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As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. — Luke 24:15-16 NIV

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

6:00 P.M.

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104 THIRD STREET

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Worship Guide

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An Emmaus Friend

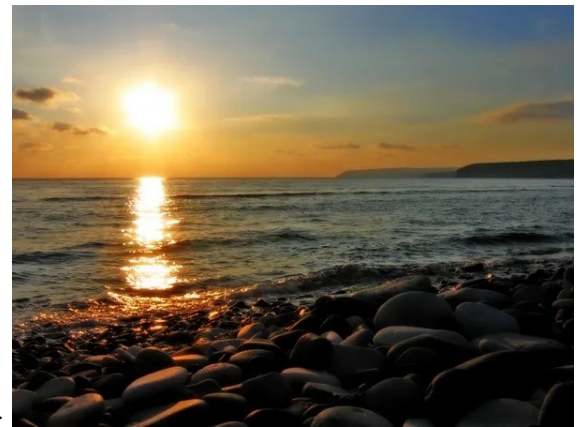
-AND YOU!!!

God’s Creation

“And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31 KJV

In this season of spring and rebirth, let us rejoice in the beauty of our Father's world...the colorful flowers, the green grass and trees, a breathtaking sunset across a shimmering lake, the lilting sound of a cardinal in a thicket, an evening breeze that refreshes after a hot day.

Take note of all the beauty that surrounds you coming from God's love for you. So, honor God today for all His blessings in our life and sing with joy the wonders of His mighty hand!!



Upcoming Walks

WALK #521 WILL BE APRIL 18-21—Walk 521 is a Women’s Walk and will be led by the Holy Spirit and Melissa Barnes from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director will be Preston Headrick. As of April 8, there are **21** ladies assigned to this Walk, and this was the last date to add a Pilgrim. There are no Shoals area Pilgrims among those assigned to #521.

#522 SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2-5—This Men’s Walk, scheduled for May 2-5, will be led by the Holy Spirit and Mike Williams. The Spiritual Director is Mark Adams, and the team is from the Gadsden/Marshall County Cluster Grouping. As of this issue of *The Apostle*, there are **11** men assigned thus far. None of these Pilgrims is from the Shoals area. The Emmaus Office is requesting applications from the Community for this Walk, so maybe this is the time for your Pilgrim. The cut-off date for this Walk is April 22. It’s not much time, but it’s still doable, if you have a guy you want to sponsor. Of course it doesn’t have to be a Shoals or Athens Walk for your Pilgrim to have a glorious weekend. In fact, it’s a great way for him to get to know people from all over the Community!

#523 IS TO BE AUGUST 8-11—#523 will be a Men’s Walk in August – the same weekend as the Memorial Service and Annual Training Event. The Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Terry Lewis from the Huntsville Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director for #523 will be Byron Vance. At this time there are **11** men assigned to #523, and again, there are none from the Shoals Cluster!!! There is plenty of time at this point to prepare for your Pilgrim. As noted above, this Walk is the same weekend as the Annual Training Event. You could go to Camp for the yearly memorial service on Friday night, attend the training event on Saturday, and stay for Candlelight that night. It’s hard to beat this opportunity!

2024 ALABAMA WALKS

#521 April 18-21 Women

#522 May 2-5 Men

#523 August 8-11 Men

#524 September 12-15 Women

#525 September 26-29 Men

#526 October 17-20 Women

#527 November 7-10 Women

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Announcements

The 2024 Alabama Emmaus Overnight Training Event and Memorial will be Friday and Saturday, August 9-10. The deadline to turn in names of Alabama Emmaus pilgrims who have passed away since May 30 of last year for the memorial service that will be held on Friday night of the Training Event is May 31. Any names turned in after May 31 will be a part of the 2025 memorial. More information plus registration form will appear in upcoming Apostle.

Sponsorship 101

This is a super important topic for the Shoals Cluster at this point in time. A check of upcoming Walks for the newsletter revealed NO Shoals area Pilgrims on the next three Walks. At the same time, the Emmaus Office has a plea in the April issue of the Grapevine for applicants for the next four Walks. This would be #521, #522, #523 and #524. In conversation, Community Coordinator Lane Berry emphasized #523. This is a Men’s Walk in August - the same weekend as the Annual Training Event and Memorial Service. That’s August 8-11. If there is someone on your heart that you want to sponsor, please pray about this Walk for that person. You have over three months to handle the preparation and get your Pilgrim ready. And if you need a Sponsorship Packet, there should be one on the Information Table at the Cluster meeting this month, or, you can contact Pete Peeden.

Reunion Groups

Dinning with Jesus
Girls Rejoicing in the Spirit
Old Friends, New Friends
The Son Risers

First Band of Brothers
Hearts Desire
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday’s Lunch Bunch

First Light
His Girls Friday
Sons of the Light
Women of the World

For day/time and place click [Reunion Groups \(shoalscluster.com\)](http://www.shoalscluster.com)

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2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Apr—Tuscumbia First Methodist

May—North Wood UMC

Jun—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Jul—North Wood UMC

Aug—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Sep—North Wood UMC