



Community Humble Servants

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Christmas Is Coming

By Butch Fennell, Community Lay Director

We are in the season to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Many people regard this time as just a holiday while others enjoy it as a holy time spent with family and friends. Regardless of how you view this time of the year, it is a time when the whole world remembers the birth of Jesus. His first earthly appearance, as a newborn baby, was foretold many years ago. Important people were made aware of His coming and traveled great distances to see this miracle.

It's easy hearing about His first coming as a baby wrapped in swaddling clothing lying in a manger, and we will always celebrate that, but we should also prepare for and celebrate his next coming as well. He has given us plenty of information about what to expect before His next arrival. He said to prepare for His coming like a groom coming for his bride (the church). We have a lot of people we need to invite to this wedding and Emmaus is a good way to help with the preparations.

The prophets foretold and celebrated the first coming in the past, but Jesus has told us to prepare for His next coming in the future. So, celebrate and be happy because Christ is coming to town.



May We Always Be Thankful!

By Ted Anderson, Community Spiritual Director

Psalm 118:1 "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever."

So very often we limit our thanksgiving to just a Thursday in November, and not all the time. God is God all the time and He does for us constantly. So many blessings that come to us we overlook as just happenings and not the work of God. Not a moment goes by that He is not covering us with His presence and loving care.

It never crosses our minds that the breath we just inhaled or exhaled is a blessing from God. The blood pulsating through our bodies constantly is a blessing from God. The ability to read this newsletter is also a blessing from Him as well.

If we all sat down and wrote down all the blessings on paper, we would be busy full time. As we journey through life may we thank Him with our hearts and minds, if we do not say the words. We should be thankful for the marvelous creation, the commandments, the virgin birth of our Savior, His journey to Calvary to die on the cross, His miraculous resurrection, His promise to be with us always through the presence of the Holy Spirit, the promise of His return to take us to Heaven, and this list could go on endlessly.

All our lists are endless, and we do not deserve any of it except for the LOVE of our Heavenly Father.

Never forget His words on the cross, "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment and cast lots."

Give thanks today and every day that ends in Y!

DeColores!

Board Bits

We would like to welcome the new board representatives beginning their two-year terms in 2025, and to say thank you to the board members whose terms end this year.

The Board Reps rolling off this year are:

Denise Cone
 Judy Anderson
 David Speegle
 Lynda Hall
 Debra Baker (New Community Lay Director)
 Anne Parris
 Georgia McCaig
 Bobby Jones

The new Reps joining the board in 2025 are:

Stephanie Kirby Minix (*Cheaha*)
 Carlin Burrow (*Haleyville*)
 Laura Bracey (*Huntsville*)
 Lisa Socha (*Marshall*)
 Jack Bailey (*South Shelby*)
 Melissa Barnes (*Tuscaloosa*)
 Mickey Phillips (*Cullman*)
 William T. (Pete) Peeden (*Shoals*)



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>

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
528	Feb 20-23	Kay Parker-Phillips	Dudley Brock	Cullman / Blount	Sally Cofield Mickey Phillips
529	Mar 6-9	Todd Gibson	Lynn Gibson	West Alabama / Tuscaloosa	Mary Lynn Whitten Melissa Barnes
530	Mar 20-23	Jacque Clay	Sherry Reynolds	Gadsden / Marshall	Will Clay Lisa Socha
531	April 24-27	Sandra May	Sherrill Clontz	Huntsville	Tim Cotton Laura Bracey

***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!

Praying For You

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

The family of **Tyrone Rivers (374)**

Ella Mae Pemberton (246) in the loss of her husband, Jack Pemberton. And, **Steve (CAE61)** and **Sybil (204)** Pemberton, Donald and Kathy Pemberton, and **Jack Talley (205)** in the loss of their father.

The family of **Lela Rae Shotts (75)**.

Walter (205) and Debbie (201) Dowdell, Lyn and Bennet Price in the loss of their father. And **Jay Dowdell (289)** in the loss of his grandfather.

Vickie Johnson (66) and Warren Hall (137) in the loss of their brother, **Barry Hall (80)**.

Terry Vintson (85) in the loss of his wife, **Tina Vintson (77)**.

Roger Davis (Bethlehem Walk 15) in the loss of his wife, **Petra Davis (Bethlehem Walk 18)**.

