#### Community **Humble Servants**

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**Spiritual Director** John Simmons

Asst. Lay Director Deanna Shotts

**Asst. Spiritual Director** Paul Vick

> Community Coordinator Angel Rait

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## **Things Are Happening in Hutto!**

#### By Teresa Holderfield Walker, Community Lay Director

It's looking good, we have 4 sets of new doors downstairs in Hutto! Thank you to clusters and individuals who donated to purchase 8 sets of doors for Hutto and those who worked tirelessly on November 6 to install them. You can see the before, during and after photos. They are quite the improvement. Yes, they will be painted brown to match the building. We just couldn't get it all done in one workday.

Also, coming soon are new kneelers for the pilgrim's prayer chapel. Someone has donated money for the wood and upholstery. Repairs of the Lord's supper table upstairs in the auditorium is also underway.







In the pipeline are new chairs for Hutto auditorium and gutters and blinds upstairs. We have a gutter machine to make new gutters. Have you noticed some are down and others have pine trees growing in them? An Emmaus person has a company that owns the machine and is willing for camp to borrow it.

If you or your cluster would like to donate to the Hutto wish list, please send a check to Jim Sims our treasurer and in the memo line, put Hutto Wish List. His address is 535 Sims Road. Oneonta, AL 35121.

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### Is Your Christmas at Risk?

By John Simmons, Community Spiritual Director

"The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing." (Philippians 4:5b-6a NKJV)

My pastor has entitled the 2021 Advent Season series, "Is Your Christmas at Risk?" As you shop for your children or grandchildren's Christmas presents, is your anxiety on the increase? In the last two months I have had these two experiences. Each time I ordered from Amazon Prime you know the 2-day delivery. For each of the orders, I received an email 2-3 weeks after the order saying, "We are sorry, but we think your order has been lost, would you like a refund?" Frustration and anxiety is on the increase.

Well, now we are hearing about shortage in supplies, increase cost and transportation issues. Welcome to the busiest time of the year from Thanksgiving to New Years. How are you handling the anxious moments, days, or even weeks?

In my personal reading, I am working through Max Lucado's book entitled: "Anxious for Nothing." Max is so gifted in wordage. He provides Paul's solution for anxiety: "the peace of God. which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds" (v.7). He uses the acrostic: "C.A.L.M." to communicate the "how" we are to respond to this gift.

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# Walker

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The November 6 Workday was a great success! Back stage and 4 stairwells were cleaned out. It looks 100% better.

We are getting ready for our walks to begin in February. Please see Board Updates and 2020 Walk Protocol Changes in this newsletter for the most up to date changes for 2022. And be in prayer and be ready to say yes to the 2022 Walk Lay Leaders when they call, text or email.

I also wanted to say what an honor and privilege it has been to represent you as Community Lay Director of the Alabama Emmaus Community this year. I would like to introduce you to our new Community Lay Director, Deanna Shotts. I know many of you know and love her already. She is married to Mike Shotts who also served as Community Lay Director several years back. Deanna represents the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion cluster grouping. Deanna will be a great CLD for Alabama Emmaus. I hope you will fully support her as you have me.

# Simmons ·

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Celebrate God's goodness. "Rejoice in the Lord always" (v.4)

**Ask** God for help. "Let your requests be made known to God. (v.6)

**Leave** your concerns with Him. "With thanksgiving." (v.6)

**Meditate** on good things. "Think about the things that are good and worthy of praise" (v.8 NCV)

Celebrate. Ask. Leave. Meditate. C.A.L.M.

I have given it a try and found it worthy of sharing. My I challenge you during this holiday season is to give it a try. Check out Philippians 4:4-8. Merry Christmas and a Happy, exciting 2022.

P.S. Always remember the reason for the season is Jesus.

