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Investing in Sponsorship Making a Difference in a Life!

By Ken Farr, Community Lay Director

Greetings Emmaus Community! My name is Ken Farr, Alabama Emmaus Walk 157, Table of Paul and I worship at First Baptist Church in Russellville, AL. It is my honor to serve as your Community Lay Director for 2026.

As we look forward to 2026, I want to share my vision for the coming year.

As you can tell by the title, investing in someone is very important to me. To invest in someone means to give of ourselves to help others grow in their Christian faith, their daily walk with Christ and strengthen their relationships with family, church and local community. I have been very blessed in my life to have had so many Christian family members, friends, teachers and mentors who have invested their time and energy in my life. I am the man I am today because someone was willing to invest in my life.

Investing in sponsorship; investing in the lives of others.

Over the past several years, we have poured a lot of energy into sponsorship. As a result, we have seen a steady increase in the number of pilgrims attending walks. Sponsorship is the life blood of our Emmaus Community. It is time to take the next step in sponsorship and begin to invest in sponsorship. When we invest in sponsorship, we offer ourselves as friend, mentor and fellow believer to our pilgrims. We prayerfully seek God's leadership concerning who we sponsor, answer any questions they may have, take them to and from camp, and take them to their first follow up. Investing in sponsorship means introducing them to the Cluster and Cluster Leadership.

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Journey With Jesus in 2026

By David Socha, Community Spiritual Director

It is hard to believe that we are already into the year 2026. One of God's greatest desires for us is that we journey with Him this year.

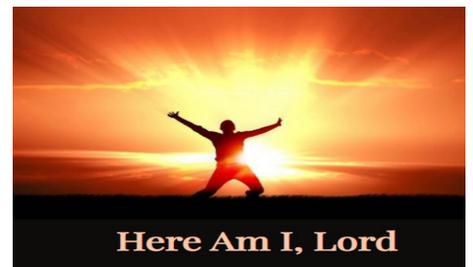
The world thinks the three most important words are "I Love You". These are great words for sure, but a favorite phrase of biblical heroes is even better. The words of these heroes are "Here Am I."

That is what Abraham said when God called out to him in Genesis 22:1. Abraham had a sense of recognizing God's voice and he responded accordingly.

Later when an Angel of the Lord spoke to Jacob, he repeated the same words "Here Am I" Genesis 46:2. Jacob was also someone who recognized God's voice and was obedient to respond. Recognizing God's voice is a discipline that comes from spending time alone with Him.

Moses borrowed the phrase when God called him in Exodus 3:4. This call was the beginning for Moses to follow God and go where he was called and do what he was called to do.

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Coordinator's Corner

By Lane Berry, Community Coordinator

Please continue to actively and prayerfully seek whom God may want you to approach about attending the Emmaus Walk, because - **IT'S STILL ALL UP TO US!**

We still have availability for some of these Walks.

- Walk 538 (W) – Feb 19-22 25 attending
- Walk 539 (M) – Mar 5-8 28 applications
- Walk 540 (W) – Mar 19-22 11 applications
- Walk 541 (W) – Apr 23-26 9 applications
- Walk 542 (M) – May 14-17 5 applications

**** NOTICE – Walks 540, 541, and 542 don't have enough applications required to conduct the Walk. Please consider who you might invite to attend any of these 3 Walks.**

Scheduling Tip – Since we are not in a 'waiting-list' situation right now, if you know which Walk your pilgrim is interested in, please include a note or simply notate on the application the Walk they prefer to attend. It will make scheduling much easier and save money in postage as well!

Thank you!
God Bless and DeColores!

Sponsorship Reminders

If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, here are some important reminders:

- Show up on Thursday between 6:30 and 7:00 PM.
- Do not leave until after praying over the crosses.
- Make your pilgrim's bed before you leave on Thursday.
- Candlelight worship starts at 7:45 PM on Saturday.
- Do not forget to collect agape letters.
- Closing starts at 4:45 PM Sunday.
- Do not let your pilgrim forget their agape bag in the conference room on Sunday!

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When God spoke to Samuel in the middle of the night, he responded with the phrase "Here Am I." Samuel immediately went to Eli to get an interpretation as to what this meant for him. God will certainly speak to those who are willing to listen and obey.

Isaiah had a great encounter with God as he saw the Lord high and lifted up. Isaiah saw himself as he was and saw the Lord as He is which led him to cry out loud "Lord, Here Am I, send me" Isaiah 6:8.

In the New Testament the Lord used Ananias to lay hands on Saul of Tarsus. Ananias heard the call and responded by saying "Here Am I Lord". As a result, he was used mightily for God's purposes.

