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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
6:00 P.M.
NORTH WOOD UMC
1129 WILLS AVENUE
FLORENCE, ALABAMA
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Worship Guide
Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice
An Emmaus Friend
AND YOU!!!
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2026 ALABAMA WALKS

- #543 August 13-16 Men
- #544 September 10-13 Women
- #545 September 24-27 Women
- #546 October 15-18 Men
- #547 November 5-8 Women



The APOSTLE

THE SHOALS CLUSTER NEWSLETTER

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
– Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

Annual Training Event is August 14-15

The 2026 Annual Training Event will be held August 14-15 at Camp Sumatanga. This is the same weekend as Walk #543, led by our own Mitch Dobbins. If you are not serving on the #543 team, this is the perfect time for you to attend.

The annual Memorial Service for members who have moved to heaven in the past year is Friday evening, the 14th. You can make plans to attend this service, stay overnight, attend the Training Event, and go to Candlelight for #543. Perfect!!!

The training involves classes to prepare you to work on a Walk team, and/or update you regarding recent changes in the guidelines. There will be some additional classes this year regarding Permanent Committees and Serving In Your Cluster. Forms are available on the Information Table at Cluster and on the Cluster website: www.shoalscluster.com The registration deadline is July 31.



June Meeting to be Held at North Wood

Due to yet another schedule conflict, this time at Tusculumbia First, the June Cluster Meeting will take place at North Wood UMC. The date and time remains at June 16, 6:00 p.m.

More T-Shirts on the Horizon

The Branding And Merchandising (BAM) Committee is working to add more Emmaus T-shirts to its inventory to be available during Walks this fall. The new shirts will come in both long-sleeved of one color and short-sleeved of another color. These shirts are to help make the Community more visible and create interest in the Walks. So be sure to take some pocket change with you when you go to Camp!

Upcoming Walks

WE'RE NEXT UP!!! - Walk #543 will be led by the Holy Spirit and **Mitch Dobbins** - August 13-16!!! Our Spiritual Director is **Bradley Hipps**. There are currently **19** men assigned to #543, and **THREE** of them are from the Shoals:

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR

Shaun Fuller / Florence / Skip Hopson & Chris Weldon

Ronnie McNutt / Florence / Sheila McNutt

Danny Kermicle / Rogersville / Kathy Kermicle, Misty Clemons

Your deadline for getting your Pilgrims on this Walk is August 3.

WALK #544 TO BE SEPTEMBER 10-13—This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sara Manney. Jeff Helton will serve as the Spiritual Director. This will be a Blount/Cullman cluster Grouping team. As we go to press, **10** ladies have been assigned to this Walk. However, none of them is from the Shoals. August 31 is the Pilgrim application deadline for this Walk

SEPTEMBER 24-27 IS THE DATE FOR WALK #545—Walk #545 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Dana Gilliam, and the Spiritual Director is Mitch Nethery. The team will be drawn from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Cluster Grouping. There are **11** ladies assigned to this Walk at this time. The Pilgrim application deadline for #545 is September 14.

2026 CLUSTER BOARD

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72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

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The Apostle

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Community Gets New Spiritual Director

Assistant Spiritual Director, Jeff Flemming, will move into the role as Community Spiritual Director beginning August 1st. H. Lynn Gibson of Ethelsville was named the new Assistant Spiritual Director at the May Community Board meeting. David Socha will step down as Community Spiritual Director.

Updating the Community Database

In an effort to enliven Clusters, **Branding And Merchandising (BAM)**, through the Sponsorship Committee, is planning to ask each Cluster to help manage their section of the Community Database. The Community Database is one of two databases the Alabama Emmaus Community maintains. One is a listing of every-one who has ever attended one of its Walks. The Community Database has the same information plus Walk experience for those who have worked on a team. It's this database that Lay Directors use to build their teams.

The Community Database Coordinator will select by zip codes the data corresponding to the members of each Cluster and forward it to each Cluster Leader for editing. Each Cluster Leader will select a Cluster Contact person who will work with the Database Coordinator to supply corrected information to the Community Database. The Community Database Coordinator will in turn supply to each Cluster any new data after Walks and/or any other updates received.

This should hopefully reduce the size of the database and immensely enhance the process a Lay Director must go through to find and contact prospective team members.



Would you like to get Shoals Emmaus Cluster announcements by text message?

You can sign up by sending the word "Emmaus" in a text message to the number 1-855-428-2047.



Join the Alabama Emmaus Community Facebook group for online information about Emmaus events. Search for Alabama Emmaus Community.

Reunion Groups

Band of Brothers
His Girls Friday
Sons of the Light
Women of the World

First Light
Old Friends, New Friends
The Son Risers

Hearts Desire
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday's Lunch Bunch

For day/time and place click [Reunion Groups](#) or visit www.shoalscluster.com/reunion-groups.

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan—North Wood UMC

Feb—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Mar—North Wood UMC

Apr—Tuscumbia First Methodist

May—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Jun—North Wood UMC

Jul—North Wood UMC

Aug—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Sep—North Wood UMC

Oct—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Nov—North Wood UMC

Dec—Tuscumbia First Methodist