
Table Leaders & Assistant Table Leaders
Music
Refreshments
Candlelight
Housing & Registration
Sponsor's Hour/ Closing / Follow-Up
Speaker's Prayer Chapel / 72 Hour Prayer Vigil
Agape'
Meal Service
Worship
Tech Support
Being a Responsible Sponsor

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES

CHOICE #1 _____

CHOICE #2 _____

CHOICE #3 _____

HOUSING AND MEAL INFORMATION

Participants will be housed in the buildings at the Retreat Center. Each room has two double beds and a bathroom with a shower. Linens are furnished. Handicap accessible rooms are available on request.

Please circle the option you are choosing. Room cost includes Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, and Saturday Lunch.

ACCOMODATIONS	NO. OF NIGHTS	COST PER PERSON PER NIGHT	TOTAL COST
Retreat Center (<i>circle one</i>)			
1 Person for 1 night or more		104.00	
2 Persons for 1 night or more		70.00	
3 Persons for 1 night or more		63.00	
4 Persons for 1 night or more		60.00	

IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL, IT MUST BE DONE BY SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th OR YOU WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY RESERVATIONS MADE

Meal Rates: Dinner, breakfast, and lunch are included for anyone staying overnight.

Meals will be served in the Lodge Dining Room.

MEALS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
Breakfast		\$10.00	
Lunch		\$12.00	
Dinner	\$15.00	N/A	