The family of **Melinda Luker (204)**.

The family of **Paula Dahlke (247)**.

The Grapevine

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Coordinator's Corner

By Lane Berry, Community Coordinator

GOD is good... ALL the time! And FAITHFUL!

We continue to meet and/or exceed the number of pilgrims needed for a Walk.

Walk 527 in November had 32 pilgrims!

Please don't stop actively, prayerfully seeking whom God may want you to approach about attending the Emmaus Walk, because -

IT'S STILL ALL UP TO US!

Coming up in 2025 we still have availability for these early Walks.

Walk 528 (W) February 20-23 – 7 applications

Walk 529 (M) March 6-9 – 11 applications

Walk 530 (W) March 20-23 – 0 applications

Walk 531 (W) April 24-27 – 2 applications

Walk 532 (M) May 15-18 – 1 application

We all know it is a life-changing experience. Who might you want to afford that opportunity?

God Bless.

DeColores!

Lane

2025 Walk Schedule

528	Feb 20-23	Women
529	Mar 6-9	Men
530	Mar 20-23	Women
531	Apr 24-27	Women
532	May 15-18	Men
533	Aug 7-10	Women
534	Sept 11-14	Women
535	Sept 25-28	Women
536	Oct 16-19	Men
537	Nov 6-9	Women

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 528
February 20-23, 2025**

Lay Director Kay Parker-Phillips (Perseverance)

Assistant Lay Directors

Judy Bonds Chair
Rita Speegle
VJ Brown (Priority)
Sara Manney (Fourth Day)
Judith LaRoque
Vivian McRae

Spiritual Director Jeff Helton (Means of Grace)

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Gary McRae (Prevenient Grace)
Lisa Holmes (Justifying Grace)
Tony Jones (Obstacles to Grace)
Cam Price (Sanctifying Grace)

Music Chairperson Tina Holcombe
Ben Keener

Assistant Table Leaders

Peggy Payne (Priesthood)
Kim Priest (Piety)
Donna Kinstley (Study)
Lorie Hannefield (Christian Action)
Jill Sellers (Discipleship)
Sherry Fincher (Changing Our World)
Anna Jones (Body of Christ)

Table Leaders

Amy Crim
Sandy Parker
Mary Quick
Stephanie West
Vicki Hall
Connie Butler
Joyce Doak

Board Reps Sally Cofield
Ken Farr

Committees

Agape	Neil Branham	205-837-2705
Food Service	Bain Brown	256-369-7630
Refreshments	Carlin Burrow	205-494-9104
Prayer Vigil	Mary Nell Saunders	205-522-4828
Housing	Jim Sims	205-451-2407
Candlelight	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
Clean-up	Mickey Phillips	205-540-6673
Closing	David Speegle	256-385-1401
Entertainment	Donald & Sheila Jones	205-412-5823
Follow-up	Jim Saunders	205-275-2292
Prayer Chapel	Jane Sims	205-274-7302
Sponsors' Hour	Bob Burgess	256-338-0766
Worship	Tom LaRocque	205-625-7051
Tech/Photo	Melanie Skillman	205-446-2389
Humble Servant	Mickey Phillips	205-540-6673

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Cassie Lord	Alabaster	Debbie Daniel
Linda Hodges	Anniston	Dee Gorey & Beverly Carlee
Ruth Ryder	Arab	Joanie Reynolds
Donna Tidmore	Arab	Joanie Reynolds
Beverly Hedrick	Falkville	James Fields
Theresa Dumpson	Fayette	Deborah McClean & Mary Ham Wilson
Holly Purser	Hackleburg	Cheri Gober & Shawn Gober
Gayle Bingham	Helena	Suzanne Scott Trammell
Donna Bagwell	Hoover	Melissa Marsh
Johnnie Beatty	Northport	Fay Taylor & Tonya Hanby
Jerri Fry	Oneonta	Joe Hastings & Cliff Fry
Debbie Parmenter	Pell City	Martie Schrimsher & Angel Rait
Mary Bess Price	Pell City	Angel Rait & Lucy Thraillkill
Sam (Samantha) Hartsell	Russellville	Teresa Seal & Pat Seal
Dominique Kreger	Scottsboro	Leigh Martin & Tara Dombrowsky
Andrea Herbster	Talladega	RoxAnne Henderson & Todd Henderson

