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## We're Back!

*By Teresa Holderfield Walker, Community Lay Director*

It was wonderful to back at Camp this weekend for Walk 494! The smiling faces of the pilgrims are a treasure beyond measure. A big thank you to Walk 494 team for breaking the ice and getting us started back with walks. I know it was really hard, but you excelled and have set the bar high for Walk 495. I hope you took Monday off to rest and reflect.

So much goes into preparing for a walk.

1. Prayer is # 1
2. Hundreds of calls, texts, emails, etc. to contact team members
3. More Prayer
4. Team Selection Meeting
5. Team Meetings
6. Writing Talks, Practicing Talks
7. Sponsoring Pilgrims
8. More calls, texts, emails, Facebook stalking for cards and letters
9. More Prayer
10. Individual Team Plans – Assistant Lay Directors, Table Leaders, Assistant Table Leaders, Worship, Candlelight, Refreshments, 72 Hr. Prayer Vigil, Agape, Meal Services, Housing & Registration, Speaker's Prayer Chapel, Closing, Clean-up, etc.
11. Making Agape
12. More Prayer
13. And so much more



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## Why I Love Emmaus

*By John Simmons, Community Spiritual Director*

"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory." Colossians 3:1-4 (NLT)

When the Apostle Paul says, "Set your sights on the realities of heaven" and "Think about the things of heaven," what thoughts cross your mind? Heaven bound after you die or maybe the words we say or sing about the "streets of Gold." All these are word pictures, but I wanted more.

In May 1984, I attended Alabama Emmaus Walk #14, Table of Thomas, I saw and experienced a "Glimpse of Heaven." Agape was not just a descriptive word for the God-kind of love, it was heaven on earth. That weekend was truly a "Glimpse of Heaven." That's one reason "I love Emmaus."

I've had several experiences in my life that have made a major impact. The Emmaus Ministry is one of them. In over 40 years in ministry, there have been many ups and downs. When the down times came Emmaus was a lifeline.

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AND I can't forget to thank the Alabama Emmaus Community for showing up for six workdays to get Camp cleaned up after being closed for a year and a half. Hutto was the cleanest I've ever seen it. I can not name names because I would surely leave someone out. Countless hours were spent cleaning floors, blinds and bathrooms, washing windows, walls, and chairs, spraying banners, vacuuming carpet and upholstery, cleaning out refreshment, banner and agape rooms, pressure washing, grass cutting, weed eating, making curtains. The list goes on and on.

I thank everyone who had a part making this weekend a reality. We started small with 13 pilgrims, but God blessed big. We tried our best to provide the safest environment possible with all the conference room team and pilgrims being vaccinated. We appreciate you wearing masks at opening, candlelight and closing to protect our pilgrims and team.

We do have a wish list of items for Hutto if you or your cluster would like to be blessed by giving. We have already had the chest freezer replaced last week and someone has volunteered to purchase a refrigerator freezer for the worship work room this week for Walk 495 to have. Other wish items include replacing carpet with laminate especially in the worship work room, replacing tile in the downstairs hall outside the refreshment room, replacing blinds upstairs in Hutto auditorium, outside doors, etc. Please contact Angel Rait in the Alabama Emmaus Office if you are interested. Also stay tuned for one more Workday before the year is over to finish up some projects we weren't able to do. The more hands the faster it goes!

Continue to pray for upcoming walks (see chart below):

And, Young Adult Chrysalis Journey 105 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Bain Brown in 2022.

De Colores my friends!

# Simmons (continued from Page 1)

The lifeline was always available, weekly reunion group, cluster meeting, attending a candlelight, working a walk, even participating as a member of the AEC board. I am eternally grateful for the Emmaus Ministry and the impact it has made in my life.

Another reason "I love Emmaus" is the relationships I have made through the years. Someone once said, "Some relationships are for a season, a reason, and some are for a lifetime." I have experienced all three through Emmaus.

I was asked recently, what I would like to see during my tenure as Community Spiritual Director. After giving it much thought and as we navigate the post-pandemic, I would like to see more and more people experience the "Glimpse of Heaven." That future depends on us as sponsors. DeColores

## 2022 Walk Schedule

<u>WALK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
498	Feb 10-13	W
499	Mar 3-6	W
<b>500</b>	<b>Mar 17-20</b>	<b>M</b>
501	April 21-24	W
502	May 19-22	W
<b>503</b>	<b>June 16-19</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>504</b>	<b>July 7-10</b>	<b>M</b>
505	Sep 8-11	W
506	Sep 22-25	W
<b>507</b>	<b>Oct 20-23</b>	<b>M</b>

## Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
496	Sept 9-12	Rosemary Lewey	Tony Jones	Shoals/Athens/ Moulton-Decatur	Tami Glenn Clay Hammond
<b>497 *</b>	<b>Oct 14-17</b>	<b>Butch Burgess</b>	<b>Lynn Gibson</b>	<b>Tuscaloosa/W AL</b>	<b>Jaime Rickert Danny Lemley</b>
498	Feb 10-13	Tami Kelley	Paul Vick	Gadsden/Marshall/ Cherokee-Dekalb	Bob DeHaven TBD
499	Mar 3-6	Susan Lewis	Sherrill Clontz	Huntsville	Sherry Johnson TBD

**\*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!

# Come to Your Senses

Our church has begun a new series of sermons titled "Come to Your Senses". Each week we will concentrate on one of the five senses to discover how our senses are actually being used to lead us to God.

