

Alabama Emmaus Community News

# The Grapevine

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## God uses darkness to enlighten

By **SANDREA BRASHER**  
Lay Director

Thursday morning is my early day. I'm off to prayer group at 6:30 a.m.

I leave home while it is still dark, and on this particular morning I was running late. Anyone who knows me will tell you, I don't let any grass grow under my feet or some would say "I keep the pedal to the metal."

Well, needless to say, that morning I did have the "pedal to the metal." Not long into the drive I had two cars driving slower than I wanted, one in the left lane and one in the right. I finally got around the car in the left lane and was complaining to myself why the slow car in the left lane didn't get over in the right lane.

Just as I passed the car, I saw an older gentleman, both hands on the wheel, concentrating on his early morning trip in the dark. He looked like he was

on a mission with his little cap perched firmly on his head. Suddenly I thought where could this older man be going so early in the morning?

Maybe he is on his way to the hospital or nursing home to see his wife or another family member. I can tell you, I was humbled by that thought.

I don't know why he was out so early that morning, but God used him that Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. to minister to me. I cried all the way to my prayer group. I didn't share my special time with the Lord with my prayer group. I have been pondering this since that morning; just thinking it was something for me.

I thought it had to be one of those "you had to be there" moments. This year, for me, has been one of those "Thursday morning" times. I may have been in the left lane going too slow for some or I could have been in

the right lane with the "pedal to the metal." I do know God knew where I was and where I was going, and He was helping me get to where I needed to be.

Sunday morning at Camp is my very special quiet time with Him. I don't go to breakfast; I stay in my room and try to "Be Still." I find myself here at Camp this beautiful fall morning writing this last article for the *Grapevine* while the team and pilgrims are eating breakfast.

I only have a few more of these special Sundays left before this year is over. I will surely miss them.

Serving as your Community Lay Director this year has been an experience I will never forget.

God has shown me a lot and hopefully, I have learned a lot from the experience.

We can learn a lot from

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## The cup of Thanksgiving

By **MARK PARRIS**  
Spiritual Director

In First Corinthians 10:16 the NRSV reads, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?" Some other translations use the words "blessing" and "bless" also. A few weeks ago I was reading in the NIV and the words leapt out at me, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?" I did a study of the word that is translated differently to see which was correct.

I discovered that "eucharistein," a Greek word for "thanksgiving" is often used interchangeably in the New Testament for "eulogein," a Greek word for "blessing." Since

the beginning of the second century, one of the terms used for the Sacrament of Holy Communion is The Eucharist, emphasizing its thanksgiving side. So both translations are correct!

The Jewish blessing of bread is a foundational part of this understanding. "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth..." These are words that Jesus almost certainly used at the Last Supper Passover observance. Holy Communion, so much a part of the Emmaus community, indeed does include the cup, both of blessing and thanksgiving.

We recently celebrated the American holiday of Thanksgiving. This holiday is to me one

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## God bless us, every one!

By **CAROLYN PHILLIPS**  
Community Coordinator

“Teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you: and, see, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen” -Matthew 8:20

What a year this has been! Change has come about in so many ways to so many people. We as an Emmaus Community were not spared. There is sickness and deaths in families, people losing their jobs, friends and family members caught up in addictions, and the list could go on and on.

I did not mean to start this article on such a downside, but these things do happen. The good news is that we as God’s people know that He is always with us and will not fail us.

All change is not bad. The Christmas season, in spite of all its commercialized gaudiness, brings with it the gift of re-birth. The coming of the Christ Child re-inspires us each year to forgive others and forgive ourselves, and to become like little children again.

A world that only yesterday may have seemed evil beyond hope of redemption is bathed with this child-like spirit of love and trust and becomes new again.

