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Reunion Groups are the bomb! Christ is Counting on You!

By Teresa Holderfield Walker, Community Lay Director

Are you a part of a reunion group? If not, you are missing out! I'm in two reunion groups – Wild Women for Jesus are my Gadsden girls and Golden Gospel Girls are my Ashville girls. These ladies are my confidants, my friends, and my mighty prayer warriors. They keep me on track! If I have a prayer concern, all I need to do is drop a text to my group and I can feel the power of being uplifted in prayer! I've been meeting with WWFJ since my walk 326 in 2007. GGG was started last year. I meet with one group one week and the other group the following week. We do lunch and/or dinner and let me tell you I look forward to it!

Here are some guidelines to go by if you would like to start or join a reunion group.

- Made up of 2 to 6 persons (Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20)
- Meet once a week
- Goal is to support one another
- Not limited to Emmaus community
- Purpose is to share faith
- Order of meeting
 1. Prayer
 2. Discuss Spirituality, Study, Action
 3. Subject Discussion – Closest to Christ, Call to discipleship, Discipleship denied, Your plan
 4. Pray for Special Needs
 5. Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Commit not only to God but one another



(Please See Walker Page 2.)

Be Brave

By John Simmons, Community Spiritual Director

Be brave (CEB), be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

While pondering this article, I'm sitting on the porch facing Little Lagoon in Gulf Shores. As part of my early quiet time before dawn, the tropical storm Nicholas is performing for me. It's an amazing lightening show, lightening to the south, to the east, and to the west.

The above scripture has been very much apart of my spiritual journey during the pandemic. My thoughts carry back to my early childhood. I was always afraid of needles, getting shots and going to the dentist. My mother would say, "Johnny be brave." It was drilled into my mind and inner being. And now in my senior years, being brave doesn't require a thought or intentional effort. I am so glad that my mother planted the positive words "be brave" into my being instead of the negative words "Don't be afraid." In my adult life, I can only think of one occasion when I was very much afraid. It was the first time I was shot at by the enemy while serving in Vietnam. And now, my mother's words are instilled within me, I just say to the medical staff, "which arm do you want."

My challenge for you is threefold: 1) Memorize Joshua 1:9; 2) beware of the positive or negative words you speak into the life of your child(ren) or grandchildren; and 3) when you become afraid/fearful, speak the words of Joshua 1:9 aloud into your inner being.

Remember and never forget the last phrase of verse 9: "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." DeColores

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- Prepare ahead of time
- Practice what you preach
- Uphold one another
- Pray for one another
- Set and test personal goals
- Act as a group
- Be spiritual friends
- Regular attendance

Call to Discipleship – At what moment during this week did you feel you were responding to God’s call to be His disciple? Where did you participate in being the Church this week, the heartbeat of Christ?

Discipleship Denied – When was your faith tested this week through failure?

Your Plan – What is your plan for spirituality, study, and action for the week to come?

Prayers for Special Needs – Pray for those who may not have attended.

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Almighty God, who lives and reigns forever, we give You thanks for all the gifts You have bestowed upon us. Amen.

Christ needs you. He needs you committed in faith, so that you may witness that faith in Christ with your brothers and sisters through: YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE “You shall worship the Lord with your whole heart.”

- Morning devotion
- Prayer Life
- Worship Attendance
- Communion
- Spiritual Retreat
- YOUR STUDY

If you aren’t in a reunion group, please be the hands and feet of Jesus and start one. You will not regret it, I promise!

Individuals and Clusters: Do you know about the Hutto Wish List?

We do have a wish list of items for Hutto if you or your cluster would like to be blessed by giving. We have already had the chest freezer replaced in the hall downstairs, a refrigerator freezer purchased for worship work room, new curtains in the worship work room, lights installed in the South Wing bathroom and ceiling fan purchased and installed in the speaker’s prayer chapel. A big thank you to individuals in the West Alabama, Franklin and Cheaha Clusters for their generous gifts.

Other wish items include:

- replacing carpet with laminate especially in the worship work room
- replacing tile in the downstairs hall outside the refreshment room
- replacing blinds upstairs in Hutto auditorium
- 8 sets of outside doors and 1 single door at the Agape room (Cherokee Dekalb, Marshall, Gadsden – 3 sets)
- New Kneelers in Pilgrims Prayer Chapel – Gadsden Cluster – measurements taken 8/17
- Sand and Repaint bathroom stalls in South Wing
- Board Workday - to clean under stairs & stage set for 11/6
- Communion table repaired in Hutto – Gadsden Cluster – measurements taken 9/11
- Replace Chairs in Hutto (and chair racks for storage) – Marion Cluster researching
- Plumbing dining hall Cheaha Cluster

Please contact Angel Rait in the Alabama Emmaus Office or me (205-863-0888) if you are interested.



Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
497 *	Oct 14-17	Butch Burgess	Lynn Gibson	Tuscaloosa/W AL	Jaime Rickert Danny Lemley
498	Feb 10-13	Tami Kelley	Carol Gullatt	Gadsden/Marshall/ Cherokee-Dekalb	Bob DeHaven TBD
499	Mar 3-6	Susan Lewis	Sherrill Clontz	Huntsville	Sherry Johnson TBD
500 *	Mar 17-20	Jack Bailey	Terri Milstead	South Shelby/Bham East/Bham South	Jane Hagler TBD

***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!

2022 WALK SCHEDULE UPDATE

Many changes were made in 2019 and 2020 to the Walk schedules in response to requests from Camp Sumatanga and in response to the pandemic. As we look into 2022, some of these can be changed back. In its September meeting, the Community Board of Directors made the following changes:

- Women's Walk #502 was moved back a week and is now set for May 12 – 15.
- Men's Walk #503 was moved to the weekend of the Annual Training Event – Aug. 12 – 15.