**DeColores** 

## **Coming Home**

Thanksgiving—this was my year to have loved ones gather and celebrate at my house, 16 in all. I love when the house is so full of family, friends, laughter, and children!!! The house was ALIVE, and we were all home. Even though my children have never actually lived in this house, they call it home. This warms my heart because to me home is wherever your loved ones are gathered. For 3 days this house was buzzing but now it is so quiet. Whether this house is full of people or just the 2 of us, it is still home--where our loved ones are gathered.

Home is the canvas on which you paint the memories of your life. It isn't how intricate or complex it is but rather who lives there and the LOVE that turns a house into a home. I once read the quote that I find so true: "Your house is built of steel and beams, but your home is built of love and dreams."

Camp Sumatanga has a huge sign when you turn on Sumatanga Road that says, "Coming Home". The Sumatanga web page states that the Camp values the teachings of Jesus Christ and Christ centered hospitality. I believe this is why it was decided long ago to host Emmaus at Camp Sumatanga because for so many of us it truly is like "coming home". As an Emmaus family we are bound together with love!

Abraham Lincoln said, "It isn't the place or the furniture that makes a home but the love and peace that's in it. There must be another home somewhere to go to after we have broken the last camp down here. Going home! It's the end of all journeys. It's the one miraculous gift – the one that's irresistible."

When we first came to Sumatanga for our Emmaus Walk we received "the one miraculous gift" and have been called to share it with others to expand our Emmaus family home. I pray that 2022 will be the year of reconnection, recommitment, and renewing our Emmaus family. I'm looking forward to seeing you at home!

De Colores, Angel Rait

# **Upcoming Walks**

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep		
498	Feb 10-13	Tami Kelley	Carol Gullatt	Gadsden/Marshall/ Cherokee-Dekalb	Bob DeHaven Wilson Webb		
499	Mar 3-6	Susan Lewis	Sherrill Clontz	Huntsville	Sherry Johnson Ken Albrecht		
500 *	Mar 17-20	Jack Bailey	Terri Milstead	South Shelby/Bham East/Bham South	Jane Hagler Julie English		

\*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!

### **Chairs for Hutto**

As Hutto was cleaned and prepared to resume Emmaus Walks, it was noticed that many of the folding chairs have seen better days in the far distant past. Some are a little scary to sit on, and many of the chairs downstairs were discarded during the grand clean-out.

So, a member of the Marion Co. Cluster suggested starting a fund to begin replacing them with the hard plastic Lifetime folding chairs that many of us may already have in our Fellowship Halls. Well, that's just what we did! After checking prices and using money collected to date, 40 almond colored Lifetime chairs have been ordered from Amazon (best price found at the time) and will be delivered to Camp Sumatanga. Our plan is to continue collecting donations and periodically placing orders until we have about 300 new chairs.

Clusters or individuals who would like to contribute toward this project can send checks made out to Marion Co. Cluster, for: Hutto Chairs and we will make a purchase when we have enough to order 40-50 chairs at a time. Or, if a Cluster would like to do their own ordering, contact me for information on the particular product we are ordering so you can match it.

A \$100 donation will purchase about three chairs, but we'll take any amount one would like to contribute. Checks may be mailed to the Marion Co. Cluster Treasurer:

Laurie Bolt 176 Sunrise St. Hamilton, AL 35570

Thank you for any help with this project that will benefit, not just the Alabama Emmaus Community, but other groups who also utilize Hutto.

Deanna Shotts, Marion Co. Cluster marydshotts@gmail.com
H: 205.921.7614

## **Board Update**

#### **2022 WALK PROTOCOL CHANGES**

- 1. The requirement for Pilgrims and Team to be fully vaccinated to attend has been lifted. It is expected that sponsors will make prospective Pilgrims completely aware that this is the case.
- 2. Minimum number of Pilgrims for a Walk to go forward is 18 with up to 28 allowed.
- Communion may be optional offered by intinction or individual cups.
- 4. Offering plate may now be passed.
- 5. Masks encouraged, not required.
- 6. Team size of 85 members encouraged. (While smaller numbers were necessary for a time, and they make the schedule easier, the Community depends on Team and Pilgrim fees for income.)