This has been a pattern for many, many years as illustrated in Charles Dickens’s classic, *A Christmas Carol*. In the beginning, Ebenezer Scrooge is stingy, cynical and mean: “Bah, Humbug!” But in the end, after several dramatic encounters with the spirits of Christmas, Scrooge sees the light and becomes a brand new person, hopeful, generous and happy: “God bless us, every one!”

Over two thousand years ago He sent his Son as a sacrifice for us, so that we would have the opportunity to become new again! Aren’t we blessed! To know that all we have to do is call upon Jesus for his strength and guidance. And what better time to accept God’s many blessings and experience His joy than at Christmas!

God bless us, every one!

Have a safe and blessed Christmas!

**Carolyn Phillips**

**Talladega 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, Walk 63, Table of Ruth**

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## Parris

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of our greatest national holidays. I really get into it, both spiritually and traditionally. It calls us to give thanks to God who has brought forth bread from the earth to provide for our basic need of food.

Allow me to share a story with you. There was a group of people who had immigrated to our land. Some say they were illegal immigrants with little or no right to be here. Life and acceptance was difficult for them here, and they were underfed, some even approaching starvation. A group of citizens saw the plight of the “illegal aliens” and had compassion on them.

They not only provided food to see them through, but they taught them about gardening and crops in this very different land. With the help of the citizens, the immigrants had a much better year, and invited them over for a shared meal as a way of saying thanks. There you have it: the first Thanksgiving! Would that we would show such generosity to other immigrants who may be hungry or in dire straits in this land. What helped us would surely help them, also.

Thanksgiving! A time for making a gratitude list and then expressing thankfulness to God who is our Source and Sustainer. Do you realize that Christians have an unfair advantage at Thanksgiving? Why thanksgiving is in our DNA as Christians. We have every reason to be the most thankful people on earth! Paul even reminds us to give thanks in all things, for this is God’s will for us. But we need to ask ourselves, “Am I a thankful child of God or am I a selfish, unappreciative child of God?”

Have you ever wondered to whom the agnostic gives thanks on Thanksgiving? Perhaps they begin with “Thanks, if anyone is out there.” How might the atheist observe Thanksgiving? Could it be they give thanks to gaseous particles and primordial soup? How would the humanist go about Thanksgiving? Perhaps they sing “Now, thank we all our selves.”

Let’s look at the difference between praising God and thanking God. We often use these terms as if they meant the same thing. In one sense they are a very closely related dimension of prayer. On the other hand they stand in stark contrast. It has been said that we praise God for who God is, but we thank God for what God has done. Do you see it? Do you practice both of these appreciative aspects of prayer?

My Oxford American Dictionary gives the following definitions: “*thank-* to express gratitude to; *thanksgiving-* 1) an expression of gratitude, especially to God. 2) a holiday for giving thanks to God, in the U.S. on the fourth Thursday in November, in Canada on the second Monday in October.” I challenge us to be at least as thankful as the dictionary definition, but even more so from a Biblical perspective. How thankful are we? When we hear the hymn “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” are they referring to us?

Are we truly thankful if we do not pray?

Are we truly thankful if we do not serve God and neighbor?

Are we truly thankful if we do not tithe?

Are we truly thankful if we do not worship?

Are we truly thankful if we do not witness?

As an act of our will and an expression of our commitment to Christ, let’s be truly thankful for all God has done!

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving, and wish for you a blessed Christmas season.

And De Colores!

**Rev. Mark Parris**

**North Alabama Emmaus Community Spiritual Director**

## Policy changes implemented, seeing new faces

We have talked about it, developed procedures, voted and now we are following those procedures and By-Laws. We are seeing the Cluster groupings appoint their Board members for 2011-2012.

The Alabama Emmaus Community has 21 Clusters and 8 Cluster groupings developed from those Clusters. How exciting to see the 2 years of planning and development come together.

Each Cluster grouping will now have equal representation on the Alabama Emmaus Board. These eight new Board members will serve for two years. Next year, each Cluster grouping will appoint another Board member and they, too, will serve for two years.

