



## Community Humble Servants

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## Happy Birthday, Alabama Emmaus!

*By Deanna Shotts, Community Lay Director*

Some of you may be like me and have reached the point in life when you don't really want to be reminded of another birthday. It would be nice to just thank God for another day of life and hope your body won't realize how many years have passed. But birthdays are special milestones - especially when it's the birthday of a child or grandchild. We take joy in their growth, development, and accomplishments.

This year Alabama Emmaus turns 40 years old, and we want to celebrate that milestone. We want to rejoice in the growth, development, and accomplishments of the Community. Alabama Emmaus has had ups and downs over the past 40 years. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, Alabama Emmaus survived a 2-year shut down because of the Covid pandemic. We still have 19 Alabama Emmaus clusters that work beautifully together as the Body of Christ to host Walks. Well over 20,000 Pilgrims have participated in this once-in-a-lifetime experience of God's overwhelming love and have returned home from the mountaintop to serve in the valleys of their homes, churches, and communities. Alabama Emmaus has helped develop Emmaus-based programs for young adults and youth. Kairos events change the lives of incarcerated men and women. Face to Face and Village Encounter are available for those who need a less strenuous Emmaus experience. Ours is the largest Emmaus Community in the world. But, another amazing accomplishment of being an Emmaus Community **(Please See Shotts Page 2.)**

## A New Perspective

*By John Simmons, Community Spiritual Director*

Several months ago, while surfing on Facebook, I recognized a pic of Robin Williams of *Good Morning, Vietnam* and *Patch Adams* fame. I stopped to look at the quote: **"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always."**

It was one of those moments that captured my mind. It would not leave. After a few days it had settled into my inner most being. If only I was exposed to this new perspective 40+ years ago when I began as a pastor. Now as I look out over the congregation on Sundays I think of this truth: **"Every person I see is fighting a battle I know nothing about."**

As I grow older in my retirement status, I often look over my shoulder at my past. Many events happened in my life that pressed me into A NEW PERSPECTIVE.

- I was 7 years old when my dad died at age 30.
- At age 12, my mom married again. (Yours, mine and ours)
- At age 18, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.
- At age 19, Nancy and I married on my way to Vietnam.
- At age 21, I became a policeman.
- At age 26, I became a pastor.
- At age 53, my granddaughter Allie was born with Down Syndrome.
- At age 72, I discovered the quote with Robin Williams' picture **"EVERYONE YOU MEET IS FIGHTING A BATTLE YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. BE KIND. ALWAYS."**

As we travel through this faith journey called life, we experience many events that expand our vision of life. Each one leads us into a new and broader perspective. My challenge to you: view each experience as an opportunity to develop your faith. Our call is to become more and more like Christ.

# Shotts

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is that it connects us with Christians all over the world who have experienced an Emmaus Event. We have even had many Alabama Emmaus Alumni travel and serve in establishing Emmaus and Chrysalis communities in foreign lands.

During Alabama Emmaus Walk #503, led by the Holy Spirit and Ricky Hall, we will hold a memorial service on Friday night, August 12. At that time, we will remember the Alabama Emmaus saints who have gone home to God in the past year, and Camp Director Tony Jones will share with those in attendance. On Saturday, August 13, there will be a Training Event for recent or seasoned Alabama Emmaus alumni to learn how they can better serve the Alabama Emmaus Community and thus grow leaders for local churches.

It is during the Training Event that we will celebrate the 40th birthday of the Alabama Emmaus Community. **There is still time to purchase a birthday t-shirt and register for the Training Event.** In attending, you will be blessed by the instructors and speakers. Our guest speaker for this event, Stephane Brooks, International Spiritual Director of Emmaus Ministries worldwide, will share with us at the Training Event and at Candlelight. The AEC Board of directors would like to encourage you to take advantage of this training event so the AEC can continue another 40 years.

**Has it registered with you that any time a reference is made to “The Alabama Emmaus Community,” it’s talking about YOU? Each and every person who has participated in an Alabama Emmaus event IS THE ALABAMA EMMAUS COMMUNITY.**

**So, Happy Birthday to You! Come and celebrate!**

**May the fire of God’s love within your heart never go out!**

**De Colores!**

## 2022 Fall Walk Schedule

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

## BOARD BITS

The stated purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to build church leadership. Although we have all been told this at some point, the experience is just so wonderful that it becomes all too easy to want to sponsor for other reasons. We have all had the temptation to give this gift to someone who has just experienced a form of trauma, or who may be emotionally inviable. While we know in our minds that a walk cannot “fix” a person, our hearts still want to share this awesome experience of unconditional love with them anyway. But it’s really not fair to a person in a broken condition, nor to an Emmaus team or other pilgrims, to put that person in that kind of place. This has happened more than once in recent walks. Those broken individuals have not been able to complete the walks and the conference room has been disrupted. As you sponsor, please consider whether a potential pilgrim is able to fulfill this purpose of the walk – mentoring church leaders. Pray about it and ask the Holy Spirit about each one you are considering. It’s understood that a person goes in God’s time. Be sure that you are in sync.

## Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
503*	Aug 11-14	Ricky Hall	Tony Jones	Blount/Cullman	Sandy Parker Amy Crim
504	Sept 8-11	Danielle Eppes	Woody Jones	Tuscaloosa West Alabama	Danny Lemley Mike Whitten
505*	Sept 22-25	Fredrick Martin	Mac Buttram	Shoals/Athens/ Moulton	Clay Hammond Donna McDaniel
506	Oct 20-23	Rhonda DeHaven	Kelly Clem	Gadsden/Marshall/ Cherokee-DeKalb	Wilson Webb Butch Fennell

**\*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!

## Change is Hard!

*By Angel Rait, Community Coordinator*

I recently had to get a new computer, because the old one crashed. This has been very stressful. For quite a while, I couldn't find my files, my email, and ALL of the Walk information. I think the most stressful part has been changing to Windows 11. For some reason the process has not been smooth. In fact, I would say it has been brutal.

Do you know how much time it takes to get the right person to help you? Why can't you just press zero and get a real person?!?!

Sometimes change is not just hard - it is painful. But whether we like it or not, living requires change. Relationships change, locations change, jobs change, our bodies change, WE CHANGE.

The longer you live, the more you know that the only thing constant is that life is change. Well..... there is something that does last forever, God. Malachi 3:6 says, "For I the Lord, do not change..." God doesn't change. He has always been and will always be never changing. I am so glad to know we serve a God who stays the same. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Whether we move homes, change jobs, or get a new computer, God is constant and a dependable anchor.

Despite feeling like some changes in my life extend far beyond my control, I am so glad I know the comfort of the Arms of my Savior, who is always in control of the circumstances of my life. If you are experiencing a change in your life, let that change motivate you to draw closer to God and His Word, because He is our refuge, comfort and strength.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

Angel Rait , #173

### *The Grapevine*

Alabama Emmaus Office, P.O. Box 38  
Cropwell, AL 35054  
205-812-0345

Web: [www.AlaEmmaus.org](http://www.AlaEmmaus.org)  
email: [Office@AlaEmmaus.org](mailto:Office@AlaEmmaus.org)

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

To **Rhonda Brown (393)** in the loss of her mother, **Sharon Lott (177)**

To **Leanne Price (312)** in the loss of her mother, Lou Wilson

To **Katie Bendall (215)** and **Lisa Barnett (215)** in the loss of their mother, **Christine Box (143)**

To **Brenda Allen (440)** in the loss of her husband, **Freddie Allen (374)**

To **June Wilson (278)** in the loss of her husband, **John Wilson (CA)**

To the family of **Clint Busler (14)**

To **Gloria McKee (278)** in the loss of her husband, **Howard McKee (285)**

To **Ellen Black (469)** in the loss of her husband, **Mark Black (469)**

To **Elaine White (NC-26)** in the loss of her husband, **Dale White (F to F #1)** and to **Russ White (477)** in the loss of his father

To **Joyce Green (35)** in the loss of her husband, **Larry Green (35)**

To **Rhonda Teal (143)** in the loss of her husband, **Albert Teal (346)**

To **Roger Westerman (316)** in the loss of his wife, **Sandy Westerman (311)**

To **Rita Romine (231)** in the loss of her brother, Randy Scott

To the family of **Glenda Cain (39)**

To **Barbara Shaw** in the loss of her husband, **Rev. Lee Roy Shaw (?)**

To the family of **W.G. Henry (1)**

To the family of **Hattie Page (30)**

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 503  
August 11-14, 2022**

**Lay Director** Ricky Hall - Perseverance

**Asst. Lay Directors**

Lane Berry - Priority  
Mike Shotts - Fourth Day  
Buddy Perdue  
Rocky Stone  
Mark Skillman  
Jim Saunders

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

**Asst. Spiritual Directors**

Alan Beasley - Sanctifying Grace  
Dudley Brock - Prevenient Grace  
Jeff Fleming - Obstacles of Grace  
Todd Owen - Justifying Grace

**Music Chair** Bob Bentley

**Asst. Table Leaders**

Tim Culpepper - Body of Christ  
Brad Nichols - Discipleship  
Bain Brown - Life of Piety  
Ritchie Bert - Changing our World  
Scott Godsey - Priesthood  
Neil Branham - Christian Action  
Bill Smith - Growth Through Study

**Table Leaders**

Charlie Herfurth  
Tom LaRocque  
Brandon Steward  
Ken Farr  
David Speegle  
Doyle Jones  
Jim Frazier

