

Alabama Emmaus Community News

The Grapevine

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I say thanks to all of you

By **LINDA HOLT**
Lay Director

Autumn is here! Although we are still experiencing warm weather, we know that cooler temperatures and beautiful fall colors are on the horizon.

Our seasons bring transitions and I knew I would experience a new season of my life when I accepted the transition from Board Representative to Community Lay Director.

I say thanks to all of you! I have been honored and blessed while serving as your 2019 Community Lay Director.

I thank you for your love and support shown to Emmaus and to me during this time. At the beginning of this year, I prayed for something that could renew and set our hearts on fire... to be the fire that could renew other

fires through sponsorship.

God answered these prayers and our Sponsorship Challenge was born for 2019. Not only has our Sponsorship Challenge been successful and our goals met, it has created fun, excitement, and enjoyment. There has been more interest in sponsoring, and we have seen our Holy Spirit Stick "growing" with beautiful ribbons representing Pilgrims from each Walk.

All the cluster groupings have embraced the challenge and watched their own clusters grow while increasing sponsorship.

Of course, we do not have end of the year totals of pilgrims because we have two more Walks remaining. These two Walks are considered close to being full and pilgrims are now being accepted for Walks in 2020!

Continue to pray for our Walks. At the last board meeting of the year, on November 16, it will be announced which cluster grouping has the most sponsorship for the year. I will go to that cluster and present to them the Holy Spirit Stick! If there are other clusters in their grouping, they will be invited to attend, also.

In conclusion, I would like to thank God for seasons, for Emmaus, and for you. I have developed a wonderful close and loving relationship with God through Emmaus and have developed loving and close relationships with you. Thank you for all you do for Emmaus. Continue to serve the Lord with joy, be his hands and his feet, and change our world for the better... one Pilgrim at a time!

Pay attention to what's around you

By **DOROTHYANN WEBSTER**
Spiritual Director

Driving down the highway, I have enjoyed passing fields of cotton. "Southern snow" someone called it. The fields are beautiful, with the cotton bolls full.

The cotton is being harvested now, and the gins are up and running. I have been reminded of Jesus' comment that the fields are "white" for the harvest.

I'm not sure what crops he was looking at as he said it, but we know that he was using this familiar image of fields at harvest time to talk about the vast number of souls who are ready to hear the Gospel; who are ready to get to know Christ. But, Jesus said, "the laborers are few."

The laborers Christ seeks are you and me. We can "work the fields" to "bring in the harvest" by sharing our faith in large ways and small.

We can show Christ's love in the ways we relate to others. We can listen with care. We

There are many ways we can witness to the love of Christ and the grace of God.

can ask to pray with or for someone. We can let friends or family know they can depend upon Christ for strength and guidance.

If that friend already knows Christ, we can encourage them in their walk with Jesus by sponsoring them on an Emmaus Walk.

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But the point is, that we *do it!*

Pay attention to the subtle (and not so subtle) indicators that someone around you needs a word of faith and encouragement, and give it. You never know but what that soul is just waiting for your "labor of love."

DeColores!

Dorothy Ann Webster

In God's hands

The time is approaching almost two years that I have been with you as your Community Coordinator. It has been the most wonderful and amazing journey that God has called me to.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your encouragement and help with this job. It definitely takes a village to get this job done, and I need YOU as my village!

To sum up my year, I want to tell you about my reunion/accountability group.

We not only meet and go over "The Order of the Reunion," but we also include a Bible study. I want to share something that stood out this week. When God works through us and in us, eventually we begin to produce beautiful fruit. *That fruit is God showing His visible Handprint so that many would place their lives in His invisible Hand.*

This reminds me of Emmaus.

Pilgrims come and they see and hear so many stories of the beautiful fruit God has produced. They see His visible Handprint in the agape on their bed, when they hear the bell waking them up, when they feel God's forgiveness in Dying Moments, when they see a "Great Cloud of Witnesses" at Candlelight, when they hear talks of how God has touched, healed, and provided what they needed.

The pilgrims are given the tools to seek more of God and how to listen to God's plan for them as they produce visible fruit. Are you allowing God to produce beautiful fruit in your life?

Make a resolution this year to make 2020 the year of God showing His visible Handprint, so that others would place their lives in His invisible Hand.

Have a beautiful memorable holiday season. I look forward to what God has in store for Emmaus in 2020. I know it is going to be big, just like His hands!

Angel Rait, sjc #173

Table of Martha, Pell City UMC

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The Eighth Annual Bud Bottcher Memorial Golf Tournament, benefitting Camp Sumatanga, will be held November 1, 2019 at Twin Pines Country Club in Littleville, AL. The event will be a 4-man scramble beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration is 7:30 – 8:15. All winners receive cash payouts. A new car is the prize for a hole-in-one on #15. Eighteen holes of golf with cart and prizes – lunch included.