These procedures will be followed each year. The beginning of 2012, each Cluster group-

ing will have two Board members and each year thereafter.

Sometimes change is not easy for us. The Board sees these changes as very positive for our Community and makes sure we have equal representation in each Cluster grouping.

People wouldn't run for the Board because they felt they weren't known well enough in the Emmaus Community to be elected; now those who would like to serve and are qualified may have the opportunity to be on the Emmaus Board. The qualifications to be appointed as your Cluster's Board member are as follows: you must be active in your Cluster and have served as an ALD on a Walk and be willing to serve two years on the Board.

The new procedures also allow each Cluster grouping to be a part of a future Lay Director's Team Selection process. Each

Cluster in a Cluster grouping will have two members of their Community to serve on the local Team Selection Committee. Cluster Grouping Team Selection Committee (CGTSC) is the name of this committee. The qualifications to serve on CGTSC are you must be active in your Cluster and have served as an ALD on a Walk.

The first year of this committee, one member serves a one-year term and the other a two-year term. Next year, the new member of the CGTSC will serve two years and this process will continue each year after. The CGTSC also is the committee that appoints the new Board Member each year for the Cluster Grouping.

The following are the new Alabama Emmaus Board Members:

Birmingham East/Birmingham

South/South Shelby, Rick Pearson; Shoals/Moulton/Decatur/Athens, Beth Burden; Franklin/Haleyville/Hamilton, Dolores Sparks; Gadsden/Cherokee-DeKalb/Marshall, TBA; Huntsville/Madison, Bill Smith; Tuscaloosa/West Alabama, Ken Hanby, Sr.; Cullman/Oneonta, TBA; Cheaha/East Alabama, David Phillips.

The following are existing Board Members continuing to fulfill their original commitment:

Amy Floyd, Community Lay Director 2011; Philip Reich, Assistant Community Lay Director; Buddy Berry, Roger Crowson, John McQueen, Sally Moore, George Scroggin, Sandra Brasher, 2010 Community Lay Director; Ted Hagler, Community Treasurer; Carolyn Phillips, Community Coordinator; Mark Parris, SD; Johnny Jordan, ASD.

<b>Upcoming Walks</b>					
Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director	Cluster	Board Rep
379	Jan. 20-23	Shawn Lipscomb	Johnny Jordan	B'ham S., B'ham E., S. Shelby	John McQueen
<b>380</b>	<b>Feb. 10-13</b>	<b>Ronnie Stone</b>	<b>Bob Murray</b>	<b>Shoals/Moulton/Decatur/Athens</b>	<b>Philip Reich</b>
381	Feb. 17-20	Patricia Farr	Dallas Culver	Franklin/Haleyville/Hamilton	Sally Moore
<b>382</b>	<b>Mar. 3-6</b>	<b>Tinsley Gregg</b>	<b>Noble Russell</b>	<b>Gadsden/Cherokee-DeKalb/Marshall</b>	<b>Buddy Berry</b>
383	Mar. 31-Apr. 3	Judy Panucci	Jim Stringfellow	Huntsville/Madison	Roger Crowson
<b>384</b>	<b>Apr. 7-10</b>	<b>Ronnie Brasher</b>	<b>Mark Adams</b>	<b>Tuscaloosa/ W. Ala</b>	<b>Sandra Brasher</b>
385	May 12-15	Jane Sims	David Lee	Cullman/Oneonta	George Scroggin
<p><b>*Men's Walk</b>                      Reminder: Candlelight service begins at 7:45; Closing begins at 4:45. Please remember that children are <i>not</i> to be present in Hutto or at meals during a walk!</p>					

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 379  
January 20-23, 2011**

