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*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

*II Timothy 1:7*

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## 2020 ALABAMA WALKS

#494 Jun 4-7 Women

#498 July 16-19 Women

#499 Jul 30-Aug 2 Women

#500 Aug. 27-30 Men

**#496 SEP 10-13 Men**

#501 Sep. 17-20 Women

#495 Sep. 24-27 Men

#497 Nov. 12 - 15 Men

## #496 SET FOR SEP. 10-13

This Walk, led by the Holy Spirit and Rosemary Lewey, has been rescheduled to Sep. 10-13. As the new time draws nearer, updated Pilgrims lists will be published here.



## #494 IS NOW SLATED FOR JUNE 4 - 7

Walk #494 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Carla Roberts. Tim Alexander will serve as the Walk Spiritual Director. This is a Walk from the Franklin/Haleyville/Hamilton Cluster Grouping. This week there are **32** ladies assigned to this Walk. The names have changed a bit, but we still have **THREE** of them.

## #494

**Dallas Hunt - Florence**  
**Pat Yarbrough - Killen**  
**Anita Scoggins - Tuscumbia**

## SPONSORS

Dallas	William & April Vaden
Pat	Tosha Phillips
Anita	Jenilee Ross
	Tosha Phillips

Please keep these Pilgrims, the team AND Camp in your prayers so that this Walk can go forward as scheduled!!!



## PRAYER IS POWERFUL!

As we have all experienced in this unique time, prayer is not only needed, it's essential! As you pray, please continue to keep Camp Sumatanga in your prayers. Of course all places where people are employed need our prayers. It's just that Camp was in a tenuous place anyway. And we do need it to continue as the wonderful place it is to hold Emmaus Walks!

## NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

## TO BE ANNOUNCED

THERE WILL BE  
**NO APRIL MEETING!**

**AS YOU ALL KNOW,  
NO GATHERINGS OF  
MORE THAN TEN PEOPLE  
ARE ALLOWED THIS  
MONTH.**

**AS SOON AS THERE IS  
FURTHER DIRECTION,  
THERE WILL BE AN  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
AVAILABLE HERE AND  
ONLINE.**

## #498 IS JULY 16-19

Walk #498 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Tami Kelley. Her Spiritual Director is Paul Vick. The team for this Walk will be from the Gadsden/Cherokee-DeKalb/Marshall Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, there are **14** assigned.

## #498

**Crystal Holt - Leighton**

## SPONSORS

Crystal	Lori Mills
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Let's see how many more we can sponsor to go with Crystal!



## #499 IS TO BE JULY 16-19

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Susan Lewis. The Spiritual Director will be Sherrill Clontz and the team will be from Huntsville. As we go to press, **3** ladies are now assigned, but none is from the Shoals. This is a great time to get your Pilgrim set up to be a part of this Walk! You have a couple of months to get it all done, so enjoy!

## RESCHEDULING UPDATE

As a result of the closings all around us, the following is a list related to Emmaus:

### Camp Sumatanga:

As of this writing, the Camp is scheduled to re-open **May 11**. This is of course dependent on further government directives and responses from the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church.

### Alabama Emmaus:

Due to the temporary closing of Camp Sumatanga, Terrie Alexander, Community Lay Director, postponed and rescheduled five 2020 Walks.

Please note the dates with the **WALK NUMBERS** now out of sequence. The new schedule is as follows:

**#494** – is now rescheduled for June 4-7.

**#498 & #499** – are still as they were - in July.

**#500** – has been moved to Aug. 27-30, due to a meeting that is mandatory for clergy, called by the Methodist Bishop set for Aug. 15.

**#496** – led by the Holy Spirit and Rosemary Lewey, has been moved from mid-May to Sep. 10-13.

**#501** - is as it was on Sep. 17-20.

**#495** - is now Sep. 24-27.

**#497** – is now Nov. 12-15.

This is the schedule based on the available information the second full week of April. If there are further changes, these will be noted here. Regardless, Angel Rait, the Community Coordinator, continues to accept Pilgrim applications and will assign Pilgrims as the Walk dates become firm.

**CHRIST IS RISEN**

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#### **RG CORNER**

This time of isolation has given us a new insight into what a Reunion Group can mean. Thank God we have many electronic ways to stay connected! Some are using group texts. Others are using group FaceTime, while still others are using Zoom and GroupMe. Isn't it great that we live in a time when these are available? If we were still in a time as it was 100 years ago, we truly WOULD be isolated! Your group may regularly text prayer requests and/or send general information texts. What a blessing all of this is! If you are not yet in a group and enjoying this contact, why not begin one - even electronically - today?

#### **CALLING POST**

To hear the current message for the Shoals Cluster on our computerized phone service, dial **1-800-925-7443** and enter the **ID# - 1999 568 996**

#### **SPONSORSHIP 101**

At this very unusual time, the most important thing you can do as a sponsor is to make sure you connect to every Emmaus communication you can. As changes occur, they will be published here, in the Grapevine, on the Cluster website, and the Community website. The Alabama Board of Directors has worked to stay abreast of the changes, first of all, from Sumatanga last year, and this year the closures due to COVID-19. As noted in the article on the front page, Walks have been rescheduled to work with the new calendar this has given

Camp Sumatanga. For this reason, it is crucial that you stay in touch with the Emmaus Office if you have Pilgrims who have already applied. Also, you need to know that applications are still being accepted by the Emmaus Office. Go ahead and submit any application you may have. It will be processed, and the Pilgrim will be assigned as the Walk dates are made more firm. As you stay in touch, you can then assure your prospective Pilgrims that Emmaus is alive and well, and that they will get to go!

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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#### **ACTIVITY UPDATES**

In previous issues of the Apostle, Agape Parties and a picnic were announced. Obviously, these will have to be revised by the Cluster Board as the COVID-19 issue unfolds. As noted elsewhere in this issue, make sure to stay in touch electronically through the Cluster and the Community websites. If you receive this newsletter, but do not receive any Cluster emails, make sure to get your email address to one of the Board Members listed on the front page.



#### **2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

##### **FLORENCE FUMC**

*January, March, May,  
July, September, November*

##### **TUSCUMBIA FUMC**

*February, April, June, August, October,  
December*