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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 P.M.

TUSCUMBIA FIRST METHODIST

104 THIRD STREET

TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA

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Worship Guide

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Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

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2026 ALABAMA WALKS

#538 February 19-22 Women

#539 March 5-8 Men

#540 March 19-22 Women

#541 April 23-26 Women

#542 May 14-17 Men



For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; ... And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

2025 Memorial Service

Each December we remember those who have moved to heaven during the previous year. There is a service in the sanctuary when we light a candle for each one and anyone who wishes to speak in memory may do so.

Cluster board members are contacting family members who may not be Emmaus to invite them to attend this part of the service. Below is the list as it is currently known:

JIM ANDERSON - #361

JOHN HARDEMAN - #183

LINDA PERSALL - #198

WALTER CASH - #78

CHRIS JOHNSON - #67

PAT TORBERT - #160

JUDY GULLETT - #362

ROSE MARIE MCFALL - #189

ELAINE WHITE - NC #26

If you know of others not listed, please let a board member know.



AEC Board Creates Remembrance Coordinator

The Alabama Emmaus board is asking each Cluster to name a person who will be responsible for reporting the deaths of their members to the Community Coordinator. This will be done in two phases – when a death occurs for a condolence listing in The Grapevine, and then with relatives and their contact information listed for the Memorial Service held in August. This person will be called the Remembrance Coordinator. Cluster Leaders will be given all this information at the Cluster Leadership Training to be held Saturday afternoon, January 24, at Camp Sumatanga.

Upcoming Walks

WALK #538 TO BE FEBRUARY 19-22 —Walk #538 is a Women's Walk led by the Holy Spirit and Barbara Harris. The Spiritual Director will be Mark Adams, and the team will be from Gadsden/Marshall Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, there are **22** ladies assigned to #538, and we have **TWO** of them!

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR
Monica Hegg / Florence / Larry White & Jennifer Bennetch
Charlotte Tabereaux / Florence / Chris Burcham

With 22 Pilgrims on board, the Walk has enough to go forward, but if this date works for a Pilgrim you have in mind, check with Community Coordinator Lane Berry to see if she might still be added. It's a good possibility.

MARCH 5-8 IS THE DATE FOR WALK #539 —The Holy Spirit and Tom Panucci will lead Walk #539, the first Men's Walk of 2026. Chris Whitehead will serve as the Spiritual Director, and the Huntsville Cluster Grouping will supply the team. As of this issue, there are **21** men assigned to this Walk and we still have **ONE** of them.

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR
Daniel Green / Tuscumbia / Shawn Gober

Again, this Walk is technically filled, but there is a good possibility that your Pilgrim could be added. Check and see! The next Men's Walk is May 14-17.

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- 2025 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

The Apostle

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Agape Events Scheduled

At the December Cluster Board meeting, Agape Coordinator Brenda Quesenberry set dates for all of us to help her make agape for upcoming Walks. She has collected men’s neckties for our Cluster’s `Ties that Bind’ agape, given on Men’s Walks. These ties are painted with this phrase and require time to dry before being gathered for storage. When ties are being painted, no other agape is created during that session. Brenda has set Saturday morning, January 10 at 9:00 a.m. for this event and it will be held at Sheffield Methodist Church.

There will be a general Agape Party held on Saturday morning, January 31 to make other kinds of agape for the year. Brenda brings supplies for pieces she has planned, but anyone can bring the agape they may be working on, and other folks attending can help complete it. This event will be held at Tuscumbia First Methodist at 9:00 a.m.

If you have never been part of either of these activities, you are missing a treat! The fellowship is great and of course, we always bring snacks!!! After all, it IS Emmaus!



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

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| Band of Brothers | First Light | Girls Rejoicing in the Spirit |
| Hearts Desire | His Girls Friday | Old Friends, New Friends |
| Prayer Breakfast | Sons of the Light | The Son Risers |
| Thursday’s Lunch Bunch | Women of the World | |

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