Lay Director	Shawn Lipscomb (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Kay Jordan (Priority) Angela Jones (Fourth Day) Pam Bowden Lana Tew Julie English Ruth Ann Clay
Spiritual Director	Johnny Jordan (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Deb Welsh (Prevenient Grace) Junior Plunkett (Justifying Grace) Tim Alexander (Sanctifying Grace) Betsy King (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Charlie Beavers
Asst. Table Leaders	Sally Price (Priesthood) Lisa Elliott (Study) Andrea Marbut (Discipleship) Kristy Akin (Changing Our World) Merrie Lynn Pearson (Christian Action) Charlotte Anderson (Body of Christ) Mycha Odom (Life In Piety)
Table Leaders	Emily Lansford Teresa Harris Monica Gallups Linda Lawley Danielle Butler Lashawn Scholl Elaine Wildsmith
Board Rep.	John McQueen

**Committees**

Agape:	Dawn Smith	256-878-7902
Meal Service:	Steve Connolly	256-878-5693
Refreshments:	Alisha McDonald	205-669-3571
72-Hour Prayer Vigil:	Lucy Thrailkill	205-744-8370
Housing:	Dan Bell	205-849-2127
Candlelight:	David Williamson	205-613-5047
Clean-up:	Sara Bryant	205-823-3622
Closing:	Walter Bryant	205-823-3622
Entertainment:	Tom Carden	256-872-0298
Follow-up:	Lisa Fornwalt	205-207-0729
Speakers' Prayer Chapel:	Terry Marbut	256-492-9027
Sponsors' Hour:	Carol Rayfield	205-640-3131
Worship:	Neil Goza	205-510-6286
Photographer:	Larry Matthews	205-669-0700
Humble Servant:	John Lipscomb	205-669-1846

<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Debbie Carpenter	Adamsville	Ken Carpenter and Chuck & Lynn Ferguson
Stacey Adams	Albertville	Tony Jones
Amy Anken	Albertville	Shirley Amos & Rebecca Young
Judy Mays	Albertville	Mike & Karen Hopper and Jim Rhoades
Sandi Christeson	Alexandria	Sue Terrell
Amy Copeland	Anniston	David Copeland
Tracy Davidson	Arab	Kayla Owens/Courtney Davidson
Marilyn Box	Arab	Trent Compton
Amanda Pittman	Arab	Jamie Compton
Era Clarke	Ashland	Kenneth & Bonnie Williamson
Kristen Sager	Athens	Vern Spearman
Linda Thacker	Birmingham	Jerry & Anita Gray
Sissie Frank	Birmingham	Barbara Brodie & Phyllis Nuffer
Kelley Head	Birmingham	Angela Holland & Holli Warren
Rose Moody	Boaz	Nona Proctor
Pamela Kunkle	Charlotte	Sue Mills
Claire Cameron	Chattanooga	Lindsay Taylor /Suzanne Kendra
Katie Taylor	Clarksville	Patsy Howell & Kristie Taylor
Renee Rimer	Coker	Ashley Haskew
Anna Wood	Florence	Lisa Miller
Kay Lambert	Forest Park	Casey Lambert/Rhonda DeHaven
Ana Fields	Geraldine	Shannon Jones
Melinda Mowdy	Guntersville	Lana Cowan & Jamison Charles
Kacie Kirkland	Guntersville	Krissy Roberson
Tonya Marsh	Guntersville	Robin Scott & Andrea Witherow
Barbara Greenwell	Guntersville	Jan Martin
Amy Lay	Hartselle	Vern Spearman
Crystal Hayes	Horton	Jason Pannell
Kim Johnson	Huntsville	Julie Fowler
Lindsey Faulkner	Huntsville	Courtney Bailey & Ginger Liles
Mary Jo Ray	Huntsville	Steve Ray & Roxanne Green
Sherry H. Nickles	Leesburg	Pam Myrick
Jessica Shelton	Madison	Ryan Karr
Bobbie Allen	Mentone	Bill & LaShawn Scholl
Jane Goodman	Moulton	Carla Crosslin
Nancy Pinion	Moulton	Marshall Lewey
Sylvia McDonald	Moulton	Kay Seale
Barbara Willoughby	Mt. Olive	Kathleen Drake
Tammy Carpenter	Mulga	Bruce Carpenter
Donna Gay Underwood	Muscle Shoals	Andy & Sandra Betterton
Sheri Boyington	Northport	Brooke Freeman, Suzanne Gibson & Candi Pate
Ginger Stone	Russellville	Rebecca Reeves
Kathy Hall	Russellville	Pat Hardin & Ricky Hall
Scarlette Studdard	Russellville	Susan Godsey
Linda Johnson	Scottsboro	Beverly Durham
Holley Martin	Springville	Luann Scott & Laura Belding
Sharon Wright	Sylacauga	Stephanie Wesson
Kathy Jo Baker	Trussville	Sue Condrey
Tracy Duffett	Trussville	Collins & Brenda Warren
Kristie Smith	Trussville	Barb Heisey
Beverly Davis	Tuscaloosa	Kathy Mason
Carrie Hayes	Tuscaloosa	Josh Hayes
Veronica Burden	Tuscaloosa	Charlotte Balentine/Chera Hartley
Lauren Stroud	Tuscumbia	Alan & Denise Wilson
Alana Hester	Tuscumbia	Chad Hester