I was able to attend Closing for Walk #494, the first Walk after 17 LONG months. As I walked into Hutto after the long absence, and while taking a deep breath, I actually smelled Camp! And it smelled amazing, like being in God's presence! What are the smells that make you think of God? Are you giving off a pleasing scent in your Christian Witness?



Then I saw my Emmaus family. Seeing Hutto buzzing with people was absolutely food for my soul. Not everything we see in the world is pleasing to the eye, but good friends always look beautiful! What do others see in you? Is it pleasing to their soul?

Then I heard the sounds of laughter as we all gathered to sing while waiting for the Pilgrims to come upstairs. The Pilgrims later sang a song back to us that said:

I love You Lord, for Your mercy never fails me;  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake until I lay down my head,  
Oh, I will sing the goodness of God.

Nothing was more precious than hearing that choir of Pilgrims sing those precious words over us! What are others hearing in you? Is it pleasing to God's ears?



Then came communion, and it tasted better than ever. Was it because we were kneeling in Hutto, or was it because we truly felt God's presence through those elements? "Do this as often as you drink it and think of me." Communion is God giving us what we need to make His presence real. He was there!! Does Communion create a sweet memory of Christ in your mind?

After we sang "Bind us Together", while touching elbows rather than holding hands, the Spiritual Director announced that these 13 Pilgrims were brave to come on this Walk with the reality of Covid lurking in our world. That is when those precious Pilgrims ran to each other and hugged, there was touch. Long awaited hugs that needed to be felt! These

COVID days we are living in makes touch a hard sense to relate to. But when it is appropriate, there is nothing sweeter than the human touch. Sometimes we need the tangible, to allow God to hug us through a friend!

Come to your senses, use them all; smell, see, hear, taste and feel the presence of God.

Angel, sjc

Walk #173 Table of Martha

## BOARD BITS

If you are sponsoring Pilgrims right now, bless your heart! But PLEASE be sure to respond to any and all communication from the Community Coordinator, Angel Rait. You should have her phone number and her email address in your Contacts by now. It is so important at this point in time to be sure you receive updates from Angel so that you and your Pilgrims will be aware of any possible changes. You gotta be ready!!! But just in case you don't have her info, here it is:

205-812-0345 (Office) / 256-225-3654 (Cell)  
Office@alaemmaus.org – email

In a spirit of cooperation and charity, please add these to your devices and answer or reply!

## CLUSTER REMINDER

Cluster Leaders – now is the time to have your Cluster Nominating Committee meeting and getting names approved for your 2022 offices. These will be the Cluster Contacts you must turn in by Nov. 1. And if you refer to your Cluster Timeline, this will help you stay on track. Have questions? Ask your Board Members!

## ***Hallelujah Homecoming***

***October 15-16, 2021***

***Including: The Memorial Service  
and Overnight Training Event***

**Come and help us celebrate being back together as our Alabama Emmaus Community comes back home to Camp Sumatanga on October 15-16, 2021 for a time of sharing the past, present, and future of our Alabama Emmaus community. Let us spend time together in the Training Event learning new ways of serving our Lord. Help us lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone on before us in the past two years as we honor their memories during the Memorial Service on October the 15th. Throughout this wonderful weekend, let us rejoice with the Homecoming Spirit that we have been holding in our hearts for so long.**

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**Visit the Alabama Emmaus website ([www.alaemmaus.org](http://www.alaemmaus.org)) to learn more about the overnight training event and to register for the classes you would like to attend. Registration Deadline is October 8, 2021**

### *The Grapevine*

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Address changes should be sent to: David Hall, 849 County Road 3926, Arley, AL 35541, or emailed to [DHall92727@aol.com](mailto: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 **Alice (99)** and **Phillip (97) Edwards** in the loss of their son, **Eric Horton (483)**

To **Kitten Daily (286)** in the loss of her husband, **A.L. "Buddy" Daily (285)**

To the family of **Lila Mae Rains (171)**

To the family of **JoAnn Strange (63)**

To the family of **Sharron Walker (303)**

To **Robin Howard** in the loss of her mother, **Paula Warren**

To **Reba Miller (95)** in the loss of her husband, **Glenn Miller (94)**

To **Margaret Billingsley (77)** in the loss of her husband, and to **Deborah Cornelius (67)** in the loss of her dad, **Tom Billingsley (78)**

To **Tommy (262)** and **Linda (263) Kirby** in the loss of their son, **Dr. Allen Kirby**

