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# The Grapevine

Alabama Emmaus Community News

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## Community Humble Servants

### Lay Director

Butch Fennell

### Spiritual Director

Ted Anderson

### Asst. Lay Director

Debra Baker

### Asst. Spiritual Director

David Socha

### Community Coordinator

Lane Berry

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Denise Cone

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James Dodwell

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Ken Farr

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Tim Cotton

Jimmy Grisham

Mary Lynn Whitten

### Literature

Patricia Bush

### Supplies

Pam Kirsch

### Community Agape

Bruce Parris

### Name Tags

Dan Bell

### Newsletter

Stephen Milstead

## Memories and Choices

*By Butch Fennell, Community Lay Director*

***But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.***  
-Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

This is one of my favorite scriptures because it relates to making choices based on what was learned from the past (memories). It's very difficult to decide on future tasks or decisions when there is no history of the subject. Most of us keep some sort of record of past decisions or actions so we can make better choices in the future, such as board minutes and/or our board historian.

Personal computers have given us a tremendous amount of space and opportunity to keep records (or memories), but our ancestors didn't have this equipment or technology. Just imagine how much time and dedication that was used in writing the biblical scrolls and records. The authors of the bible made their choice to serve God by keeping records of His word in what we call our Bible. They were inspired by the Lord to record the facts of what happened from the beginning of time.

It's very important that we keep our memories of past walks and Emmaus family members so we can tell the future generations of the great times we spent with Jesus and family on our Walks to Emmaus. Hopefully they will choose to make a lot of Emmaus memories as well.

DeColores.

## LET US STAND TOGETHER FOR OUR LORD

*By Ted Anderson, Community Spiritual Director*

***"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."***  
-Acts 11:26

A new year has begun for the AEC spiritual directors – a year in which we have the blessed honor to serve our Lord by serving the pilgrims God will send to the walks over the next 12 months. In 2007, on Walk 316, I had never witnessed the amount of love and compassion that was felt during my 72 hours. My weekend at Camp Sumatanga has left a lasting feeling in my heart every day since.

Never feel that you are of no help to the pilgrims that experience joy on their walks. Though I cannot recall all the team members' names, I will always remember the love shown to us pilgrims every hour we were there. As we serve, we may never understand the impact we are making in the hearts and lives of those we are blessed to serve.

We always talk about needing pilgrims to sign up for walks, but folks, having willing team members to sign up is just as important. Sure, no walk can be done without pilgrims, but if we have an overabundance of willing pilgrims and not enough workers, things will not happen. Barnabas went looking for Saul at Tarsus because that was where he could be found. Upon finding him, they departed and journeyed to Antioch to work with the church as they were moving forward for the cause of Christ. We are no different in our duty and calling than to move forward together sharing, serving, and shepherding others along the journey.

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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>

## Anderson

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When you sign up to work a walk, you begin to realize the work and dedication required for God to work all things for His good. When asked to work, the first step is to begin to pray, let the Holy Spirit direct your answer, and never stop praying for the task ahead of you. Serving is not a burden – it is a blessing!

Last year as I began to serve as Assistant Community Spiritual Director, I had no idea what was ahead. Terri Milstead was there to help direct me every step of the way, and I am blessed to have had her guidance. As I begin my time as Spiritual Director, I so look forward to working with David Socha, the new Assistant Community Spiritual Director. May our days be filled with the presence of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Pray for all Emmaus communities that people will come to know the love Christ has for us.

De Colores

## Carolyn Phillips Remembered

This summer a bench was installed by the Cheaha Cluster at Camp Sumatanga to honor Carolyn Phillips who served as the Alabama Emmaus Community Coordinator for over 20 years and passed away last year. She attended Walk 63 and was the longest serving Community Coordinator, serving for over 300 walks. The bench is located near the bridge behind Hutto. Feel free to visit the bench when on a break from working the back hall, and you want a nice, shady spot to rest and reflect.



## Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
524	Sept 12-15	Roxann Edsall	Lori Carden	So. Shelby / B'ham East / B'ham South	Denise Cone Bill Rush
<b>525</b>	<b>Sept 26-29</b>	<b>Al Killen</b>	<b>Mitch Nethery</b>	Franklin / Haleyville Marion	<b>Lynda Hall Ken Farr</b>
526	Oct 17-20	Stephanie Kirby	Mike Densmore	East Alabama / Cheaha	Judy Anderson James Dodwell
527	Nov 7-10	Revonda Twesme	Rudy Guess	Shoals / Athens / Moulton	Georgia McCaig Jimmy Grisham

### \*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!

## IT'S ALL UP TO US...

*By Lane Berry, Community Coordinator*

Will you help?