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## Alabama Emmaus Walk 380 February 10-13, 2011

Lay Director	Ronnie Stone (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Frederick Martin (Priority) Bud Bottcher (Fourth Day) Hal Mills Donnie Armstrong Chad Bottcher Bill Jordan
Spiritual Director	Bob Murray (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Wayne Hicks (Prevenient Grace) TBA (Justifying Grace) Lillian Eddleman (Sanctifying Grace) Phillip Springer (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Brant Ruthledge
Asst. Table Leaders	TBA (Study) TBA (Priesthood) Billy Hargrove (Discipleship) Tommy Glenn (Changing Our World) TBA (Life In Piety) Frankie Patterson (Christian Action) Tom Thompson (Body of Christ)
Table Leaders	Mark Custer Tom Wissert Ben Anderson Mark Jackson
Board Rep.	Phillip Reich

### Committees

Agape	Kathy Parkinson 256-767-1869
Meal Service	Dennis Burfield 256-557-0867
Refreshments	Sandra Burfield 256-557-0867
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Ada Cook 256-247-0035
Housing	Willa Kaye Godwin 256-767-7693
Candlelight	TBA
Clean-Up	TBA
Closing	TBA
Entertainment	TBA
Follow-Up	Debbie Tuten 256-710-2149
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Stella McDuff 256-764-8575
Sponsors' Hour	TBA
Worship	TBA
Photographer	Mitchell Stevens 256-710-8061
Humble Servant	Mitchell Stevens 256-710-8061

