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He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6

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#501 IS APRIL 21-24

Walk #501 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Debra Fennell of the Cheaha/East Alabama Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director is Mike Dinsmore. At this writing, there are still **23** ladies assigned to this Walk. While the Shoals has none of these,

Catherine Twesme

who is David and Revonda Twesme's daughter, is a Pilgrim. She lives in Harvest and will likely attend Cluster in Athens. Do get a letter written for Catherine! As far as time is concerned, no more Pilgrims will be added to this Walk.



#502 TO BE MAY 12-15

This Women's Walk, led by the Holy Spirit and Cariln Burrow, will have a team that's from the Haleyville/Franklin/Marion County Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director will be Mitch Nethery. There are **27** ladies now assigned to this Walk, and we have **FOUR!**

#502

- Britney Underwood-Florence**
Erin Melicks - Killen
Amanda Hasting-Rogersville
Anita Scoggin - Tuscumbia

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- Britney** Will & April Vaden
Erin Will & April Vaden
Amanda Neal Harvey
Anita Jenilee Ross
Tosha Phillips

There might be room for one or two more, but registration for this Walk will close May 2. So if you have someone in mind for it, get in touch with the Community Coordinator Angel Rait soon to see what the possibilities are!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
APRIL 19, 2022

6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FUMC
IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TUSCUMBIA

BRING:
COVERED DISH!!!

- Worship Guide
- Name Badge
- GOOD JOKES**
- Joyful Noise Voice
- An Emmaus Friend
- AND YOU!!!**

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

UPCOMING EVENT

The Cluster Board has made plans for another auction! The fundraiser will be held August 23rd in the Family Life Center of Tuscumbia FUMC. This is a Tuesday night and is the week following our regular Cluster meeting. This gives you plenty of time to plan and collect items to sell! The auction held in 2020 was a huge success! This one will be a very timely one since Pilgrim fees have been increased. The Cluster Pilgrim Fund can be built up a little bit and be better able to assist those who might need some assistance to meet that new \$200 fee. So if you're handy at creating or have some things in the attic you'd like to share, get it all ready! More details later about the actual agenda for the evening!



#503 SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11-14

Walk #503 is a Men's Walk led by the Holy Spirit and Rick Hall. Tony Jones is to be the Spiritual Director. The team will come from the Blount/Cullman Cluster Grouping with added members from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping. As of this April issue, there are **22** men assigned to #503. So far the Shoals has **ONE** of those men.

#503

Rob Gullett - Florence

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Rob Gary Jester

If you have someone in mind to sponsor, this Walk could have at least six more men added, and you would have until Aug. 1 before the registration closes. It's a great time of year to get a guy scheduled for a Walk!!!

This Walk is the same weekend as the Annual Training Event and Memorial Service for the Community. If you are new, this training event provides classes to learn about the various team jobs during a Walk. It will be on Saturday the 13th and this gives a perfect time to stay for Candlelight for #503. This will also be when the celebration for the 40th anniversary of the Alabama Emmaus Community will be held. The Memorial Service noted above will be the Friday night before the training, on Aug. 12. Again, if you're new, this is a service to recall all those who have moved to heaven in the last year. Their names are called, there can be sharing to recall memories, and a candle will be lighted in their memory.

2022 ALABAMA WALKS

- #501 Apr 21-24 Women
- #502 May 12-15 Women
- #503 Aug. 11-14 Men
- #504 Sep 8-11 Women
- #505 Sep 22-25 Men**
- #506 Oct. 20-23 Women
- #507 Nov. 10-13 Men

2023 ALABAMA WALKS

- #508 Feb 2-5 Women
- #509 Mar 2-5 Men
- #510 Mar 23-26 Women
- #511 Apr 20-23 Women
- #512 May 4-7 Men

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RG CORNER

The reunion group is the life blood of a Cluster, the place where accountability and renewal occur and continue. It is where your 4th Day Journey becomes tangible and real, and the foundation of the Cluster is cemented for years to come. The marvelous thing that is going on here is that the Spirit is moving in the Shoals Cluster to build some everlasting bonds of love. So if you're not yet in a reunion group, what are you waiting for? You don't want all this good stuff to happen without you, now do you?



SPONSORSHIP 101

"We need to better fulfil our roles as sponsors. One of the major responsibilities of a sponsor is the care of and the nurturing of our pilgrim's family. This is most needed when the first member of a family goes on an Emmaus walk. I think we need to rethink our mind set that the wife is self-sufficient when her husband goes on a walk, particularly when he goes first. I urge you to spend some time to nurture those families that you sponsor. I also urge you to spend some time and share your Emmaus experience with that spouse at home so that he/she has an understanding of what to expect on Sunday night. Acts of agape towards your sponsoring family

during the weekend can go a long way towards alleviating the uncertainties that are faced as a spouse returns from an Emmaus walk. May we never take lightly the role played by women by women in the guidance of their family. May they support their husbands as they resume their role as the spiritual leader of their household, and may those husbands constantly support their wives as they use their spiritual gifts in the nurturing of the family."

These are some really good reasons to carefully nurture the family of your Pilgrims – especially those who don't attend first!

Taken from *A Letter from the Director*
[Community Lay Director Leigh Murphy] in the
March 1988 Community Newsletter

SPONSORSHIP PACKET

After a discussion in a Cluster Board Meeting about a training and some tools for sponsors, a group is working to put together a packet to provide to sponsors, especially those who are new to the job. It would work a little like the Cleopas book – and it may have some of the same material. It would function as a resource for sponsors and hopefully help some who have not had a Pilgrim in quite some time to have updated information. Stay tuned!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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MEETING SCHEDULE

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