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*And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13*

## 2021 CLUSTER BOARD

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### 72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

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### INFORMATION TABLE

Cathy Everett

### WEB SERVANT

Jimmy McCollum

### PAST CLUSTER DIRECTOR

Revonda Twesme

## TENTATIVE LIST

### 2021 ALABAMA WALKS

#494 Aug 12-15 Women

#495 Aug 26-29 Men

#496 Sep 9-12 Women

#497 Oct 14-17 Men

### 2022 ALABAMA WALKS

Feb 10-13 Women

Mar 3-6 Women

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

In late 2020, the Emmaus Community had been asked to move all Walks to McKinney-Atkins and the Retreat Centers when they resume. The only part to be held in Hutto was Candlelight. All the necessary revisions to the guidelines had been made. This would have been difficult and a bit cramped, but doable. But by the time Tony Jones became the Sumatanga Executive Director, the Trustees had made the decision to renovate the Lodge, and Tony has offered the use of it to the Community instead. This is awesome news! This means that the South Wing, which connects to the breezeway area can house the Pilgrims and the North Wing can be used for Team Members who may prefer it to the Retreat Centers #4 and #5. Both the Hundley Dining Room and Green Auditorium can be used as the Conference Room and/or Pilgrims' Chapel. The Agape and Worship Rooms can stay where they are and there is a suggestion to have the refreshments served around the fireplace!

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## NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

**TO BE DETERMINED**  
**[NO FEBRUARY MEETING]**

Tuesday  
[WHEN THEY RESUME, THEY WILL STILL BE ON TUESDAY]

**6:00 p.m.**  
[UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED]

**IF WE GATHER SOON –**

**BRING:**  
Mask  
Worship Guide  
Name Badge  
Joyful Noise Voice  
An Emmaus Friend

The Camp will not schedule other groups to use the Lodge Dining Room at the same time Walks are scheduled, but will locate them in the Retreat Centers. They would then use the McKinney-Atkins Dining Room. This is a huge blessing for Emmaus! There will be updates here as available, so be sure to check for them.



## GRAPEVINE

There will be a new issue of *The Grapevine* next week that will list new members of the Board of Directors and will have the adjusted dates for Walks. These dates are still tentative and will be reviewed in May. Please be in prayer that all of us will soon be able to return to some form of normalcy and that it will be possible to safely hold Walks again in August!



## CLUSTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING FEB. 27

The Cluster Leadership Training held each year by the Emmaus Board will be Feb. 27, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. till noon. It will not be an in-person event but will be held via Zoom. The invitation will be sent by Angel Rait to each Cluster Leader. If you would like to join the meeting, check with Clay Hammond for a link to the invitation.

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### **RG CORNER**

Has your group found a way to meet in person? What are you doing to stay connected? If some of you are meeting but others don't yet feel safe, are you staying in touch? This may be the most important agape you can ever give! Think about it!



### **SPONSORSHIP 101**

As noted in issues last year, things can change rapidly these days, so be sure to read the fine print! As a sponsor, you are the one who must keep up with all the details for your Pilgrims. As noted in an article on the front page, the information last year about the Walks being held at McKinney-Atkins is now old news. The Lodge has been offered to the Community instead and this has been

accepted by the Board. The revisions are now in progress and the Board will have a walk-through in March to finalize the details. This will mean that your Pilgrims will be housed in the South Wing of the Lodge, and there will be none of the transportation issues associated with housing them in Retreat Centers #1 and #2. Again, be sure to check here for updates as they occur!

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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Community Treasurer Jim Sims – (205) 531-4965  
Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (Prompt #5)

### **CLUSTER MEETINGS**

**There will not be a 2021 February meeting of the Shoals Cluster.** Cluster leaders are working to bring the meetings back as soon as possible, and to make them as safe and available to all as possible. This may include in-person meetings with a way to share them electronically as well. The decisions are being made month-to-month, so be sure to check here each issue.



**2021**

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

***As noted elsewhere, our meeting schedule will be determined on a month-to-month basis. It will depend on conditions each time the Cluster Board meets on the first Monday of the month.***