When did we last say to the Lord, "Here Am I"? Are we willing to do what the Lord tells us and go where the Lord sends us? This type of commission never ceases. How exciting it is to have a heart available to God's Word morning by morning and evening by evening. Why don't we all say aloud at this time "Here Am I Lord, speak for your servant is listening". My prayer for all of us is to journey close with Jesus in 2026.

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Join the Alabama Emmaus Community Facebook group for online information about Emmaus events. Search for Alabama Emmaus Community.

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
538	Feb 19-22	Barbara Harris	Mark Adams	Gadsden / Marshall	Lisa Socha Melissa Lett
539	Mar 5-8	Tom Panucci	Chris Whitehead	Huntsville	Laura Bracey Sandra May
540	Mar 19-22	Lucy Thraikill	Vicki Cater	B'ham East / B'ham South / South Shelby	Jack Bailey Brian Ledlow
541	April 23-26	Lou Ann Hubbard	Jeff Ambrester	Franklin / Haleyville Marion	Carlin Burrow Mickey Phillips

***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!

2026 Walk Schedule

538	Feb 19-22	Women
539	Mar 5-8	Men
540	Mar 19-22	Women
541	Apr 23-26	Women
542	May 14-17	Men
543	Aug 13-16	Men
544	Sept 10-13	Women
545	Sept 24-27	Women
546	Oct 15-18	Men
547	Nov 5-8	Women

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It means introducing them to who does what in serving the needs of the Cluster and how their individual responsibilities impact the Cluster. This might include providing a new pilgrim with a "New Pilgrim" packet designed to help the new pilgrim understand the workings of the Cluster (meeting dates, cluster contact information, etc.). Investing means having someone explain the opportunities of serving the Cluster and the Emmaus Community. Investing means helping a new pilgrim find and join a Reunion Group. Reunion Groups are an excellent way of investing in a new pilgrim's life. Investing in a new pilgrim means offering to take them to an upcoming Candlelight service so they can experience Candlelight from the other side of the line. Investing means offering to attend the yearly training event with them so they can better understand and learn the functions of various community committees.

Investing in sponsorship creates new leaders in our local Clusters, walk team members and Emmaus Community leaders. Investing in sponsorship not only creates Emmaus leaders, investing in sponsorship creates leaders in our homes, leaders in our local churches and leaders in our local communities. Investing in sponsorship can create a life changing experience for the pilgrim and the sponsor!

Investing in Sponsorship - Making a Difference in a Life!

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Alabama's Young Adult Chrysalis

Alabama's Young Adult Chrysalis is a three-day spiritual renewal retreat for ages 18-28. Like the Walk to Emmaus, the weekend is filled with talks, food, fellowship, and sharing the love of Christ. "Butterflies" hear talks similar to Walk to Emmaus talks, but with a focus on the needs of young adults in today's society.

Our Chrysalis community is seeking help in building a pool of caterpillars for future Chrysalis Journeys. Consider sponsoring a young adult, no matter where they are in their walk with Christ, for upcoming journeys.

Attending a Chrysalis journey does not preclude someone from going on an Emmaus Walk in the future.

There is a participant application on the Alabama YAC website at:

<https://www.alabamayac.com/applications>

Praying For You

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

To **Jane Bauer (300)** and family in the death of her husband, **Ken (299)**.

To **Jay Myrick (65)** and family in the death of his wife, **Pam (151)**.

To the family of **Barbara Klinghard (30)**

To **Mark (212)** and **Susan (158) Vickers** in the death of his sister, Glenda Milam Walters.

To **Mickey Cargile (4)** and **Sherry Lockhart (279)** for the loss of **Barney Cargile (3)**

To **Bob Sandel (270)** for the loss of **Becky Sandel (177)**.

To the family of **Todd LaGessie (413)**.

The Grapevine

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Gadsden AL 35903
256-441-6140

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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 538
February 19-22, 2026**

Lay Director Barbara Harris - Perseverance

Assistant Lay Directors

Lisa Smith - Priority
Linda Kirby - Fourth Day
Shalyn Kilpatrick
Misty Brogdon
Teresa Walker
Lisa Saylor

Spiritual Director Mark Adams - Means of Grace

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Vickie Mann - Obstacles to Grace
Ricky Smith - Sanctifying Grace
Jeff Benson - Prevenient Grace
Josh Brogdon - Justifying Grace

Music Chairperson Tina Holcombe

Assistant Table Leaders

Pam Walden - Body of Christ
Penny Maddox - Discipleship
Susan Tanner - Life of Piety
Alison Bowling - Changing our World
Paula Wright - Priesthood
Vivian McRae - Christian Action
Gloria Hayes - Growth Through Study

Table Leaders

Cindy Dietsch
Sharron Isdell
Kristy McDaniel
Lori Hannifield
Glorie Reynolds
Kayla Cherry
Tashina Dunn

