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## If You Don't Read Anything Else In This Issue, READ THIS!

*By Deanna Shotts, Community Lay Director*

Blessings to the AL Emmaus Community! I am excited about what God is going to do in 2022 through this Community, the Clusters and the Individuals who sponsor and participate as Pilgrims.

Board priorities for this year are to:

1. Continue with projects to improve Hutto/SouthWing;
2. Continue to educate Clusters/Sponsors on **responsible sponsorship**;
3. Encourage attendance at Cluster meetings in whatever form they choose to take until the pandemic is under control;
4. Encourage the **use of Chrysalis alumni on teams**;
5. Plan special observances of Walk #500 and AL Emmaus 40th Birthday; and
6. Pray for Tony Jones and the Camp Staff.

**(Please See Shotts Page 2.)**

## Happy New Year

*By John Simmons, Community Spiritual Director*

Happy New Year! "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you peace."

Wow, can you believe we are already into the second month of 2022. Time moves so fast.

If I may be honest with you, there are lots of happenings that really bother me. In the last few years, I have watched less and less of the TV news. It's gotten to be two main items: wicked, evil acts of violence and the Covid 19 pandemic. There was one news anchor that seemed to get giddy announcing the positive cases and death numbers. When will this pandemic come to an end?

I live in North Central Alabama and every morning the local news records the shootings that have taken place through the night. Often, it's a shootout between persons or groups and sometimes there are innocent victims caught in the crossfire, sometimes young children.

Here is my somewhat simple way to deal with these situations. 1). I watch the news less. I watch enough to know what's going on in the world. 2). I was challenged years ago to memorize Psalm One and Psalm Twenty-Three. So, when I hear of all the wicked/evil violent acts, I quote to myself Psalm 1:

"Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night...

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."

**(Please See Simmons Page 3.)**

# Shotts

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As the year begins, I'd like to address **Responsible Sponsorship**. Most of us sponsor others in the way we were sponsored. Sometimes that leads to confusion as to the responsibilities of a good sponsor.

Let me encourage **sponsors of Walks 498-507** to please check your email regularly for communications from Coordinator, Angel Rait. As I used to tell my students:

FIRST, READ THE INSTRUCTIONS  
ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE END.

THEN, READ THEM AGAIN!

This will help you in **following through** with providing Angel with the information she needs to get the Walks organized. **Please notice deadline dates** and communicate with her as needed. We'd be lost without her!

I invite anyone who is sponsoring or planning to sponsor someone in the future to revisit Chapter 8 from your DAY FOUR book. Also, check out a little book entitled Sponsorship. Both are good resources on being a responsible sponsor and are available on the Entrance Book Table in Hutto before Candlelight and Closing or from Upper Room Books.

### A Blessing For the New Year

God, your hope, your joy  
Be upon this new year.

God, your love, your wisdom  
Fill my heart, my mind, my life.  
God, your strength, your comfort  
Enter every heart.

God, your guidance, your peace  
Be upon every heart, every community, every nation.  
*(From Christ Beside Me, Christ Within Me by Beth A. Richardson)*

# Eternity-Minded

*By Angel Rait, Community Coordinator*

Recently I read the following quote in a devotional: "Every day I try to live my life in such a way that I accomplish at least one thing that will outlive me and last for eternity." The devotion encouraged the reader to attempt to accomplish one eternity-minded deed a day. So, should I work on that puzzle or call my friend who has recently lost her husband?

I took care of my mom with Alzheimer's for 5 years. One of the most difficult tasks involved cleaning out the house. Because she was a hoarder, it took me 2½ years to complete that daunting task. But God "parted the waters" a little wider every day. As I look back on that journey, there were days that were overwhelming, yet it's just amazing how many blessings came out of it. How I would get a phone call, a visit, a sandwich, or a card in the mail at just the right time. These "eternity-minded" blessings are ones that will last me a lifetime and never be forgotten.

God gives us exactly what we need in the time we need it most. And He also calls us to be a positive difference in the world in which we live. We can easily smile, make eye contact, speak kind words, write short notes, make a phone call, other simple actions that show care and love!

I think on days when I'm most overwhelmed I need to remember these words from a poem written by Charles Studd, "Only one life 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." Every day try to make a positive difference in someone's life by doing at least one eternity-minded thing. After all, isn't that part of what we learned on our Emmaus Walk and are called to do in our Fourth Days?