4-Man Team - \$300

4-Man Team/Hole Sponsorship - \$375

Hole Sponsorship - \$150

Mulligan -\$10 Max 2 per person

Platinum Sponsorship - \$5,000

Gold Sponsorship - \$2,500

Silver Sponsorship - \$1,000

Bronze Sponsorship - \$500

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Make checks to
Camp Sumatanga

Which Cluster has added the
most ribbons to the

"Holy Spirit Stick"?

Find out Soon!!



UPCOMING WALKS

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
491	Nov 14-17	Joyce Smith	Sherill Clontz	Huntsville	Al Killen, Linda Case
492	Feb 20-23	Rhonda Rush	John Simmons	Bham E/Bham S/ Shelby	Dianna McQueen
493	Mar 5-8	Chuck Belitz	John James	Cheaha/E Alabama	Paul Webb
494	Mar 19-22	Carla Roberts	Tim Alexander	Franklin/Haleyville/ Hamilton	Jackie Mize
495	Apr 23-26	David Speegle	Mac Buttram	Blount/Cullman	Kay Parker Phillips
496	May 14-17	Rosemary Lewey	Tony Jones	Shoals/Athens/ Moulton-Decatur	Brian Moore

***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!

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 491
November 14-17, 2019**

Lay Director	Joyce Smith (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Laura Bracey (Priority) Jana Killen (Fourth Day) Judy Panucci Debbie Collins Genie Riddle Sandra May
Spiritual Director	Sherill Clontz (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Todd Noren-Hentz (Prevenient Grace) Nancy Cole (Justifying Grace) Mac Buttram (Sanctifying Grace) Ron Shultz (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Anne Parris
Asst. Table Leaders	Alice Gero (Priesthood) Amy Seymour (Study) Tara Dombrowsky (Discipleship) Leslie Comer (Changing Our World) Beth Reid (Christian Action) Leigh Martin (Body of Christ) Ann Kelley (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Teresa Wilson Amy Key Amanda Bell Melissa Harkins Debbie Weaver Brenda Titus Mary Beth Pendley
Board Reps.	Al Killen, Linda Case

Committees

Agape:	Rolo Weaver	256-656-0483
Meal Service:	Marty Bryan	256-348-8666
Refreshments:	Cindy White	256-698-7760
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Ann Noren	256-883-6106
Housing:	John May	703-307-3533
Candlelight:	Billy Bell	256-698-0839
Clean-up:	Tom Turner	256-783-7363
Closing:	TBD	
Entertainment:	Tom Panucci	256-658-9191
Follow-up:	Jane Smith	256-883-4409
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	John Cole	256-744-9771
Sponsors' Hour:	Richard Blocker	256-683-6313
Worship:	Sherry Johnson	256-714-1909
Photographer:	Terry Lewis	256-755-1821
Humble Servant:	Bill Smith	256-714-8690

Name	City	Sponsor
Desiree Smith	Alabaster	Rhonda Rush
Lorie Hannefield	Albertville	Betty Gilbreath, April Johnson
Alicia Underwood	Altoona	Theresa Lindsay
Angel Light	Altoona	Theresa Lindsay
Alyson Capps	Altoona	Teresa Lindsay
Tasha Galanty	Arab	Sherrie Hiatt
Charlotte Hoover	Ashville	Teresa Holderfield
Sharon Ams	Birmingham	Susan Miller
Lynn Johnson	Cleveland	Mandy Dudley
Shirley McCracken	Duncanville	Rob Stringfellow
Tara Pitts	Ellisville	Ann Turner
Valerie Watts	Fayette	Dana Gilliam
Phyllis Shoemaker	Florence	Chris Johnson, Robin Armstrong
Janet Criger	Gadsden	Teresa Holdifield
Ryann Brown	Huntsville	Fran Cornelison
Ellyn Smith	Huntsville	John Ryberg
Dee Nimetz	Huntsville	Doris Wilson
Holly Laue	Huntsville	Rebekah Massey
Kelly Priest	Huntsville	Julia Priest
Nita Herrington	Huntsville	Henrietta Burson
Julie Cowen	Jasper	Cheri Russell
Gwynne Simmons	Killen	Mark & Jeanette Custer, Brenda McManus
Crystal Holt	Leighton	Lori Mills
Sarah Tylka	Madison	Joan Manning
Vickie Snider	McCalla	Vicki Herring
Pam Falbo	Odenville	Cynthia Leslie, Chip Vann
Donna Andrews	Odenville	Teri Russell, Paulette Clements
Holly Boyett	Owens Cross Rds	Rebekah Massey
Lori Congo	Owens Cross Rds	Pam & Rusty Congo
Delona Mitchell	Pelham	Brandi Guthrie
Danni Spitzer	Pinson	Luann Scott
Kat Haislip	Pulaski	Ashley Kimbrough, Al Killen
Terri Scheetz	Rogersville	Linda Watson
Jessica Wood	Sheffield	Teresa Seal
Ann Bailey	Springville	Chip Vann & Tiphonie Gatgens
Judy Bradberry	Talladega	Judy Belitz
Lezly Fay Wade	Talladega	Elaine Winslow
Lavelle Mitchell	Warrior	Robin & Luann Scott
Jessica Warren	Winfield	Patsy Cosby and Dana Gilliam