Board Reps

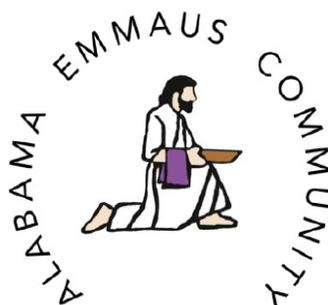
Lisa Socha
Melissa Lett

Committees

Agape	Wendy Zahn	(256) 505-7889
Meal Service	Leslie Colgrove	(256) 390-8318
Refreshments	Debra Baker	(256) 558-1440
Prayer Vigil	Laura Harris	(256) 486-7708
Housing	Lane Berry	(256) 505-6233
Candlelight	Roslyn England	(256) 738-8561
Clean-up	Kelly Saylor	(256) 509-5285
Closing	Rick Hannifield	(981) 851-3210
Entertainment	Lisa Socha	(256) 572-7115
Follow-up	Kim Myers	(256) 571-1282
Prayer Chapel	Tami Kelly	(256) 506-6116
Sponsors' Hour	Keith Monk	(256) 486-9596
Worship	Kaye Carter	(256) 558-7603
Photographer	Jim Harris	(256) 572-3026
Humble Servant	Jim Harris	

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Amy McCauley	Albertville	Shannon McCauley
Charlotte McCurley	Albertville	Nancy Beason & Linda Kirby
Cathy Childers	Alexander City	Chip Vann
Kristen Ballew	Arab	Bill Koch
Donna Young	Athens	Bob Young & Julia Young
Wendy Ulrich	Blountsville	Leigh Thomas
Chrissy Kendall	Boaz	Misty Disharoon & Justin Sanders
Kristy Walker	Boaz	Rhonda Osborne
Kristen Batey	Crossville	Rena Kennedy & Stephanie Cook
Pat Lann	Detroit	Lisa Halcomb & Kaylee Saarinen
Amy Taylor	Detroit	Renate` Lyle & Jennifer Galbreath
Jacey Moore	Fayette	Dana Gilliam & Mandy Harville Brunk & Priscilla Gray
Monica Hess	Florence	Larry White & Jennifer Bennetch
Charlotte Tabereaux	Florence	Chris Burcham
Elishaba Larson	Guntersville	Rebecca Mabe & Jim Harris
Heather Rodriquez	Guntersville	Kelly Jones & Donna Black
Felecia Staten	Guntersville	Kristy Ann Wilson
Lawanda Cagle	Hamilton	Dana Hammitte & Alisa Robinson
Heather Holland	Hamilton	Melissa Martin & Natasha Pace
Dasha Honeycutt	Hamilton	Sheilah Wiginton & Kaylee Saarinen & Kimbo Stidham
Joyce Lawler	Hoover	Vicki Herring & Heather Monsma
Bonnie Waters	Hueytown	Ione Lowrey
Kathy Phelps	Oneonta	Shannon Jones & Emilie Sims
Becca Hanners	Opelika	Wanda Hewitt
Wendy Kennedy	Tuscaloosa	Virginia Jones



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 539
March 5-8, 2026**

Lay Director Tom Panucci - Perseverance

Assistant Lay Directors

Ricky Sparks - Priority
Grant Preston - 4th Day
Scott Key
Jason Dunham
Chris Comer
JJ May

Spiritual Director Chris Whitehead - Means of Grace

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Brooke Hemphill - Obstacles to Grace
Hal Cain - Sanctifying Grace
Bill Crosby - Prevenient Grace
Stephen Hampton - Justifying Grace

Music Chairperson Linda Mason

Assistant Table Leaders

Cade Haas - Body of Christ
Zack Dollar - Piety
Chad Steed - Christian Action
Ken Mason - Growth through Study
Craig Hamilton - Changing our World
Patrick Nelson - Priesthood
Rolo Weaver - Discipleship

Table Leaders

Joe Dombrowski
Dave Schmitt
Vann Bragg
Brian Paparella
Teek Patnaik
Spike McRoy
Charles Jones

Board Reps Laura Bracey
Sandra May

Committees

Agape	Rick Reid	256-324-0414
Meal Service	Ken Albrecht	256-698-6042
Refreshments	Tara Dombrowsky	256-714-2466
Prayer Vigil	Sandra Jones	256-479-2832
Housing	Chrystal Whitehead	205-516-1272
Candlelight	Bill Johnson	256-468-6488
Clean-up	Terry Lewis	256-755-1821
Closing	Julie Durling	256-679-2863
Entertainment	Dan Spratt	256-652-7595
Follow-up	Ann Turner	256-426-3132
Prayer Chapel	Chris Bragg	256-652-0843
Sponsors' Hour	Tim Cotton	256-684-9600
Worship	Susan Lewis	256-652-1960
Photographer	Charlie Blass	256-508-8311
Humble Servant	Judy Panucci	256-348-1073

