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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 15

6:00 P.M.

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2025 ALABAMA WALKS

#533 August 7-10 Women

#534 September 11-14 Women

#535 September 25-28 Women

#536 October 16-19 Men

#537 November 6-9 Women



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

—Philippians 4:13 NKJV

Annual Training Event Reminder

One more reminder of the Annual Training Event this year at Camp Sumatanga August 9!!! Registration forms are due July 31! And don't forget the Memorial Service the night before - August 8. It begins at 7:15.



You can find the registration form on the Cluster website - shoalscluster.com, the Community website - AlaEmmaus.org, and the July issue of The Grapevine for all times and class availability. Or you can download and print a registration form by clicking [Training Event Registration Form](#).

August is Open Meeting Month!

As always, August is the time we host those who have not yet attended a Walk but are interested in learning about Emmaus. Please invite those you know who may have had questions in the past and/or those you'd like to sponsor. Your guests will share our meal with us, and then while announcements are being made, they will go to another area for a question and answer time.

The Emmaus concept will be presented to them, and they may ask any question they wish and receive an honest answer. As always, there will be childcare. So begin planning right now so these friends will have the August meeting date - August 19 - on their calendars!

Upcoming Walks

WALK #533 IS AUGUST 7-10—The Holy Spirit and Gloria McKee are leading Walk #533, and Elliott Gordon will be the Walk Spiritual Director. Gloria's team is being fielded from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping. This Walk is being held the same weekend as the Annual Training Event, and it will be an awesome time to have your Pilgrim there! The deadline for an application to be submitted is July 28. At this point, there are still **8** women assigned to #533, so there is plenty of room for your Pilgrim! As we go to press, we have none from the Shoals at this point. But if you really work on it, you can make it!

WALK #534 SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11-14—Walk #534 is going to be led by the Holy Spirit and Valrie Bain. The Spiritual Director for #534 will be David Gray. The team is being selected from the Cheaha/East Alabama Cluster Grouping. At press time this month, the Community Coordinator is out of the office. As a result there is no update of the total from June of **4** ladies assigned to #534. At that time, we had no one from the Shoals on the list. If you have plans to sponsor a Pilgrim on #534, their application needs to be submitted by September 1.

WALK #535 WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25-28—Check This Out!!! Walk #535 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Julie Martin of Athens! Larry Hogan will be the Spiritual Director. Of course this Walk is from **our** Cluster Grouping! As previously noted, we have no current Pilgrim lists this month, but the July issue of The Grapevine now lists **5** ladies assigned. Julie has most of her team in place at this point and her team meetings begin August 9. Remaining meetings will be August 23, August 30, and September 20.

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Shoals Nominating Committee Set

Members of the Cluster Nominating Committee for 2025 has been selected and according to the Shoals Emmaus Cluster by-laws, are to be listed in the July issue of the Apostle. Those selected are Jonathan Killen: Chairperson, Mitch Dobbins, Bart Bowlin, Brenda Quesenberry and Lynda Bottcher.

An initial slate will be presented to the board at its August meeting for approval. The committee will then finalize commitments for approval at the September board meeting. The approved slate of nominees will be listed in the September Apostle prior to the Cluster meeting September 16.

If you have nominee suggestions for this committee, please let Jonathan know.

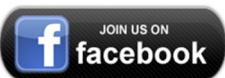
Application to Serve

Copies of the Application to Serve form were distributed at the June Cluster meeting, however, very few were completed. It was announced that these forms are used by Lay Directors to help with their team formation. In addition, they also provide the Cluster Board with insight into the desire of members to serve in Cluster positions. And last but not least, they are an important way to keep each member's contact information up to date.

If you haven't already done so, please complete one of these forms during the July meeting. They will be on the Information Table.

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.

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

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.