As I wrote in the last Grapevine, our applications have been down significantly after the pandemic.

I wonder if you might help re-ignite the excitement of the Emmaus Walk, we all enjoyed when a Walk was considered "full" when there were 49 pilgrims, and we had a waiting list to attend!

Would you consider asking your pastor for 5 minutes on Sunday morning to introduce or remind your congregations of the Emmaus Walk?

Possibly ask your Sunday Schools for a moment to talk about the Emmaus Walk.

Post fliers on hallway bulletin boards in the church.

There are booklets and other resources available to introduce the Emmaus Walk. Perhaps your Cluster could provide those to help spread the word?

IT'S STILL ALL UP TO US!

Walk 524 (W) Sept. 12-15 – 28 applications (FULL!)

Walk 525 (M) Sept. 26-29 – 10 applications

Walk 526 (W) Oct. 17-20 - 16 applications

Walk 527 (W) Nov. 7-10 – 3 applications

Please prayerfully consider who God may lead you to approach about the Emmaus Walk, we all know it is a life-changing experience.

Who might you want to afford that opportunity?

God Bless.

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Lane

## 2024-2025 Walk Schedule

<u>WALK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
524	Sept 12-15	Women
<b>525</b>	<b>Sept 26-29</b>	<b>Men</b>
526	Oct 17-20	Women
527	Nov 7-10	Women
	<u>2025</u>	
528	Feb 20-23	Women
<b>529</b>	<b>Mar 6-9</b>	<b>Men</b>
530	Mar 20-23	Women
531	Apr 24-27	Women
<b>532</b>	<b>May 15-18</b>	<b>Men</b>

## 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 **Ed Johnson (90)**

**Douglas Suggs (282)**, Shannon Mitchell, and Kelly Gurosky in the death of his wife and their mother, **Gail Suggs (292)**

Frankie Harry and Tracey Matthews in the death of his wife and her mother, **Fran Harry (247)**

**Rev. Ron (BL22)** and **Rachel Gonia (330)** in the death of his mother, June Grantham

**Rev. Dee (156)** and **Bridgett (83) Dowdy** in the death of his mother, Frankie Sue Dowdy

The family of **Phyllis Atkins (345)**

The family of **Evelyn Muskett (242)**

The family of **Judie Beggs (177)**

**Ted (316)** and **Judy (130)** Anderson in the death of Judy's son, Billy Hay

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## Alabama Emmaus Walk 524 September 12-15, 2024

**Lay Director** Roxann Edsall – Perseverance

### Assistant Lay Directors

Ruth Ann Clay  
Teresa Harris  
Dianne Fisher –Fourth Day  
Lucy Thrailkill  
Susie Simmons  
Wendy Farmer - Priority

**Spiritual Director** Lori Carden – Means of Grace

### Assistant Spiritual Directors

Terri Milstead – Prevenient Grace  
Rusty Tate – Obstacles to Grace  
Angela Martin – Sanctifying Grace  
Ricky Ruston – Justifying Grace

**Music Chair** Charlie Beavers

### Assistant Table Leaders

Beckee Blackmon – Body of Christ  
Kristin Confer – Discipleship  
Susan Sheffield – Life of Piety  
Donna Ambrosius – Changing Our World  
Kristy Akin – Priesthood of All Believers  
Julie English – Christian Action  
Rhonda Rush – Growth Through Study

### Table Leaders

Liz Walker  
Joanne Bailey  
Lynn Carmichael  
Kristy Ingram  
Carol Rayfield  
Taylor Vlack  
Pam Kirsch

**Board Reps** Denise Cone  
Bill Rush

### Committees

Agape	Tammy Carpenter	205-475-1463
Food Service	John Fillebaum	205-910-9382
Refreshments	Brian Ledlow	205-516-6936
Prayer Vigil	Amy Floyd	205-833-3915
Housing	Judy Vaughn	205-687-7005
Candlelight	Ted Hagler	205-873-1674
Clean-up	Jack Bailey	205-281-1256
Closing	Paul Webb	256-493-4712
Entertainment	Bruce Carpenter	205-707-9773
Follow-up	Heather Biciste	205-305-6066
Prayer Chapel	Suzanne Scott-Trammell	205-253-8025
Sponsors' Hour	Laura Myers	205-919-2479
Worship	Pam Branham	205-837-2708
Photographer	Mel Travis	205-999-3788
Humble Servant	Steve Edsall	205-329-8836

## Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Joan Beard	Albertville	Kristy McDaniel & Marilyn Moore
Gina Hard	Albertville	Gloria Hayes
Crystal Kindred	Albertville	Sharron Isdell & Tami Kelly
Susan Vandergriff	Albertville	Kristy McDaniel & Marilyn Moore
Kristy Ann Wilson	Arab	Vicki Mann
Beth Rosson	Boaz	Sharron Isdell & Teresa Paschal
Pamela Park	Buhl	Pam Gibson
Erin Gregory	Carrollton	Pam Gibson
Michaela Bryan	Covington, LA	Kara Westbrook & Kris Graves
Christie Gentry	Crossville	Kristina Heflin
Brianna Horton	Crossville	LaShea Hicks & Glorie Reynolds
Jessica Hammack	Fayette	Deborah McClean & Mary Ham Wilson
Pam Jones	Florence	Stephanie Hipps & Willie Jones
Kristie Wardlaw	Florence	Stephanie Hipps & Bradley Hipps
Darlene Glasscock	Guntersville	Roslyn England
Jennifer Kilburn	Hueytown	Tammy Carpenter & Bill Hornsby & Jayne Hornsby
Susie Humphries	Joppa	Brooke Hemphill
Denise Lamb	Knoxville	Tonya Hanby
Whitney Dean	Madison	Amelia Rudolph
Robyn Garrett	Muscle Shoals	Celia Rudolph & Roy Rudolph
Cara Greene	Northport	Ken Hanby, Jr.
Cynthia Nevin	Northport	Lorraine Robertson
Dana Robertson	Northport	Ken Hanby, Jr.
Kim Abbott	Pell City	Kelley Largin



## Alabama Emmaus Walk 525 September 26-29, 2024

**Lay Director** Al Killen – Perseverance

### Assistant Lay Directors

Buddy Perdue, Lead – Priority  
Ricky Hall  
Ricky Sparks  
Ritchie Burt  
Chris Burcham – Fourth Day  
Brent Bailey

**Spiritual Director** Mitch Nethery – Means of Grace

### Asst Spiritual Directors

Preston Headrick – Prevenient Grace  
Jeff Fleming – Sanctifying Grace  
Elliott Gordon – Justifying Grace  
Lynn Gibson – Obstacles to Grace

**Music Chair** Pat Seal

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Morris Seymour – Changing Our World  
Jay Berman – Christian Action  
Bart Hyche – Growth Through Study  
Greg Sibley – Body of Christ  
Jeff Halcomb – Priesthood  
Ed Blackburn – Life of Piety  
Scott Godsey – Discipleship

### Table Leaders

Rocky Stone  
Jeff Bowling  
Brad Nichols  
Holly Colburn  
Trent Danley  
David Howell  
Lynn Griffin

**Board Reps** Ken Farr  
Lynda Hall

### Committees

Agape	Kathy Hall	256-810-0894
Food Service	Tony Mize	205-269-0344
Refreshments	Ana Colburn	205-495-9252
Prayer Vigil	Joanne Cox	662-316-0851
Housing	Sarah Emerson	205-495-1818
Candlelight	Mark Dearen	205-468-7607
Closing/Clean-Up	Kim Robertson	205-486-1061
Entertainment	Ricky Hall	256-810-8988
Follow-up	Gina Frazier	205-269-6423
Prayer Chapel	Jolene Stockton	256-810-4726
	Carlin Burrow	205-494-9104
Sponsors' Hour	David McNutt	205-269-1328
Worship	Kim Perdue	256-668-1946
	Rebecca Berman	256-684-3420
Photographer	Kim Perdue	256-668-1946
Humble Servant	Jana Killen	256-337-3402

## Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Tyler Cantrell	Blountsville	Dennis McDuffie
Jordan Gray	Fayette	Priscilla Gray and Dana Gilliam
Keifer Hammack	Fayette	Mary Ham Wilson & Paul Wilson & Jessica Hammack
David McClean	Fayette	Deborah McClean & Paul Wilson & Mary Ham Wilson
Floyd Rodgers	Fayette	Ebony Rodgers & Dana Gilliam
Dustin Cochran	Hamilton	Rob Crook
Ryan Knight	Hamilton	Sheilah Wiginton & Lynda Hall
Eldher Maeda	Hamilton	Ana Colburn & Holly Colburn
Jeremy Prestage	Hamilton	Rob Crook
Richard Herbster	Talladega	Paul Webb