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Tom West	Alpine	Stirling Rait & Neal Freeman
Mike Geissler	Arab	Bill Kirkpatrick
Phil Young	Athens	Bob Young & Julia Young
Edward Aldridge	Boaz	April Hughes
Nick Beville	Duncanville	Reginald Eppes
Corey Hunnicutt	Fayette	Melinda Wheat & Mark Wheat
Brandon Byrum	Grant	Diann Haas
Eddie Massengill	Grant	Tim Kimbrell
Cody Fowler	Guntersville	Sherry Lusk & Joe Lusk
Jim Herring	Guntersville	Jeff Deitsch & Richard Hayes
Hunter Bynon	Hamilton	Greg Hammitte & Jonathan Frederick & Layton Wisecarver
Roger Cagle	Hamilton	Jeff Halcomb & Jonathan Frederick
Kyle Compton	Hamilton	Jason McRae & Melinda Shay Pounds
Mike Gann	Hamilton	Rhonda Gann
Hayden Kelly	Harvest	Julia Kelly & Jim Maynard
Joshua Hermanson	Hazel Green	Chris Burnham
Ritchie Emerson	Hodges	Mike Shotts & Sarah Emerson
Wes Davis	Homewood	Diann Haas
Jack Knight	Homewood	Charlie Beavers & Branscomb Beavers
Mike Dove	Huntsville	Ann Turner & Phyllis Howell
Jackie Phelps	Oneonta	Shannon Jones & Emilie Sims
Milton Garrison	Russellville	Phillip Hamilton & Jim Hester
Randall Parrott	Sulligent	Jackie Godsey & Wayne Gilliam
David Osborne	Trussville	David Gregory Marsh & Suzanne Scott Trammell
Johnathan Hamlett	Tuscaloosa	Chuck Bush
Colicus Jones	Tuscaloosa	Reginald Eppes & Danielle Eppes
Ian Thomas	Tuscaloosa	Bill Trick
Daniel Green	Tuscumbia	Shawn Gober



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 540
March 19-22, 2026**

Lay Director Lucy Thrailkill - Perseverance

Assistant Lay Directors

Rhonda Rush
Debbie Alexander
Vicki Herring
Beckee Blackmon - Fourth Day
Liz Walker - Priority

Spiritual Director Vicki Cater - Means of Grace

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Terri Milstead - Obstacles to Grace
Gary Formby - Sanctifying Grace
Emily Penefield - Justifying Grace
Sam Frasier - Prevenient Grace

Music Chairperson Lynn Lower

Assistant Table Leaders

Tammy Carpenter - Body of Christ
O'lolade Erkinkilola - Discipleship
Julie English - Piety
Vicki Parsons - Changing Our World
Pam Kirsch - Priesthood
Kristy Ingram - Christian Action
Susie Travis - Study

Table Leaders

Kristin Confer
Rachel Mitchell
Roxanne Edsall
Cheryl Finch
Angel Bailey
Tashina Dunn
Kay Davis

Board Reps

Jack Bailey
Brian Ledlow

Committees

Agape	Melissa Marsh	205-516-9401
Food Service	Gene Ingram	205-266-3700
Refreshments	Kristy Akin	205-229-2786
Prayer Vigil	Linda Smith	205-901-9323
Housing	Lyn Carmichael	205-616-3018
Candlelight	Ted Hagler	205-873-1674
Clean up	Chuck Ferguson	205-260-7127
Closing	Lyn Cosby	205-453-2262
Entertainment	Bob Bentley	205-559-4327
Follow-up	Cliff Myers	205-515-1844
Prayer Chapel	Jane Hagler	205-985-9608
Sponsor's Hour	Angel Rait	256-225-3654
Worship	Julia Rudd	205-837-2708
Tech	Mel Travis	205-999-3788
Photographer	Stephen Milstead	205-229-5907
Humble Servant	Gene Thrailkill	205-616-5642
	Stephen Robinson	205-746-7054

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
LeeAnn Eubanks	Albertville	Jodi Yarbrough & Marsha Cryar & Nancy Skinner
Connie Barnhill	Birmingham	Woni Nelson & Randy Nelson
Kaitlyn Garlinger	Collinsville	Adrienne Gibson
Katie Clark	Elkmont	Cheryl Datuin & Tony Datuin
Tammy Prestage	Hamilton	Jeremy Prestage & Rob Crook
Jessica Gonder	Harvest	Will Datuin & Adam Berryhill
Stephanie Robertson	Hueytown	Tammy Carpenter & Bruce Carpenter
Summer Datuin	Rogersville	Will Datuin & Adam Berryhill
Dana Nolan	Springville	Donna Smith & Cynthia Lesley
Tamika McBrayer	Town Creek	Cheryl Datuin & Tony Datuin
Amy Mounts	Trussville	Julia Bianchi & Jeanie Dotson

