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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 21

6:00 P.M.

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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



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. —Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

Annual Training Event

This training event is the same weekend as Walk #543, so planning for the weekend should be easy!

First on Friday evening, August 14, beginning at 7:00, is the Memorial Service for members who have gone on to meet the Lord since the service last year. There are over 70 listed this year. Then Saturday morning, August 15, beginning at 8:45, there will be training in all aspects of working on a Walk weekend. Added to that will be sessions on sponsorship and explanations of the Community level Permanent Committees.



It's a perfect time to attend this training and stay for Candlelight for Walk #543!!! Registration forms will be available on the Information Center at this month's Cluster meeting. While you can still register the morning of August 15, these forms have a due date of July 31. See you there!!!

August is Our Open Meeting

Each year, the month of August is the time we invite those who have not yet been on a Walk to Emmaus to join our meeting. There is a time when they are taken aside and given the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about Emmaus – and they are given a straight-up answer. So if you have someone you'd like to experience this, please invite them to attend. Sometimes the questions and answers from someone else just click.

For the rest of us, you are asked to bring extra food. And remember don't wear your crosses. That's because these are one of the 'surprises' they receive at the end of their Walk. By the way, this meeting will be immediately after Walk #543, so it will be exciting! You don't want to miss it!!!

Upcoming Walks

IT'S ALMOST TIME!!! - Walk #543 is being led by the Holy Spirit and Mitch Dobbins and the team meetings have begun!! The team is huge, and there are currently **28** men assigned as Pilgrims. This is considered full, although the Community Coordinator may add others at his discretion. In any case, your deadline for getting any Pilgrims on this Walk is August 3.

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR

Shaun Fuller / Florence / Skip Hopson & Chris Weldon

Ronnie McNutt / Florence / Sheila McNutt

Danny Kermicle / Rogersville / Kathy Kermicle, Misty Clemons

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. At this time, there are **16** ladies assigned to Walk #544, not one of them is from the Shoals. August 31 is the Pilgrim application deadline for this Walk. You have time!

SEPTEMBER 24-27 IS THE DATE FOR WALK #545—The Holy Spirit and Dana Gilliam will be leading Walk #545, with Mitch Nethery serving as the Spiritual Director. This team will be from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, there are **12** ladies assigned, but **NONE** of them is from the Shoals! You still have until September 14 to get your Pilgrim's application turned in. Why not bring that person you're praying about to the open meeting next month to help get her prepared for Walk #545? Sounds like a plan!!!

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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

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Nominating Committee

According to the Cluster by-laws, the Nominating Committee for Cluster officers for the upcoming year are to be published in the July newsletter. The Assistant Cluster Leader chairs this committee. At the July board meeting, Jonathan Killen named the following to that committee:

- Chair: Jean Peeden
- Spiritual Director: Bart Bowlin
- Brenda Quesenberry
- Stephanie Hipps
- Lynda Bottcher

The committee will bring names of potential board members for approval to the August board meeting. The process ends with a final list brought to the September Cluster meeting for a vote.



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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.