# The Grapevine

Alabama Emmaus Office, P.O. Box 38 Cropwell, AL 35054 205-812-0345 Web: www.AlaEmmaus.org

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Address changes should be sent to: David Hall, 849 County Road 3926, Arley, AL 35541, or emailed to DHall92727@aol.com

### 2022 Walk Schedule

<u>WALK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<b>GENDER</b>
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

# Day Four Restore

The day is finally here, and Emmaus Ministries is now offering Day Four Restore. Day Four Restore is a new one-day retreat designed to refresh the spirit and renew the commitment to those who have attended an Emmaus Ministries event or that of another Fourth Day ministry.

For communities who wish to host their own event, a Day Four Restore Team Manual and a Day Four Restore Year One bundle are available for purchase in The Upper Room's online bookstore. The Team Manual provides the basic information needed to begin planning a Day Four Restore retreat. The Year One bundle includes the talks, schedule, scripts, and other resources that are specific to year one.

If your community is interested in hosting Day Four Restore, we encourage you to send a few potential leaders to the virtual event on January 29, 2022.

Learn more and register for the inaugural Day Four Restore virtual event here:

https://www.upperroom.org/dayfourrestore

# **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 Lisa Cronan (69)

To the family of Don Dailey (493)

To the family of Diane Landgraf (489)

To **Judie Wesson (442)** in the loss of her husband, and to **Memory Finn (460)** in the loss of her father, Burney Mitchell Wesson

# Alabama Emmaus Walk 498 February 10-13, 2022

Lay Director Tami Kelly - Perserverance

**Asst. Lay Directors** 

Lisa Smith

Vivian McRae - Priority Debra Carmack

Barbara Harris - Fourth Day

Rebecca Killebrew Paula Wright

Spiritual Director Carol Gullatt - Means of Grace

**Asst. Spiritual Directors** 

Paul Vick - Justifying Grace Josh Brogdon - Sanctifying Grace Becky Scott - Prevenient Grace Bob Reynolds - Obstacles to Grace

Music Chair Rhonda DeHaven

**Asst. Table Leaders** 

Teresa Wilson - Body of Christ Van Pruitt - Christian Action Judy Vick - Discipleship

Cat Reynolds - Change Your World

Susan Greene - Study Linda Kirby - Priesthood Laurie Douthit - Piety

**Table Leaders** 

Trista DeBacker Misty Brogdon Melissa Lett Bobbie Reeves Martha Herston Terri Freeman Sharla Parris

Board Reps Bob DeHaven Wilson Webb

<u>Committees</u>

Agape: Amy Talton 205-895-2297 Food Service: Joey Colegrove 256-393-8831 Refreshments: Kay Carter 256-558-7603 Prayer Vigil: Jonathan Harris 256-860-6754 Housing: Kelly Saylor 256-509-5285 Candlelight: Donald Douthit 256-504-9040 Clean-up: Debra Baker 256-558-1440 Closing: Amelia Powell 256-390-6791 Entertainment: Carol Scroggin 706-766-4102 Follow-up: Judy Bailey 256-390-9030 Prayer Chapel: Gail Hiett 256-659-6161 Sponsors' Hour: Joey Croft 256-759-1645 Worship: Angela Jolley 256-506-5858 Photographer: Andy Powell 256-478-7611 Humble Servant: John Myers 256-490-6757

