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Summer

By Jane Hagler, Community Lay Director

It is hard to believe that summer is here already. The first half of 2023 has been good with 103 pilgrims attending the five Walks. There is still a need for pilgrims for the remaining five walks. Please prayerfully consider others to sponsor.

The response from other clusters to the challenge put forth by Marshall Cluster in March has been fantastic. A total of \$15,174.00 was given to Camp Sumatanga to help cover costs needed to repair damage in Retreat Center buildings. The Board thanks all who contributed.



Retreat Center Buildings

Our community has a yearly Training Event in accordance with our agreement with the Upper Room. This year's event is Friday night, August 11, and Saturday, August 12. On Friday night there is a Memorial Service for members of the Community who have passed away from June 2022 to May 2023. A special invitation is sent to their family members, but any Community member is welcome to attend. It is a very special service. Have you been asked to serve on a committee, but had no idea what that involved? The Training Event is your opportunity to learn about the committees as well as other topics relating to walks. At the end of this newsletter is an application form showing an agenda and what classes are available. It is also a good time to get to know people from other clusters. Please consider attending.

I want to let everyone know about a change in the cluster structure. The Cherokee-DeKalb cluster has voted to disband. The cluster grouping will be the Marshall County and Gadsden clusters. Members from the Cherokee-DeKalb area can go to any other cluster meeting nearby.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer.

De Colores!

Prayers and Blessings

By Paul Vick, Community Spiritual Director

What an honor and blessing it has been to serve as your Community Spiritual Director. In my first article of August 2022, I stated that I had much to learn about the administrative side of Emmaus. Little did I know, just how little I did know and how much those who would serve with me would teach me. God has continued to stretch me beyond me, and that has been my prayer from the beginning of my Emmaus experience of Walk 297. Serving you on the AEC Board, worshiping with you at each Candlelight and praying for you has deepened my walk with our Lord. So, thank you for the blessing and for your prayers. With that said, it is my pleasure to hand this spiritual blessing on to Terri Milstead. Terri is our gift from God and will share her gifts of leadership and grace with our community. To God be the glory for all that Alabama Emmaus Community brings to the pilgrims He entrusts us with.

"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. 10 For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. 11 May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God." Philippians 1: 9-11 NLT

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Welcome to Summer!

By Angel Rait, Community Coordinator

WELCOME TO SUMMER Emmaus Community! It seems to have arrived quickly this year and I hope you are ready. I bet your calendar is filling up and you have so much planning to do; planning things such as vacations, birthdays, holidays, fireworks, family gatherings, etc. I know similar plans have all filled my calendar for the summer months—whew!



Ummm, but is Emmaus on your calendar during the next few months? You know Emmaus events are important, too, even when Walks are paused for the summer. My home church recently held an “Emmaus Sunday”. In place of a sermon, people were invited to share an “Emmaus style story”. Our pastor recognizes that we “all have a story” and he recognizes the importance of Emmaus so he made time for this sharing with our congregation. A brief recap of Emmaus history, singing Emmaus songs, and recognizing those in our congregation who had attended a Walk were all included in the service. Applications, Emmaus brochures, and dates of upcoming walks were all available after the service. It was a powerful experience and several folks who had been wavering remained after the service to seek more information.

Maybe this is something that needs to be shared at your church. You know how much your Walk meant to you, and we all desire that others have the same opportunity to experience it. Perhaps an “Emmaus Sunday” should be on your church’s calendar in the near future. Does this sound like a good idea? If so, call me at the Emmaus office (205-812-0345) or send me an email (office@alaemmaus.org). I have some ideas I would love to share with you!

Something else you need to add to your summer calendar is the Emmaus Memorial Service and Training event scheduled for August 11—12, 2023. It is a precious time to remember the “Saints” that have carried the Emmaus torch through the years. The Training Event is not only a learning experience, but also like a good ‘ole family reunion!!!

See you there!

