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I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power in the inner man through His Spirit. Ephesians 3:16

2021 CLUSTER BOARD

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INFORMATION TABLE

Cathy Everett

WEB SERVANT

Jimmy McCollum

PAST CLUSTER DIRECTOR

Revonda Twesme

2021 ALABAMA WALKS

TENTATIVE LIST

#494 Aug 12-15 Women

#495 Aug 26-29 Men

#496 Sep 9-12 Women

#497 Oct 14-17 Men

2022 ALABAMA WALKS

#498 Feb 10-13 Women

#499 Mar 3-6 Women

CLUSTER MEETING IS BEING STREAMED

Last month there were **32** in attendance in person at the March Cluster meeting at Tuscumbia FUMC! For the time being, a boxed meal is prepared for you, so you don't bring a covered dish. Currently there is not a nursery for children, but if you need this service, let the board know and it can be made available. Tables are set up for distancing and at the present time, masks are still asked as you enter the building. During the March meeting, the streaming services made available by the church were utilized for the first time. There was a training session before the meeting for those interested in operating this equipment. If you would like to help with this effort, please tell Clay Hammond or Chad Kennington. A lot was learned in March, and streaming will again be available for the April meeting. If you want to take advantage of the streaming, go to the Cluster website and scroll down to the YouTube Channel icon. Click on it and you're there. There is also a similar icon on the website to use to register your attendance. It's that easy. Remember, if you're attending in person, the meal is at **6:00** p.m. But if you're streaming, the time to join is **6:30** p.m.

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

APRIL 20, 2021

6:00 p.m.

In person at

TUSCUMBIA FUMC

In Beautiful Downtown Tuscumbia

Also available online at

6:30 p.m.

Go to Shoals Emmaus Cluster website to connect!

BRING:

Worship Guide

Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!



TOURNAMENT PLANNED FOR JUNE 5

The Cluster Board has June 5th as the date for the 2021 Bud Bottcher Memorial Golf Tournament. It is to be held at the Joe Wheeler Golf Course. If you would like to help with the event, be sure to let Clay Hammond know. There are many ways to help: form a foursome and play, secure sponsorships in addition to your own, help with setup at the site, assist with registration, or help the food team, to name a few. More will be announced as plans come together. Don't be shy! Ask how you can help! As always, proceeds of the tournament go to benefit Camp Sumatanga.

ANOTHER CHANGE!!!

The Alabama Emmaus Board of Directors had an on-site meeting at Camp on March 20 and did a walk-through of the buildings. At that meeting, they were told that the Bishop of the North Alabama Conference had given the Camp permission to set its own protocols for those using its facilities. In turn, Executive Director Tony Jones has given the Alabama Community the right to set their own protocols for Walks. It had also been learned that if Walks were held in the Lodge, the dining room there would have to be open to the others who were also on campus. That created a privacy concern. Social distancing had also been an issue for eating areas, the Conference Room and the Pilgrims' Prayer Chapel. At the time of that meeting, distancing had been changed from 6' to 3'. In light of that, it was decided that the rooms always used in Hutto could now be used again. There is currently a maximum of 21 Pilgrims per Walk. This allows for the spacing in the Conference Room and the Chapel. And with 10 to 11 tables in the dining room, and only the Conference Room being seated, this will also work. Stay up to date! The next Board Meeting is May 1st, when the decision will be made regarding Walks in August!

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RG CORNER

Does your RG follow the Group Reunion card? If you don't, that's ok. But it is a real blessing to share with other members the ways you are pursuing a life of piety, study and action. And it's a huge blessing for each to share their closest moment to Christ since seeing each other last. If your group is simply a prayer group, of course that's wonderful. The Order of the Reunion makes your Emmaus experience live on in all your Fourth days!



SPONSORSHIP 101

If you've read any of the Upper Room Emmaus material, you know that Sponsorship is the 'most important job'. And of course, this is because without Pilgrims, there is no reason to have a Walk. But what is the purpose of sponsorship? One by one, a sponsor inspires, challenges and equips each of their Pilgrims toward church leadership and Christian action wherever their life takes them. So, it is not just about the Walk, but

everything that comes after it as well. The Walk weekend is only the beginning. It is up to each sponsor to see that their Pilgrims are connected to Cluster, to a Reunion Group, and that they become good sponsors, too. That last one may be the most important one. In fact, you may want to think of yourself as a grand sponsor and be there for your Pilgrims when THEY sponsor!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (Prompt #5)

WALK #496

Walk #496 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Rosemary Lewey of Moulton. If the AEC Board gives the green light for Walks to go forward in August, this Walk will be held the weekend of September 9-12. Rosemary may have some original Team Members who are not now able to serve. If you see a call from 256-565-7356, please answer. The Lord may have a job for you!



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MEETING SCHEDULE

At this time, all meetings are to be the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Tuscumbia FUMC.