#### **Pilgrims**

Name	Location	Sponsor
Lindsey Jefferson	Albertville	Tammy Head
Teresa Paschal	Albertville	Delilah Gibson & Amanda Breaseale
Jill Hill	Alexander City	Debra & Butch Fennell
Julie Pappalardo	Birmingham	Suzanne Trammell Scott & Sherry Harris
LaShawn Reese	Birmingham	Mike & Dana Williams
Katie Giles	Boaz	Jodi Yarbrough
Nancy McDougal	Boaz	Jodi Yarbrough
Virginia Paul	Decatur	Dorothy Ann & Fred Webster
Rachel McCauley	Fayettville	Angela Steelman
Dallas Hunt	Florence	Will & April Vaden
Kayla Cherry	Grant	Milanda Taylor & Sherry Newton
Pam Smith	Guntersville	Vicki Mann
Jackie Tatum	Guntersville	Vicki Mann
Mona Whitworth	Hazel Green	Whitney Creasy
Kristy Ingram	Helena	Gene Ingram
Rachel Mitchell	Helena	Scott Mitchell
Sherry Parrish	Helena	Gene Ingram
Kristin Tate	Madison	Vanessa Fish
Pricilla Jones	Moundville	Lynn Gregory
Connie Roe	Prospect, TN	Jennifer Dungan & Jana W. Killen
Jessica Winfrey	Springville	Mike & Dana Williams
Amber Hannah	Steens, MS	Mary Lynn Whitten & Sarah Rickert
Skye Bullard	Sylacauga	Fred & Maryanne Pate
Monica Carroll	Vestavia	Suzanne Scott-Trammell
Miriam Adams	Vinemont	Dianne Herfurth & Peggy Burgess



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

Lay Director Susan Lewis - Perseverance

**Asst. Lay Directors** 

Sandra May

Stacy Hedden - Priority

Leslie Comer

Linda Holt – Fourth Day

Alice Gero Genie Riddle

**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

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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 Gail Johnson Linda Mason Cathy Johnson Melissa Harkins Hillary Dunham Sarah Withrow

**Board Reps** 

Sherry Johnson Ken Albrecht

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Joyce Smith Agape: 256-714-8689 Food Service: Rusty Congo 256-797-2250 Refreshments: Troy Siebel 256-783-4567 Prayer Vigil: Dee Ann Creel 256-682-5345 Housing: JJ May 703-307-3533 Candlelight: Richard/Marsha Blocker 256-830-5484 Clean-up: Terry Lewis 256-755-1821 Tom/Ann Turner 256-426-3132 Closing: Tom Panucci Entertainment: 256-658-9191 Follow-up: Laura Bracey 256-603-4449 Prayer Chapel: Grant Preston 256-714-6563 Sponsors' Hour: Jane/Ken Bauer 256-837-2297 Worship: Amy Key 256-684-6433 Photographer: Terry Lewis 256-755-1821 Humble Servant: Terry Lewis 256-755-1821

#### **Pilgrims**

Name	Location	Sponsor
Carolyn Beasley	Alexander City	Debra & Butch Fennell
Liza Dennison	Altoona	Emilie Sims & Tony Dennison
Karen Lenz	Athens	Clay Jackson
Marie Taymon	Athens	Clay Jackson
Tashina Dunn	Boaz	Josh & Misty Brogdon
Tammy Mitchell	Boaz	Shalynn Kilpatrick
Alesa Moore	Boaz	Misty Brogdon
Laura Wilson	Boaz	Jodi Yarbrough
Christina Richardson	Collinsville	Jennifer Chesnut & Lydia Tucker
Daphne Reed-Wood	Columbus, MS	Sarah Rickert
Jessica Staten	Columbus, MS	Sarah Rickert
Shirley McCracken	Duncanville	Rob Stringfellow
Allene Crew	Fayette	Dana Gilliam
Michelle Williams	Gadsden	Bradley & Sandra Williams
Shawnte' Lee	Helena	Hollye Farmer
Taylor Vlack	Helena	Liz Walker & Amanda Moore
Debi Glass	Hoover	Tara Glass
Renee' Bishop	Huntsville	Ann Turner
Sherrie Rhoads	Huntsville	Becky McRoy
Pat Yarbrough	Killen	Tosha Phillips
Jane King	Northport	John & Kathy Kearns
Angel Bailey	Odenville	Pam Falbo, Marshall & Brandy Tucker
Cindy Phillips	Tuscaloosa	Danielle Eppes
Macy West	Tuscalosa	Carlin Burrow & Stephanie West
Anita Scoggins	Tuscumbia	Jenilee Ross and Tosha Phillips