Board Bits

The requirements for being an Assistant Community Spiritual Director (and eventually Community Spiritual Director) are to have, within the last 10 years:

- Completed an application to serve
- Completed the Upper Room training and turned in a certificate of completion to the AEC office
- Served on at least three teams
- Given at least two of the Grace talks

This is a similar progression of experience to that required by the laity who serve.

Upcoming Walks

| Walk | Date | Lay Director | Spiritual Director | Cluster | Board Rep |
|------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 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 | Lane Berry Debra Baker |
| 515 | Sept 28-Oct 1 | Sherry Johnson | Sherill Clontz | Huntsville | Ken Albrecht Anne Parris |
| 516 | Oct 19-22 | Bill Rush | Gary Formby | B’ham South/B’ham East/South Shelby | Julie English Denise Cone |

***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!

August 12 AL Emmaus Training Event

Registration Deadline: August 5, 2023

Registration Fee: \$5

Don't wait until the last minute!

August will be here before we know it and it will be time for the Annual Emmaus Training Event. Even though it's possible to simply "show up" and attend training classes on the day of the event, **it would be a HUGE help for those who plan to attend to register ahead of time.** Knowing how many would like to participate in each class will help with scheduling and decisions on class locations.

So, **please find the form in this newsletter and register NOW before you forget.**

Shalom,
Deanna Shotts
2023 Memorial/Training Event Coordinator



Praying For You

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

To **David Phillips (55)** in the loss of his wife, and to **Michelle Irwin (71)** in the loss of her mother, **Carolyn Phillips (63)**

To **Dianna McQueen (187)** in the loss of her husband, **John McQueen (178)**

To the family of **Kari Sellers (416)**

To Maxine Harper in the loss of her husband, **Ray Harper (155)**

To **Bill Caton (196)** in the loss of his wife, **Ann Caton (200)**

To **Renee Wall (397)** in the loss of her husband, Thomas Steven Wall

To **Cindy Schussler (21)** in the loss of her mother, **Sarah Sandlin (63)**

To **Gail Tatum (290)** in the loss of her husband, **Lee Tatum (304)**

To the family of **Cory Coden (55)**

To the family of **Bob Davidson (310)**

To the family of **Jim McKinley (94)**

To **Carol Karrasch (107)** in the loss of her husband, **Richard Karrasch (165)**

To **Laura Hallmark (409)** in the loss of her mother, **Linda Hawkins (416)**

To **Rachel M Scroggins (408)** in the loss of her husband, **Lydon Scroggins (92)**

To **Bonnie Styles (274)** in the loss of her husband, **David Styles (290)**

To **John Strickland (38)** in the loss of his wife, and to **John W Strickland (194)** in the loss of his mother, **Patricia Strickland (39)**

To **Shirley Hays (193)** in the loss of her husband, **David Hays (453)**

To **Adair Seeman (NL#4)** in the loss of her husband, **Richard Seeman (NL#3)**

2023-2024 Walk Schedule

| <u>WALK</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>GENDER</u> |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 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 |
| 518 | Feb 1-4 | Women |
| 519 | Mar 7-10 | Men |
| 520 | Mar 14-17 | Women |
| 521 | Apr 18-21 | Women |
| 522 | May 2-5 | Men |

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

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 513
August 10-13, 2023**

Lay Director Ryan Rickert

Asst Lay Directors

Mark Scogin – Fourth Day
Stephen Frost
Joel McGlaughin
Jesse Broadbent
Dan Robertson
Elbert Patterson – Priority

Spiritual Director Preston Headrick – Means of Grace

Asst Spiritual Directors

Lynn Gibson – Sanctifying Grace
Heath Allred – Prevenient Grace
Jeff Fleming – Justifying Grace
Mitch Nethery – Obstacles to Grace

Music Chair Sonny Skinner – 205-454-8925

Asst Table Leaders

Dustin Hemphill – Priesthood
Bob Thomas – Life of Piety
Ken Baines – Growth Through Study
Reginal Epps – Christian Action
Todd Gibson – Discipleship
Danie Caruthers – Changing our World
Dale McNeese – Body of Christ