DeColores,  
Angel, sjc Walk #173

## Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
499	Mar 3-6	Susan Lewis	Sherrill Clontz	Huntsville	Sherry Johnson Ken Albrecht
<b>500 *</b>	<b>Mar 17-20</b>	<b>Jack Bailey</b>	<b>Terri Milstead</b>	<b>South Shelby/Bham East/Bham South</b>	<b>Jane Hagler Julie English</b>
501	April 21-24	Debra Fennell	Mike Densmore	Cheaha East Alabama	Stirling Rait Bob DeHaven
502	May 12-15	Carlin Burrow	Mitch Nethery	Franklin/Haleyville Marion	Jennifer Swinney Jackie Mize

**\*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!

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When I feel the anxiety and even fear rising up in me from the pandemic, I quote Psalm 23:

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want...he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths...for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me...you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows...Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.”

Sometimes during my devotional time upon these two psalms a verse or phrase captures my thoughts, which leads the Lord and I to have a conversation.

May I be so bold as to challenge you to memorize Psalm 1 & 23! Give this method a try. It works for me.

## BOARD BITS

In January the Board of Directors enacted a deadline date for submission of names for the Memorial Service held with the Annual Training Event. This year the Memorial Service is scheduled for Aug. 12. A deadline for 2022 submissions to the Emmaus Office has been set for May 30. This is to allow time for Community Coordinator Angel Rait to contact family members and invite them. Names submitted after that date will be included in the 2023 service. It would be helpful if each Cluster designated a person to be responsible for reporting these names to Angel as they are known, along with names of family members and their contact information.

### Update to Walk Applications

There will be an updated Alabama Emmaus Walk Application coming soon. The old one is being removed from the Website, and the new one will be posted very soon. It will also be sent to Cluster Leaders to be distributed to the Clusters. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of Alabama Emmaus.

### *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)

## 2022 Walk Schedule

WALK	DATE	GENDER
498	Feb 10-13	W
499	Mar 3-6	W
500	Mar 17-20	M
501	April 21-24	W
502	May 12-15	W
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

\*Due to calendar conflicts and a Camp request to move Walks from summer dates, the following changes were made to the 2022 Walk schedule:

**#502** was moved back a week to May 12-15

**#503** was moved from June to Aug. 11-14

**#504** was moved from July to Sep. 22-25 – and swapped numbers with women’s Walk #505

## Praying For You

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

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

To **Linda Kociaba (283)** in the loss of her husband, **John T Kociaba (302)**

To the family of **George Lair (188)**

To **Dianne Scott (86)** in the loss of her husband, **Larry Scott (112)** and to **Kelly Scott (229)**, Brent Scott and Hunter Scott in the loss of their dad.

To Jane Thompson in the loss of her husband, **Hardy Thompson (493)**

To **Harry Brown Jr (31)** in the loss of his wife, **Jamie Brown (32)** and to **Harry Brown III (299)**, **Kathy Brown (175)** and Adam Brown in the loss of their mom.

To **Marty Cimino (102)** in the loss of her husband, **Chuck Cimino**.

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 499  
March 3-6, 2022**

**Lay Director** Susan Lewis - Perseverance

**Asst. Lay Directors**

Sandra May  
Stacy Hedden – Priority  
Leslie Comer  
Alice Gero  
Genie Riddle  
\* Fourth Day Talk TBA

**Spiritual Director** Sherill Clontz – Means of Grace

**Asst. Spiritual Directors**

Byron Vance – Justifying Grace  
June Wilson – Prevenient Grace  
Mac Buttram – Sanctifying Grace  
Belinda Freeman – Obstacles to Grace

**Music Chair** Mark Gero

**Asst. Table Leaders**

Amy Seymour – Body of Christ  
Tara Dombrowsky – Discipleship  
Leigh Martin – Piety  
Debbie Weaver – Changing Your World  
Pam Congo – Priesthood  
Amy Boyle – Christian Action  
Jana Killen - Study

**Table Leaders**

Margaret Darnell  
Linda Mason  
Cathy Johnson  
Melissa Harkins  
Hillary Dunham  
Sarah Withrow  
TBD

**Board Reps** Sherry Johnson  
Ken Albrecht

**Committees**

Agape: Joyce Smith 256-714-8689  
Food Service: Rusty Congo 256-797-2250  
Refreshments: Troy Siebel 256-783-4567  
Prayer Vigil: Michael Seavers 256-655-2154  
Housing: JJ May 703-307-3533  
Candlelight: Bruce Parris 256-479-1533  
Clean-up: Terry Lewis 256-755-1821  
Closing: Tom / Ann Turner 256-426-3132  
Entertainment: Tom Panucci 256-658-9191  
Follow-up: Laura Bracey 256-603-4449  
Prayer Chapel: John Cole 256-744-9771  
Sponsors' Hour: Tim Cotton 256-684-9600  
Worship: Amy Key 256-684-6433  
Photographer: Terry Lewis 256-755-1821  
Humble Servant: Terry Lewis 256-755-1821

