



The Grapevine

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Financial stewardship, ongoing Covid situation create need

Board votes on changes for 2020

By **TERRIE ALEXANDER**
Lay Director

Dear Alabama Emmaus Family,

I have missed seeing all of you so much. Due to the COVID-19 Virus, with heavy hearts and to do our best to maintain the Emmaus experience, **The Alabama Emmaus Community Board Members have voted to postpone the rest of the 2020 walks and reschedule them for 2021.**

Just like in other areas of life, our Alabama Emmaus Community income has suffered as a result of these postponements. The Emmaus Board of Directors has been working to decrease spending so that the impact financially can be slowed down.

We plan to accomplish this by suspending the printing of the *The Grapevine* until this crisis has settled. The *Grapevine* will continue to be sent out electronically and we encourage cluster members to volunteer to print it for those cluster members who do not have the capability to receive the newsletter electronically.

As we are turning toward the "new thing that God is doing" in the Alabama Emmaus Community, we will follow the guidelines from the government, both state and national, from the Health

Department, from the Bishop of The North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, and from Camp Sumatanga. This means that numbers will be different and this again will affect the financial flow.

The basic expenses of the community are around \$1,650.00 per month, so we are asking if the clusters and individuals could possibly make any donations that you feel inclined to make. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

They may be sent to: Alabama Emmaus Community, c/o Jim Sims, Treasurer, 535 Sims Road, Oneonta, AL 35121.

We are also unable to schedule the Training Event and Memorial Service at this time. Therefore, we will cancel the 2020 event with plans to combine the 2020 and 2021 Training Events and Memorial Services for August 2021.

Thanks for your consideration and your help. Please keep the Alabama Emmaus Community in your prayers. We all look forward to Alabama Emmaus Walks resuming in February 2021.

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Terrie Alexander

Alabama Emmaus Community Lay Director

IMPORTANT NOTICE...

All **2020** Walks have been postponed until **2021**.

Please see the listing on Page 2 for a **TENTATIVE** schedule at this time.

A year of changes

By ANGEL RAIT
Community Coordinator

My husband, Stirling, and I have been privileged to get to participate with the youth at our church for the past five years. We are not the youth leaders, just the couch sitters! We were asked just to come and be in the youth room to sit with the kids and be a presence. We were asked just to be a familiar face that would eventually become someone they could trust and count on to be there for them.

We were able to participate in a brunch for the graduating seniors. It was different; there was a table for each family of the seniors, placed six feet apart. They were met at the door by a "masked" greeter. All the food was placed on their tables because they could not go through a serving line to get their food. When the senior picture was made, they all had to stand on pieces of tape placed on the floor, six feet apart.

Our pastor, who spoke to them, started with these words, "For everyone here except our seniors, share with us something you remember about the year you graduated?" Amazingly, there was nothing profound that stood out to any of us. This year's graduating seniors will always remember that theirs was the year of the Pandemic, the year of Covid-19, and all the changes that had to be made three months before they graduated.

This year's seniors will always remember not being able to be with their friends, some not having a graduation ceremony, no parties or proms, cancelled trips, and not getting to say good-bye.

This is a year full of changes, for all of us at Emmaus as well. These changes have stopped us from having Walks for the past four months, and when we start back, there will be changes. So just as all graduating seniors for 2020 have had to adjust to things being done differently, we are asking you – the Emmaus Community – to be willing to make the necessary changes to our Emmaus Walks with a Spirit of charity and cooperation. Specific information regarding these changes will be sent to cluster leaders soon. Thank you for your patience as we are going through this.

The Emmaus office is still open and accepting applications. Please contact me at any time if I can be of help to you!

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TENTATIVE 2021 Schedule

WALK #	DATE	GENDER
494	Feb 4-7	W
495	Mar 4-7	M
496	Apr 8-11	W
497	May 20-23	M
498	Jun 17-20	W
499	Jul 15-18	W
500	Aug 12-15	M
501	Aug 26-29	W
502	Sep 9-12	W
503	Oct 14-17	M

Praying for You

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

To the family of **Tommie Putnam (206)**

To **Tina Whitmore (145)** in the loss of her mother, Freida Richey

To **Vicki Medlin (256)** in the loss of her mother, Carolyn Gibson

To **Jeanne Johnson (154)** in the loss of her husband, **Phillip Johnson (159)**

To **Mary Ann Caudle (102)** in the loss of her husband, **Jerry Caudle (100)**

To the family of **Larry Veazey (55)**

To **Lori Carden (236)** in the loss of her mother, Betty Louise Casey Keeter

To **Gayle Buchanan (107)** in the loss of her husband, **David Buchanan (123)**

To **Paul Wilson (420)** in the loss of his mother, Mabel Wilson

To **Libby Kimbrell (403)** in the loss of her husband, **Don Kimbrell (408)**