To **Harold Allred (314)** in the loss of his wife, and to **Heath Allred (243)** in the loss of his mom, **Judy Allred (345)**

To **Terry Rains (46)** in the loss of his wife, and to **Debbie Elder (56)** in the loss of her mom, **Brenda Rains (48)**

To **Nancy Ratcliffe (284)** in the loss of her husband, **Dr Al Ratcliffe (53)**

To **Barbara Muenzmay (156)** in the loss of her husband, **Fred Muenzmay (155)**

To **RoxAnne Henderson (124)** in the loss of her mom, **June Wheat**

To **Larry Morris (85)** in the loss of his son, **Kevin Russell Morris**

To **Rev. Pete West (UR)** in the loss of his son, and to **Rev. Steve West** in the loss of his brother, **Richmond West (441)**

To the family of **Catherine McCaa (98)**

To **Betty Belue (215)** in the loss of her husband, **Bobby Belue (225)**

To **Howard Jagers (178)** in the loss of his wife, **Ann Jagers (177)**

To **Joel Parris (178)** and **Mark Parris (174)** in the loss of their dad, **Alton Parris (7)**

To the family of **Mary Trimm (308)**

To the family of **Dorothy Miller (160)**

To the family of **Lee Ann Sapp (471)**

To **Alicia McDaniel (BL-74)** in the loss of her sister, **Cheri Cutten (217)**

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 496  
September 9-12, 2021**

**Lay Director** Rosemary Lewey - Perseverance

**Asst. Lay Directors**

Lynn Littrell  
Cathy Dutton  
Melanie Little – Fourth Day  
Cathy Brett  
Melissa Parks  
Laura Moore – Priority

**Spiritual Director** Tony Jones – Means of Grace

**Asst. Spiritual Directors**

Dudley Brock – Prevenient Grace  
Matt Reed – Sanctifying Grace  
Wannell Scott – Justifying Grace  
Mac Buttram – Obstacles to Grace

**Music Chair** John Schuessler

**Asst. Table Leaders**

Tammy Harvey – Priesthood  
Celia Rudolph – Study  
Ann Lyndon – Body of Christ  
Lucretia Woodroof – Piety  
Shannon Reed – Christian Action  
Kris Murphy – Discipleship

**Table Leaders**

Kay Seale  
Kim Simms  
Alicia Carpenter  
Allison Brooks  
Ashley Carter  
Lisa Keys Mathews  
Angela Terry

**Board Reps**

Tami Glen  
Clay Hammond

**Committees**

<b>Agape</b>	Vickie Terry	256-522-8009
<b>Food Service</b>	Joe Peden	256-627-1174
<b>Refreshments</b>	Leasha Laster	256-560-5895
<b>Prayer Vigil</b>	David Twesme	256-670-8210
<b>Housing</b>	Jack McDaniel	256-655-6283
<b>Candlelight</b>	Michael Carr	256-415-1339
<b>Clean-up</b>	Gerald Glover	256-565-0238
<b>Closing</b>	Adam Hawkins	256-426-5731
<b>Entertainment</b>	Don Shelton	256-214-2454
<b>Follow-up</b>	Vicki Morese	256-303-0050
<b>Prayer Chapel</b>	Donna McDaniel	256-421-5008
<b>Sponsors' Hour</b>	Revonda Twesme	256-762-9964
<b>Worship</b>	Ann Glover	256-566-6560
<b>Photographer</b>	Frederick Martin	256-874-0957
<b>Humble Servant</b>	Lynda Bottcher	256-412-0338

**Pilgrims**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Kay Bertella	Arab	Joanie Reynolds
Suzanne Ingram	Arab	Joanie Reynolds
Amy Carr	Birmingham	Michael Carr & Katie Beth Carr
Nancy Mosley	Birmingham	Suzanne Scott-Trammell & Faith Lenhart
JoAnn Gober	Childersburg	Judi Wesson & Memory Finn
Bobby Sue Ogle	Childersburg	Judi Wesson & Memory Finn
Jamie Lee Johnson	Dellrose, TN	Jennifer Dungan & Jana W. Killen
Susie Heird	Florence	Verna White & Amanda Allen
Kathleen Turchetta	Guntersville	Leone Purser
Jessie Sims	Hamilton	Joanne Cox & Melinda Knight
Shawnte' Lee	Helena	Hollye Farmer
Sandra Davis	Horton	Anne Sweitzer & Tami Kelly
Carol Green	Madison	Linda Case
Donna McKinney	Madison	Gabrielle Keel Garrett & Amy Seymour
Wanda Neill	Oneonta	Jane Sims
Virginia Conerly	Owens Crossroads	Lauren Nevels
Jamie Andrews	Pulaski, TN	Jana W. Killen
Jackie Hall	Tuscaloosa	Patricia Bush & Roy Bush
Alison McCall	Vestavia Hills	Suzanne Scott-Trammell & Faith Lenhart
Lucy Coker	Vestavia Hills	Suzanne Scott-Trammell & Melinda Burnett