**Pilgrims**

Name	Location	Sponsor
Liza Dennison	Altoona	Emilie Sims & Tony Dennison
Karen Lenz	Athens	Clay Jackson
Tashina Dunn	Boaz	Josh & Misty Brogdon
Tammy Mitchell	Boaz	Shalynn Kilpatrick
Alesa Moore	Boaz	Misty Brogdon
Laura Wilson	Boaz	Jodi Yarbrough
Daphne Reed-Wood	Columbus, MS	Sarah Rickert
Allene Crew	Fayette	Dana Gilliam
Michelle Williams	Gadsden	Bradley & Sandra Williams
Taylor Vlack	Helena	Liz Walker & Amanda Moore
Debi Glass	Hoover	Tara Glass
Debbie Rose	Huntsville	Grace Langhout
Kay Beasley	Jackson Gap	Joanne Singleton & Butch Fennell
Christina Richardson	Leesburg	Jennifer Chesnut & Lydia Tucker
Angel Bailey	Odenville	Pam Falbo Marshall & Brandy Tucker
Cindy Phillips	Tuscaloosa	Danielle Eppes
Macy West	Tuscalosa	Carlin Burrow & Stephanie West



**Alabama Emmaus Walk 500  
March 17-20, 2022**

**Lay Director** Jack Bailey - Perseverance

**Asst. Lay Directors**

Rick Pearson - Priority  
Jim Frazier - 4th Day  
Fred Clay  
Bill Rush  
Eric Barr  
Rux Bentley

**Spiritual Director** Terri Milstead - Means of Grace

**Asst. Spiritual Directors**

Gary Formby - Obstacles to Grace  
Sam Frazier - Prevenient Grace  
Angela Martin - Sanctifying Grace  
Patrick Friday - Justifying Grace

**Music Chair** Steve Duncan

**Asst. Table Leaders**

Stephen Milstead - Body of Christ  
Brian Ledlow - Discipleship  
Bruce Dooley - Piety  
Gene Ingram - Changing Your World  
Alan Broadhead - Priesthood  
Stephen Robinson - Christian Action  
Chuck Ferguson - Study

**Table Leaders**

Chuck Cohron  
Danny Bass  
Steve Duffee  
Jim Riddle  
Gene Thrailkill  
Mitch Dobbins  
James White

**Board Reps** Julie English  
Jane Hagler

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Agape: Cynthia Dooley (205) 664-8741  
Food Service: Merrie Lynn Pearson (205) 907-0948  
Refreshments: Kristi Akin (205) 229-2786  
Prayer Vigil: Delores Bunn (205) 515-4719  
Housing: Judy Vaughn (205) 687-7005  
Candlelight: Susan Blackmon (205) 477-4935  
Clean-up: Lynn Carmichael (205) 616-3017  
Closing: Susan Day (205) 655-5274  
Entertainment: Bob Bentley (205) 559-4372  
Follow-up: Kay Davis (205) 627-8438  
Prayer Chapel: Vicki Herring (205) 305-0587  
Sponsors' Hour: Hank Patterson (205) 532-8446  
Worship: Roxann Edsall (205) 533-0910  
Photographer: Liz Walker (205) 613-7935  
Humble Servant: Joanne Bailey (205) 908-2249  
Ted Hagler (205) 873-1675

**Pilgrims**

Name	Location	Sponsor
Mike Thomas	Alexander City	Butch Fennell & Debra Fennell
Dan Welborn	Athens, AL	Jack and Donna McDaniel
Hilton Cawthon	Birmingham	Tom & Stephanie Cawthon
Colin Read	Birmingham	Laura Bracey
Ethan Brogdon	Boaz	Josh & Misty Brogdon
Justin Dunn	Boaz	Josh & Misty Brogdon
Doug Moore	Boaz	Josh & Misty Brogdon
Buddy Mills	Booneville , MS	Cheri Gober & Shawn Gober
Michael Wisdom	Buhl	Eric Terrell & Andy Smith
Rob Gullett	Florence	Gary Jester
Billy Hunt	Florence	April Vaden
Mike Smith	Gadsden	Lisa M Smith
Talon Dahlgreen	Gardendale	Steve Baccus & Donna Baccus
Eric Ray	Helena	Abel Walker
Frank Barger	Huntsville	Jeff Langhout
Colin Cotton	Jacksonville	Ted Anderson
Steve Westerfield	Jacksonville	Ted Anderson & Marcel Emigh
Mike Nevin	Madison	Michael and Margaret Darnell
Lee Evans	Northport	Brian Boyington
Jason Moore	Pelham	Amanda Moore
Douglas Wong	Pulaski, TN	Al Killen & Jana W. Killen

