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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
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

- #540 March 19-22 Women
- #541 April 23-26 Women
- #542 May 14-17 Men
- #543 Aug 13-16 Men
- #544 Sept 10-13 Women



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
- Proverbs 9:10 (KJV)

Agape Party Slated for March 28

The Agape Party that was rescheduled from January 31 will now be held on March 28 at 9:00 a.m. at Tuscumbia First Methodist. Please put this on your calendar and plan to be there.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall downstairs, where you'll find all the agape supplies needed, snacks and great fellowship. Come and enjoy!



Remembrance Coordinator Selected

The Shoals Emmaus Cluster Board named Lynda Bottcher to serve as the Remembrance Coordinator for the Shoals Cluster. The new position was added to the Cluster board at the request of the Community Coordinator to be notified of the passing of a member of the Cluster. This will ensure that their name will be included at the memorial service held at Camp Sumatanga during the annual training event in August.

As you become aware of the passing of a member of the Cluster, please notify Lynda with this information. You can call or text her at 256-412-0338 or send an email 4409mistymountain@gmail.com. The information must be turned in by May 31 to be included at the upcoming August Memorial Service.

Upcoming Walks

MARCH 19-22 IS THE DATE FOR WALK #540 —Walk #540 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lucy Thraillkill, with Vicki Cater serving as the Spiritual Director. The Birmingham South/South Shelby/Birmingham East Cluster Grouping will supply the team. At this time, there are **17** ladies assigned to #540, and we now have **FOUR** of them!!!

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR

Tamika McBrayer / Town Creek / Tony & Cheryl Datuin
Summer Datuin / Rogersville / Will Datuin & Adam Berryhill
Mitsy Clemmons & Kathy Kermicle / Rogersville / Myra Belue

The deadline for adding a Pilgrim to this Walk has already passed. But you still have Candlelight!

WALK #541 IS SET FOR APRIL 23-26 —This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lou Ann Hubbard. Jeff Armbruster will be the Spiritual Director and the team is coming from the Franklin, Marion and Haleyville Clusters. There are currently **18** ladies assigned to this Walk, but to date, none is from the Shoals. As this time, you have until April 13 to get your Pilgrim assigned.

MEN'S WALK #542 IS MAY 14-17 —Walk #542 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Randy Nelson and the Spiritual Director will be Ted Anderson. The Cheaha/East Alabama Cluster grouping will form the team for this Men's Walk. As of this date, there are **12** men assigned to #542 and **TWO** of them are from Florence! Their sponsors may not be, so we need to be alert to welcome them should they become part of our Cluster.

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR

Shaun Fuller / Florence / Skip Hopson & Chris Weldon
William Hernandez / Florence / Clay Johnon

You have until May 4 to put your Pilgrim on this Walk

2026 CLUSTER BOARD

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72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Mitch Dobbins

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New Ice Maker Donated for Camp

A new ice maker has been donated to Camp Sumatanga by a member of the Franklin County Cluster. The new ice maker will be placed in the old Agape Room, or as it is now called the Chrysalis Room, located right behind the Dining Room, between it and the stairs.

After many years of use, the old ice maker, needed to be replaced. Located near the conference room on the bottom floor of the Hutto Auditorium, also proved to be an inconvenience for the various committees using it during Emmaus Walks. Sharing the same hallway as the restrooms, noise had to be prevented from disturbing the talks taking place in the conference room.

By relocating the new ice maker to the Chrysalis Room, noise control is much easier, as well as being much more convenient for the various committees.



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.

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan—North Wood UMC

Feb—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Mar—North Wood UMC

Apr—Tuscumbia First Methodist

May—North Wood UMC

Jun—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Jul—North Wood UMC

Aug—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Sep—North Wood UMC

Oct—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Nov—North Wood UMC

Dec—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Reunion Groups

Band of Brothers
Hearts Desire
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday's Lunch Bunch

First Light
His Girls Friday
Sons of the Light
Women of the World

Girls Rejoicing in the Spirit
Old Friends, New Friends
The Son Risers

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