Table Leaders

Butch Burgess
Matt Hammond
Mark Wheat
Tony Humphries
Steve Meyer
Ken Hamby
Jay McCullom

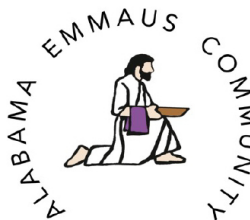
Board Reps Mike Whitten – 662-574-2549
Bobby Jones – 205-210-3824

Committees

Agape: Jaime Rickert 662-425-9344
Food Service: Norma Lemley 205-344-1012
Refreshments: Mary Wilson 205-242-6120
Prayer Vigil: Kathy Mason 205-339-6560
Housing: Sherry Lockhart 205-242-6048
Candlelight: Danny Sims 205-792-9850
Cleanup: Angie Broadbent 662-574-3413
Closing: Joy Jones 205-799-3972
Entertainment: Chris Barnes 205-454-7401
Follow-Up: Judy Trull 205-596-3477
Prayer Chapel:
Sponsor's Hour: Betsy Haas 205-799-7727
Worship: Jacque Allred 205-275-2534
Photographer: Jaime Rickert 662-425-9344
Humble Servant: Angie Broadbent 662-574-3413

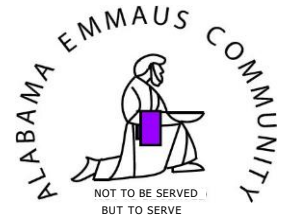
Pilgrims

| Name | Location | Sponsor |
|------------------|----------------|---|
| Chuck Pisano | Alabaster | Connie Mullis & Werner Beiersdoerfer |
| Scott Meacham | Alex City | Chip Vann & Bill Goodwin |
| Jarrod Dark | Alexander City | Mike Jackson & Connie Jackson |
| Scottie Blair | Bessemer | Andy Nolen & Tammy Carpenter |
| Scott Haigh | Cullman | Bob Manney & Sara Manney |
| Ethan Mattingly | Hamilton | Sarah Emerson & Melinda Shay Pounds |
| Brandy Shotts | Hamilton | Mike Shotts & Deanna Shotts |
| Barry Sublett | Hampton Cove | June Wilson & Spencer Pendley & Shea Brennaman |
| Glea Sarrell | Heflin | Jay Grubbs & Carol Sarrell |
| Cory Berry | Huntsville | Karen Cotton & Ricky Sparks |
| Tim Floate | Huntsville | Bruce Wallace & Layne Salvador |
| Richard Leland | Huntsville | John Newton & Steve McCurry |
| Tom Wilkinson | Huntsville | Roger Crowson |
| Billy Curington | Northport | Paul Wilson & Mary Ham Wilson |
| Paul Kjar | Northport | Jill Colburn Kjar |
| Dan Buckner | Oneonta | Matthew Cornelius & Joe Hastings |
| David Dobson | Oneonta | Alan Cheney & John Dobson & Brett King |
| Romera Henderson | Oneonta | Joe Hastings |
| Edouard Ndecky | Oneonta | Joe Hastings & Shannon Jones |
| Fred Casey | Pell City | Jim Dargan |
| Matt Andrews | Pleasant Grove | Gene & Lucy Thrailkill, Mel & Susie Travis, Dorothy Green |
| Adam Berryhill | Rogersville | Tony Datuin & Donna Kelley |
| Will Datuin | Rogersville | Tony Datuin & Donna Kelley |
| Jason Friend | Somerville | Tim McKelvy & Ray Russell |
| Jackie Godsey | Sulligent | Wayne Gilliam & Dana Gilliam |
| Micheal Scales | Talladega | Paul Webb & Kaye Spears |
| Segun Akinniyi | Tuscaloosa | Danny Lemley & Norma Lemley |





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

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| 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, 2 nd 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

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| 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 | |