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*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.*  
*Psalm 100:4*

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**#507 TO BE NOV. 10-13**  
 Walk #507 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Bruce Parris from the Huntsville Cluster. Mac Buttram will serve as the Spiritual Director. There are now **17** men assigned to this Walk and we still have **ONE** of them.

**#507**  
**Greg Crenshaw - Florence**

**SPONSORS**  
**Greg** Mike Creecy  
 Mitch Dobbins

This is a great opportunity to make it to Candlelight! If you can't make it this time, be sure to keep it lifted in prayer.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Earlier this year, the Alabama Community Board of Directors made some changes to its Standing Rules regarding the qualifications for team clergy. Since 2016, those who are serving for the first time – as an Assistant Spiritual Director - are asked to complete the 3-page Upper Room application to serve, and to take the online Upper Room Clergy Training. All of this must be turned in to the Emmaus Office. In the past, anyone who had served before was grandfathered in and could continue to serve. The change made in May was to ask that any clergy who had not served on a team since 2016 to complete the same steps. This is due to all the changes that have occurred in that timeframe. One of the extra benefits of this process is a separate list of qualified clergy now being kept by the Community Team Database Coordinator, John May.

**2022 ALABAMA WALKS**  
 #507 Nov. 10-13 Men

**2023 ALABAMA WALKS**  
 #508 Feb 2-5 Women  
 #509 Mar 2-5 Men  
 #510 Mar 23-26 Women  
 #511 Apr 20-23 Women  
**#512 May 4-7 Men**  
 #513 Aug 10-13 Men  
 #514 Sep 14-17 Women  
 #515 Sep 28-Oct 1 Women  
 #516 Oct. 19-22 Men  
 #517 Nov. 9-12 Women

### NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

6:00 p.m.

**NORTH WOOD UMC**  
 1129 WILLS AVE. – FLORENCE, AL

**BRING:**  
**COVERED DISH**

Worship Guide  
 Name Badge  
**GOOD JOKES**  
 Joyful Noise Voice  
 An Emmaus Friend  
**-AND YOU!!!**

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

### WALK #508, FIRST OF 2023

The first Walk of the new year is being led by the Holy Spirit and Suzanne Frazier on Feb. 2-5. The Spiritual Director is Terri Milstead. The Cluster Grouping for this Walk is Birmingham East, Birmingham South and South Shelby. As we go to press, there are still **27** ladies on the list to attend, and we have **TWO** of them.

**#508**  
**Britney Underwood – Florence**  
**Lauren White - Tusculmbia**

**SPONSORS**  
**Britney** Will & April Vaden  
**Lauren** Hal & Lori Mills

As noted above, this Walk is in February of 2023. And while there are 27 Pilgrims already assigned to this Walk, we have about three months before it occurs. These numbers can change a lot during this time, so if you have someone you would like to sponsor on this one, get in touch with Angel Rait, who is the Community Coordinator, to check the status before you submit your application. It helps!!!



### #509 IS MARCH 2-5

This Men's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Jeff Bowling, with Alan Beasley serving as the Spiritual Director. As of this issue, there are **17** men on the list for this Walk, and we have **ONE** of them.

**#509**  
**Billy Hunt - Florence**

**SPONSORS**  
**Billy** Will & April Vaden

There is room on this Walk for more Pilgrims, so if you have someone you want to sponsor, you also have time. If you need help with sponsoring, contact Pete Peeden.

  
**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Each year in December, those who have passed in the year are memorialized. The list below has been updated since the October issue. But if you are aware of others, please let Joe Peeden or Lynda Bottcher know so the list will include everyone. If you are new to the Cluster, during each December meeting, the names from the list are called and a candle for each one is lighted. If anyone wishes to say a word, they are given the microphone to do so. At the end of the service the candles are available to family and/or friends. Here is the list as it's known at this time.

**Ruby Baltimore - #389**  
**Mark Black - #469**  
**Christine Box - #143**  
**Dennis Burfield - #280**  
**Glenda Cain - #39**  
**Billy Elmore - #304**  
**Cecil Hudson - #321**  
**Joan Jones - #249**  
**George Lair - #188**  
**Frankie Patterson - #299**  
**Reba Spain - #390**

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### RG CORNER

Has your Reunion Group ever taken a road trip? While it may not be feasible in all cases, this is something that might enliven your group. Getting away and planning a study and some time of prayer could be a good thing, if it works for you. It could be at a State Park nearby, a cabin one of the members has, or a home or condo on the beach. You don't have to go far. But the fellowship can have a tremendous bonding effect and it could become an annual thing!



### SPONSORSHIP 101

As you may or may not know, Walks #503 and #505 had Pilgrims and Team Members who were positive for COVID when they came home from the weekend. In it's meeting on Sep. 24, the Alabama Emmaus Community Board of Directors ruled to ask that any Team Member or any Pilgrim who feels ill on the Thursday the Walk begins get tested before coming to Camp. This would also apply to you as a sponsor. If you are not feeling well, please learn the reason. If you are contagious, please either have a someone else take your Pilgrim for you or get the Pilgrim re-scheduled.

Additionally, teams are to have testing supplies on hand for anyone who feels ill during the Walk. This would mean that should your Pilgrim become ill - for any reason - you would need to be able to come to Camp and take him/her home. It will be announced as the Walk begins that tests are on hand. If anyone feels ill at the time, testing can be done, and a determination made about the weekend. Of course we all know how near everyone is to others in the Conference Room and being watchful about this can be your gift of agape to someone else.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### ANNUAL FALL CAMPAIGN

The annual fundraising campaign Camp Sumatanga, Creating Camp Connections, will begin Nov. 1 and complete on Nov. 29. If you are contacted by a Camp Champion, please consider an end of the year gift. This year, our Community Lay Director, Deanna Shotts, is one of the Camp Champions. If you'd like to help her reach her personal goal of \$5000, go to this website

<https://campaignsumatanga.swell.gives/support>

and scroll down to her name. You'll also see all those who are helping with the effort this year.



### 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

**NOV. – NORTH WOOD UMC**  
**DEC. – TUSCUMBIA FUMC**