Name	City	Sponsor
Brandon Stewart	Alabaster	Peggy Harrison
R. L. Foster	Albertville	Joe & Sherry Lusk and the Mt. Vernon E's
Robert Reed	Albertville	Stephen McClendon /Carla Prince
Jake Isom	Albertville	Andra Isom
Dan Norris	Athens	Scott Thackerson & Scottsmensgroup
Brad Gosdin	Birmingham	Jeffrey & Lisa Bramer
Gary Wallace	Birmingham	Alison Wheeler
Cam Cardwell	Birmingham	Chad Bottcher
Mayo Woodward	Birmingham	Charlie Beavers
Percy Lee	Carrollton	Pat Faile
Erik Arendall	Cullman	John & Jill Strickland
Bobby Yeiser	Florence	Joe McPhail & Bill Jordan
Patrick White	Gadsden	Linda Garland/Stephen White
Ken Berry	Gainesville	Penny Berry
Derek Smith	Guntersville	Richard & Lisa Baker
Eric Dennis	Haleyville	Butch Foster
Tim Kilpatrick	Haleyville	Butch Foster
Harold Frederick	Haleyville	Butch Foster
Troy Seibel	Hampton Cove	Ken & Jackie Albrecht
Brian Metz	Harvest	Jim Maynard
David Giambrone	Harvest	Jonathan Watts
Drew Holland	Homewood	Lisa Elliott & Karen Smith
Scott Wehrenberg	Hoover	Chad Bottcher
Mark Troyanek	Huntsville	Spike McRoy
Jamie Layton	Madison	Scott Thackerson & Scottsmensgroup
Beau Miles	Madison	Scott Thackerson
Roy Rudolph	Muscle Shoals	Jimmy Gardiner
Zak Holman	Northport	Tim Clements
Christopher Jacobs	Northport	Tim Haskew
Josh Glasscock	Owens Cross Rds	Craig & Beth Herr
Joe Carlucci	Owens Cross Rds	Craig & Beth Herr
Hoss Johnson	Owens Cross Rds.	Bruce/Anne Parris
Terry McCool	Pickensville	Jaime Rickert
Brandon Rodgers	Pinson	Steven & Valerie Jackson
Luke Roberts	Red Bay	Janet Roberts
Heath Voyles	Russellville	Howard McKee
Jamie Randolph	Sheffield	Fred Mason
Tommy Barnes	Sheffield	Fred Mason
Marc Ward	Trussville	Danielle Butler
Wade Langer	Trussville	Bernie Scott
Clarence Barger	Tuscaloosa	Tim Clements
Horace Allen	Tuscaloosa	Ray Farabee, Jr.
Patrick Sularin	Union Grove	Chris Graves

**Alabama Emmaus Walk 381  
February 17-20, 2011**

Lay Director	Patricia Farr (Perseverance)
Asst. Lay Directors	Jan Page (Priority) Susan Godsey (Fourth Day) Sue Hellums Betty Reynolds Pat Hardin Denise Wilson
Spiritual Director	Dallas Culver (Means of Grace)
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Greg Reynolds (Prevenient Grace) Jeff Fleming (Justifying Grace) Sandra Locke-Godbey (Sanctifying Grace) Paula Calhoun (Obstacles to Grace)
Music	Pat Seal
Asst. Table Leaders	Camille Prince (Study) Karen Burns (Priesthood) Susan Ledbetter (Discipleship) Anne Vinson (Changing Our World) Sandi Weiler (Life In Piety) Delores Childree (Christian Action) Carla Roberts (Body of Christ)
Table Leaders	Jolene Stockton Ponda Gordon Carlin Burrow Jackie Mize Corine Jones Dolores Sparks Regena Suddith
Board Rep.	Sally Moore

**Committees**

Agape	Alan Wilson	256-810-3871
Meal Service	Tony Mize	205-486-2787
Refreshments	Joan Cleveland	256-356-6836
72-hour Prayer Vigil	Paul Huffman	256-356-9966
Housing	Elliott Gordon	256-332-5656
Candlelight	Ronnie Hellums	256-356-9006
Clean-Up	Johnny Hardin	256-332-3449
Closing	Stewart Ozbirn	256-356-2826
Entertainment	George Childree	205-412-5135
Follow-Up	Willa Dean Gregg	205-412-3002
Speakers' Prayer Chapel	Betty Sibley	256-332-6814
Sponsors' Hour	Della Ann Howell	205-486-4108
Worship	Freida Crumpton	205-486-3761
Photographer	Alan Wilson	256-810-3871
Humble Servant	Ken Farr	256-332-3864