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 492
February 20-23, 2020**

Lay Director	Rhonda Rush (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Director	Susan Blackman (Priority) Tammy Carpenter (Fourth Day) Ruth Ann Clay Beckee Taunton Suzanne Frazier Donna Ambrosius
Spiritual Director	John Simmons (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Angela Martin (Prevenient Grace) Wannell Scott (Justifying Grace) Gary Formby (Sanctifying Grace) Terri Milstead (Obstacles)
Music	
Asst. Table Leaders	Melissa Jarrell (Priesthood) Diane Fisher (Study) Susie Simmons (Discipleship) Angel Rait (Changing Our World) Jill Smith (Christian Action) Vicki Hall (Body of Christ) Vickie Herring (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Roxanne Edsell Susan Sheffield Julia Rudd Julie English Jane Hagler Cheryl Finch Carol Rayfield
Board Reps.	Dianna McQueen, Jerry Nelson

Committees

Agape:	Scott Shurrett	205-612-9572
Meal Service:	Brian Ledlow	205-526-6936
Refreshments:	Allison Tapscott	205-523-2296
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Vicki Parson	205-222-5884
Housing:	Jim Frazier	205-919-8931
Candlelight:	Ted Hagler	205-985-9608
Clean-up:	Walter Brown	205-531-6098
Closing:	Lucy Thraikill	205-744-8370
Entertainment:	Kay Davis	205-627-8438
Follow-up:	Debbie Alexander	205-441-2333
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Lynn Carmichael	205-616-3018
Sponsors' Hour:	Rick Parson	205-222-5884
Worship	Kay Davis	
Photographer:	Scott McEwen	205-910-7270
Humble Servant:	Bill Ruch	205-290-0092

Name	City	Sponsor
Brandi Turner	Albertville	Brandon Turner, Steve Varnell
Becky Darmer	Arab	Vivian McRae
Teresa Thomason	Blairsville	Marsha & Richard Blocker
Rachel Berry	Florence	Wes Akin And Bill Jordan
Lynn McCain	Gadsden	Kathy Marine
Barbara Pavey	Gadsden	Todd Walker & Quent Pavey
Lucinda Green	Gadsden	Chrystal Wain
Michelle Williams	Gadsden	Bradley and Sandra Williams
Regina Herron	Gadsden	Crystal Wain
Nancy Vandergriff	Guntersville	Jennifer Dickie
Nancy Horton	Hanceville	Sandy Parker
Lynda Miller	Harvest	Marsha & Richard Blocker
Julia Boehme	Harvest	Tom Burson
Chelsey Pounds	Hodges	Melinda Shay Pounds
Sara Masterson	Huntsville	Joan Manning
Kellie Evans	Huntsville	Debbie Collins
Pat Yarbrough	Killen	Tosha Phillips
Natalia Wood	Lawrenceburg	Al & Jana Killen
Ana Arellano	Madison	Marsha & Richard Blocker
Kerstin Savoie	Madison	Full Circle Reunion Group
Odette Busambwa	Madison	Bruce & Anne Parris
Rachel Schoenholz	Madison	Mary Lynn Botts
Crystal Furman	Parrish	Alan & Lori Beasley
Erica Adams	Russellville	Michelle Murray, Susan Godsey
Jill Bonds	Russelville	Teresa Seal
Zelda Jackson	Sheffield	Mary Young
Sandy Battles	Steele	Bradley and Sandra Williams
Evelyn Wright	Tort Payne	Laurie Douthit
Millie Davis	Tuscaloosa	Dave Hollis & Loraine

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Literature options

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

The Alabama Emmaus Community has access to a lot of great books to continue your journey after your Walk. Listed below are some of the books offered to the Community on Saturday night prior to Candlelight.

- Sponsorship
- Coming Down from the Mountain
- Fruit of the Spirit
- What is Chrysalis?
- One in the Spirit
- Spiritual Growth through Team Experience
- The Role of Agape
- Group Reunion
- The Early History
- Day Four

These books are produced by The Upper Room. They are \$6.00 each and are located in the foyer in Hutto. The Board Representatives for the walk occurring will be at the Registration Table to assist you with your purchase.

Worship booklets are also available for \$2 each and DeCOLORES bumper stickers are available for \$1. Worship booklets, Day Four books and DeCOLORES bumper stickers are available on Sunday night prior to Closing.

DeColores!

Kathy Hall, Walk 379 Literature/Permanent Committee

Praying for You

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

To **Johnny Yates (306)** for the loss of his mother, Edreth Whatley Yates

To the family of **Patsy Sparks (63)**

To the family of **Mary Bates (9)**

To **Frank Ellison (3)** for the loss of his wife, **Donna Ellison (4)**

To **Bob Alexander (219)** in the loss of his step-father, Charles J Patterson

To the family of **Bill Gullett (227)**

To the family of **Sandra Shewbart (171)**

To the family of **Hilda Hill (448)**