Men's Walk #504 was moved to September 22 – 25. Since this placed it after the date for Women's Walk #505, the Walk numbers were swapped to keep the numbers in order.

Here is that reset:

- Women's Walk #504 is September 8 – 11.
- Men's Walk #505 is September 22 – 25.

These changes will appear in the Upcoming Walks section of the Grapevine as they become current.

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 **Bill Arnold (5)**

To **Jim Fuller (374)** in the loss of his wife, Lucy Fuller.

To **RoxAnne Henderson (124)** in the loss of her dad, James Wheat

To **Mycha Odom (86)** and **Christine Odom Yergert (106)** in the loss of their dad, **Neil Odom (94)**

To **Cyndy Norris (160)** in the loss of her husband, **Larry Norris (159)**

To the family of **Ray Alexander (270)**

To Gina Davis in the loss of her husband, **Kerry Davis (147)**

To the family of **Clint Busler (14)**

To **Adet Stephens (77)** in the loss of her husband, **Frank Stephens (65)**

To **Kay Nail (221)** in the loss of her sister, **Dona Patterson (152)**

To **Phillip Whitley (232)** in the loss of his mother, **Carolyn Whitley (251)**

To **Donna Trapp (135)** in the loss of her parents, **Charles (237)** and **Elsie (240) Holcomb**

To **Shay Pounds (246)** in the loss of her husband, **Anthony Pounds (285)**

To the family of **Lanny McAllister (194)**

To the family of **Peggy Keeton (154)**

Hallelujah Homecoming

October 15-16, 2021

Including: The Memorial Service and Overnight Training Event

Come and help us celebrate being back together as our Alabama Emmaus Community comes back home to Camp Sumatanga on October 15-16, 2021 for a time of sharing the past, present, and future of our Alabama Emmaus community. Let us spend time together in the Training Event learning new ways of serving our Lord. Help us lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone on before us in the past two years as we honor their memories during the Memorial Service on October the 15th. Throughout this wonderful weekend, let us rejoice with the Homecoming Spirit that we have been holding in our hearts for so long.

Visit the Alabama Emmaus website (www.alaemmaus.org) to learn more about the overnight training event and to register for the classes you would like to attend. Registration Deadline is October 8, 2021

Continue to Pray for Upcoming Walks

Walk 497 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Butch Burgess on October 14 – 17. *We also need vaccinated pilgrims for this walk. Now is the time to sponsor!*

Young Adult Chrysalis Journey 105 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Bain Brown in the Spring of 2022.

De Colores my friends!

Teresa Holderfield Walker

Community Lay Director



The Grapevine

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**Alabama Emmaus Walk 496
October 14-17, 2021**

- Lay Director** Butch Burgess – Perseverance
- Asst. Lay Directors**
 Mike Whitten
 Dan Robertson
 Ken Baines - Priority
 Jay McCollum – Fourth Day
 Elbert Patterson
 Joel McLaughlin
- Spiritual Director** Lynn Gibson – Means of Grace
- Asst. Spiritual Directors**
 Heath Allred – Prevenient Grace
 Preston Headrick – Justifying Grace
 Tim Alexander – Obstacles to Grace
 Alan Beasley – Sanctifying Grace
- Music Chair** Chris Barnes
- Asst. Table Leaders**
 Tony Humphries – Discipleship
 Paul Hass – Changing our World
 Bobby Jones – Priesthood of All Believers
 Ryan Rickert – Life of Piety
 Stephen Frost – Christian Action
 Matt Hammond – Body of Christ
 TBA
- Table Leaders**
 Jessie Broadbent
 Doug Kuhn
 Steve Meyer
 Mark Scogin
 Dennis Gregory
- Board Reps** Jaime Rickert
 Danny Lemley
- Committees**
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| Agape | Tinia McLaughlin | 205-799-0203 |
| Food Service | Norma Lemley | 205-344-1012 |
| Refreshments | Mary Wilson | 205-242-6120 |
| Prayer Vigil | TBA | |
| Housing | Jill Hannah | 205-657-9058 |
| Candlelight | Dale McNees | 205-662-4229 |
| Clean-up | Toby Rickert | 662-889-9172 |
| Closing | TBA | |
| Entertainment | Sheila & Donald Jones | 205-412-3396 |
| Follow-up | Kathy Mason | 205-339-6560 |
| Prayer Chapel | Frank Frazier | 662-570-5113 |
| Sponsors' Hour | TBA | |
| Worship | Gaynor Scogin | 205-799-3561 |
| Photographer | Toby Rickert | 662-889-9172 |
| Humble Servant | Toby Rickert | 662-889-9172 |
| Tech | Sherry Lockhart | 205-242-6048 |

Pilgrims

Name	Location	Sponsor
Tony Dennison	Altoona	Jim Sims
Charlie Lattuada	Anniston	Dee Gorey and Beverly Carlee
Brian Kuntz	Arley	David & Leigh Hall
Louis Kuntz	Arley	David Hall & Leigh Hall
Mike Bryant	Gadsden	Dee Dowdy
Mike Smith	Gadsden	Lisa M Smith
Jim DeLary	Huntsville	Ricky Sparks & Phil Patterson
John Smith	Huntsville	Tim Cotton & Scott Jeziorski
Steve Arnold	Southside	Dee Dowdy
Lonzo Hall	Tuscaloosa	Patricia Bush & Roy Bush
Willard Ford	Wedowee	John Noel & Clay Tinney