<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Lauren Swords	Albertville	Tony Jones
Erin Jones	Arab	Sharon Bailey
Jayne Ann Higginbotham	Athens	Barbara Searcy
Martha Reed	Boaz	Cathy Sanders
Janet Gardner	Crossville	House of Bread RG (Kathryn White)
Laura Walker	Cullman	Wanda Hodge
Lisa Arendall	Cullman	John & Jill Strickland
Carla Kirkland	Decatur	Regina Gregory
Angie Johnson	Fayette	Karie Duckworth & Beth Grey Morris
Tonya Elliott	Gadsden	Tina Williams
Debbie Edwards	Guntersville	David Edwards and Heath & Ann Plunkett
Samantha Howard	Haleyville	Steven Howard & Mark Burleson
Dawn Knox	Hampton Cove	Ken & Jackie Albrecht
Wren Miller	Huntsville	Carolyn Bakke & Elizabeth Bowman
Leatha Hill	Las Vegas	Karren Crowson
Susan Blackmon	McCalla	Vicki Herring
Mary Ann Smith	Piedmont	Goshen UMC RG (Rhonda DeHaven)
Christina Howard	Piedmont	Goshen UMC RG (Rhonda DeHaven)
Donna Garmon	Piedmont	Goshen UMC RG (Rhonda DeHaven)
Diane Partain	Pinson	Cathy Dixon
Chrissy Leonard	Remlap	Greg Leonard
Kandi Plinske	Smiths	Marsha Blocker
Candy Mitchell	Springville	David & Cathy Dorsey
Leigh Anne Harris	Sylacauga	Lisa Fornwalt & Holly How

**A quick glance...**

***Board Representatives for 2011 & 2012***

B'ham E/B'ham S/S Shelby  
**Rick Pearson**

Huntsville/Madison  
**Bill Smith**

Shoals/Moulton/Decatur/  
Athens  
**Beth Burden**

Tuscaloosa/West Alabama  
**Ken Hanby, Sr.**

Franklin/Haleyville/Hamilton  
**Dolores Sparks**

Cullman/Oneonta  
**TBA**

Gadsden/Cherokee-DeKalb/  
Marshall  
**TBA**

Cheaha/East Alabama  
**David Phillips**

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**Brasher** \_\_\_\_\_  
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this older gentleman that I never met although he was a wonderful witness to me. He had to be going somewhere important to be out so early in the morning, while it was still dark.

I will keep his image in my heart and mind for a long time to remind me that, even though I may be getting up in years and sometimes I may be driving in the dark, God has me on a mission, and I have to trust Him to get me to the appointed destination.

I will miss some of the special times I have experienced this year as the Community Lay Director, but I look forward to what 2011 holds. Thank you for allowing me to serve this Emmaus Community.

I look forward to serving my last year on this board, and working to help implement the new changes we have made as a Community.

I wish each of you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and pray that 2011 will be a year of renewing for each of us and for our country.

**Blessings. Sandra Brasher 2010 Community Lay Director**

**Pilgrims 379** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name	City	Sponsor
Sheila Allen	Union Grove	Gary & Vivian McRae
Paige Biddle	Vestavia Hills	Suzanne Scott-Trammell
Tammy Katz	Weaver	Penelope Cooper
Stephanie Kirby	Wedowee	Mellie Parrish
Chandra Norris	Winfield	Cyndy & Larry Norris
Dianne Richards	Winfield	Denisa Lawler
Delana Youngblood	Winfield	Cyndy & Larry Norris

The Alabama Emmaus Community Board of Directors wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

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Newsletter of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Walk to Emmaus

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It...  
is...  
coming!

### *Praying for You*

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to members of the Emmaus Community and their families in the loss of loved ones.

**Bobby McCain (212)**, for the loss of his father, Aubrey McCain

**Mark Vickers (212)**, for the loss of his father, Emery Russell Vickers

**Eugenia Mattox (Central Alabama Emmaus Community)**, for the loss of her husband, Bill.

The family of **Shannon Kreider (233)**

**Glen Pemberton (331)**, for the loss of his mother

**Jade Carter (15)**, for the loss of her husband, **Tom Carter (14)**

**Pat Argo (86)**, for the loss of her mother, Margie Mallory

**Joe Branch (149)**, for the loss of his mother, Jan Queensen and his step-father, Ken Queensen