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#### **NEXT CLUSTER MEETING**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 P.M.

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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



*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.*

- Philippians 1:3 KJV

## **"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"**

On Saturday, January 10, Cluster Agape Coordinator Brenda Quesenberry hosted a tie-painting party at Sheffield Methodist Church. For a couple of hours, six folks painted well more than the 60 ties needed for the next Men's Walk, scheduled for March 5-8. Each tie has 'Blest be the tie that binds' written on it with fabric paint, with a line drawing of a fish and some crosses. It doesn't take long to paint one, but it takes days for the paint to dry. The group was able to leave the ties to dry in the room where they painted them. If you missed this one, be sure to attend the next one. It's a lot of fun!



## **Upcoming Walks**

**WALK #538 WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 19-22**—This Walk is the first for 2026 and will be led by the Holy Spirit and Barbara Harris. The Spiritual Director will be Mark Adams. As we go to press, there are currently **28** ladies assigned, and we still have **TWO** of them! The Lay Director is from Guntersville and the team will come from the Marshall County/Gadsden Area Cluster Grouping.

### **PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR**

**Monica Hags / Florence / Larry White & Jennifer Bennetch**

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The sponsors are listed here in case you'd like to give letters to them to carry to Camp for you, or if you'd like to supply some agape. Or, you can plan to go to Candlelight and take them yourself!

While 28 assigned Pilgrims makes the Walk technically full, you could still submit an application and see if your Pilgrim might be added. The deadline for doing that is February 9.

**MARCH 5-8 IS THE DATE FOR WALK #539** —The Holy Spirit and Tom Panucci of Huntsville will lead Walk #539. The Spiritual Director is Chris Whitehead. This is the first Men's Walk of the year, and it now has **23** men assigned!!! And we have **ONE** of them! Yes – one of those men is from the Shoals, so we want to respond! And again, if you'd like to sponsor a guy on this Walk, even with 23 already assigned, he would very likely be added. The deadline for submission of his application is February 23. And by the way, the next Men's Walk is in May.

### **PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR**

**Daniel Green / Tuscumbia / Shawn Gober**

This should be an outstanding Walk with a large and very experienced team. Give some more thought and prayer to that guy you've had in mind to sponsor.

**MARCH 19-22 WILL BE THE DATE FOR WALK #540** —Walk #540 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lucy Thraillkill of Pleasant Grove. The Spiritual Director is Vicki Cater, and this team will be from the B'ham East/B'ham South/South Shelby Cluster Grouping. At this point in time, there are only **2** ladies assigned to #540, and WE HAVE **ONE OF THEM!** We are two months out from this Walk, so this is a great time to put on your sponsorship hat and arrange for another Shoals Pilgrim to be part of this Walk!!! The deadline for applications for this one is March 9.

### **PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR**

**Tamika McBrayer / Town Creek / Tony & Cheryl Datuin**

For those of you who attended the December Cluster meeting, you will recall that Tony brought two of his recent Pilgrims to their follow up at that meeting. He has a good start on sponsoring all the members of the church he pastors!

## **2026 CLUSTER BOARD**

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## **Second Agape Party Planed**

A second Agape Party will be Saturday, January 31 at 9:00 a.m. at Tuscumbia First Methodist. As usual, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Brenda will have the supplies necessary for different pieces of agape, no ties this time, for attendees to assemble. You can opt to complete these items. Or, if you have items you're working on, you can bring those and others can help you complete them.



This is a great time of fellowship and there will always be snacks. After all - this is Emmaus! Make it a point to be there. It's fun!! You'll be glad you did!

## **Time For New Service Sheets!**

It's time to complete new Service Sheets! What's a Service Sheet? It's a form used to list your team experience in the past and to indicate where you'd like to serve on a team in the future.

Our Cluster has a Walk coming up in August, led by the Holy Spirit and Mitch Dobbins. He will have Team Selection on February 8. The Team Selection Committee will use the experience database to see how and where Cluster members have worked in the past and how they are qualified to advance. But it would be very helpful if they could see where each member would also like to work.

There will be blank Service Sheet forms on the Information Table at this month's Cluster meeting. Be sure to complete one – and turn it in – to Lynda Bottcher!

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  
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](http://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—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