**Board Reps** Sandy Parker  
Amy Crim

**Committees**

Agape: Lisa Nichols 205-269-1953  
Food Service: Dianne Herfurth 256-708-8741  
Refreshments: Denise Wilson 256-627-1561  
Prayer Vigil: Mary Nell Saunders 205-275-2292  
Housing: Sally Moore 256-668-0666  
Candlelight: Ted Hagler 205-985-9608  
Clean-up: Bill Cofield 205-274-8033  
Closing: Bill Cofield 205-274-8033  
Entertainment: Bob Bentley 205-559-4327  
Follow-up: RuthAnn Clay 205-335-8649  
Prayer Chapel: Jolene Stockton 256-810-4726  
Sponsors' Hour: Mickey Phillips 256-796-8125  
Worship: Emilie Sims 205-274-2133  
Photographer: Kim Perdue 256-668-1946  
Humble Servant: Kathy Hall 256-810-0894  
Kim Perdue 256-668-1946

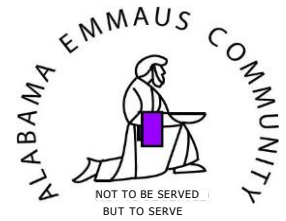
**Pilgrims**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Joe Edmondson	Albertville	Tammy Edmondson
Jason Smith	Albertville	Michael Marsh
Charlie Lattuada	Anniston	Dee Gorey and Beverly Carlee
Brad Watts	Arab	Nicky James & Lynn James
Bill Kelley	Athens	Glen Stokes & Linda McClary
Max Tomlin	Athens	Bruce Parris
Chris DePew	Birmingham	Liz Walker & Taylor Vlack
Michael Wisdom	Buhl	Eric Terrell & Andy Smith
Frank Verdi	Chelsea	Steve Smith & Doug Brewer
Craig Howard	Cullman	Scott Hagood & Amy Howard
Jeff Keith	Decatur	Leslie Comer
Justin Williams	Flintville, TN	Amber Yell Hulseay
Rob Gullett	Florence	Gary Jester
Eric Cherry	Grant	Kelly Saylor
Richard Hayes	Guntersville	John Warren
Trent Danley	Hamilton	Vickie Johnson
Holly Colburn	Hamilton	Deanna Shotts & Ana Colburn
Brandon Bierley	Helena	Mark Scogin & Paul Hass
Brian Crumpton	Helena	Gene Ingram
Bob Townley	Helena	Gene Ingram
Perry Stowe	Hoover	Suzanne Scott Trammell & Harry Dinken
Charlie Blass	Huntsville	Ken Albrecht & Jackie Carrico Albrecht
Fred Kepner	Huntsville	Sandra (Sandy) May & Sherry Johnson
Howell Bailey	Munford	Paul Webb & Steve Burke
Dave Hargrove	Owens Cross Roads	Glenn Stokes & Dick Windsor
Jim Dargan	Pell City	Suellen Dargan
Frank McCrackin	Scottsboro	Kelly Saylor
Zac Langer	Tuscaloosa	Randy Smith





**Alabama Emmaus Community**  
 Annual Overnight Training Event  
 Retreat Center - Camp Sumatanga  
 August 12-13, 2022



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 12 & 13. 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 through an Alabama Emmaus 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. 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 Karen Cotton at (256) 651-9450 or [cottonhome2018@gmail.com](mailto:cottonhome2018@gmail.com).

**COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT MADE OUT TO  
 ALABAMA EMMAUS COMMUNITY MAIL TO KAREN COTTON  
 AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW  
 Registration Deadline is August 5, 2022.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cluster: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM  
 TO: Karen Cotton  
 2612 Clifton Drive  
 Huntsville, AL 35803  
 256-651-9450  
 cottonhome2018@gmail.com**

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### **Friday, August 12th**

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

### **Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 Breakfast in Lodge Dining Room  
 8:00 Registration, 2nd Floor McKinney-Atkins  
 8:30 Announcements & Singing  
 8:45 Devotion  
 9:00 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Guest  
 9:15 Lynda Bottcher – Team Selection  
 9:45 Break  
 10:00 Class I  
 10:45 Break  
 11:00 Class II  
 12:00 Lunch in Lodge Dining Room  
 1:00 Deanna Shotts, Community Lay Director  
 1:15 Class III  
 2:15 Closing

## TENTATIVE CLASSES

*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 Great 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	

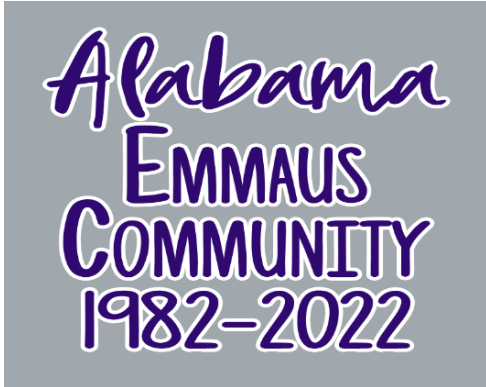
**Alabama Emmaus Community**

**Celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Medium QTY \_\_\_\_\_

Price Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Large QTY \_\_\_\_\_

Price Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large QTY \_\_\_\_\_

Price Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2XL QTY \_\_\_\_\_

Price Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3XL QTY \_\_\_\_\_

Price Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

You can order thru email by sending the order form to [marydshotts@gmail.com](mailto: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.**