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Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8

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WALK #494 TO BE AUG. 12-15
 Walk #494 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Carla Roberts. The Spiritual Director will be Tim Alexander and the team is from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Grouping. Of course this Walk is this weekend and there are still no Shoals area Pilgrims listed. This Walk is pivotal. It is the first as we work to open back up again, and it is facing yet another onslaught as the Delta variant is racing through our communities. Please be in prayer for all involved that God will show himself strong on behalf of all involved and a mighty work will be done.



#496 IS SEP. 9 - 12

The Team Meetings for #496 are underway. Whether you are a part of those meetings or part of those who are giving support, your best prayers are needed. Cover the team and the Pilgrims with all God's protection and blessing. And pray that the power of God is manifested in the face of the evil efforts of a virus to again interfere with Emmaus Walks. The date for #496 is now a month out and currently there are **14** ladies assigned to this Walk. And we still have **ONE** of them!

#496

Susie Heird - Florence

SPONSORS

Susie Verna White
Amanda Allen

Keep Susie and her sponsors in your prayers and – make your plans!!!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
AUGUST 17, 2021

6:00 p.m.

In person at

TUSCUMBIA FUMC

In Beautiful Downtown Tuscumbia

BRING:

Worship Guide

Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

BUFFET MEALS SERVED

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

OPEN MEETING!!!

It's that time again! It's Open Meeting month and that means the meeting is open to anyone you would like to bring to see what Emmaus is really like. If you have someone in mind you'd like to sponsor, why not invite them? All the guests will share our meal with us, and this will still be a meal prepared at the church. It will be served buffet style in the Family Life Center. As soon as the meal is over, the guests will go as a group to hear all about Emmaus. They can ask any question they'd like in that session. This month we will go back to the sanctuary for the worship portion of the meeting and the guests will rejoin us then for that. Let your guests know, too, that childcare will be available. Do think about inviting someone to come and share the joy of the Lord with us!



#495 WILL BE AUG. 26-29

This Walk is two weeks away and as we go to press, there are **17** men assigned. The two Shoals area guys who were named here last month are no longer listed for #495. Two weeks is the cutoff time for adding new Pilgrims, so there will be no more than those who are currently listed. Please be in prayer for this team and these Pilgrims, that God's grace and protection will abound in every moment of the 72 hours.



MENU

For the time being, the meals are still being prepared in the church kitchen and are now being served buffet style. As usual, the menu is being shared here in the newsletter. Come and dine!!! 😊

SPAGHETTI
 GREEN SALAD
 GARLIC TOAST
 FRESH PEACHES
 ICE CREAM
 TEA/WATER



AGAPE

Does your Reunion Group make agape? Do you have any at home that you were working on before the shutdown? Could you have some completed before we meet this month? The number of pieces per Walks is now 60 instead of 80. If you can say yes to any of the questions above, please bring your agape to the meeting and give it to Brenda Quesenberry.

2021 ALABAMA WALKS

#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

#500 Mar 17-20 Men

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RG CORNER

Does your Reunion Group ever make agape? If you do, would you all consider making some for Walks #495 - #497? As noted in another article, the number of pieces is now **60** rather than the 80 it used to be – due to the smaller number of Pilgrims. Of course #494 is this weekend. But #496 is from our Custer Grouping and Lay Director Rosemary Lewey has chosen Isaiah 6:8 as her verse for the Walk. If you are able to put together at least one kind of agape for these Walks, bring it to cluster meeting and give it to Brenda Quesenberry.



SPONSORSHIP 101

This is the week the Walks begin again. The numbers are small and that is likely a good thing in the current environment. Because of the close quarters in the South Wing, all Pilgrims for 2021 Walks have been asked to be vaccinated, and Conference Room teams for these Walks voluntarily did the same. The Community is endeavoring to be as responsible as possible while also being cognizant of the power of faith. As you sponsor or plan to sponsor, learn as much as you can from the Community web page, the *Grapevine*, and

your Sponsor's Letter. Of course you may always contact the Community Coordinator, Angel Rait, to learn any up-to-the-minute information. All her contact info is in the box below this article. With the current spike in COVID cases, *all* of us need to be on the Prayer Vigil, and not just for 72 hours! Every effort is being made to follow any and all available guidelines with wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Please do keep the AEC Board of Directors in your prayers constantly as they make their decisions.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Plans are firming up for the 9th Annual Bud Bottcher Memorial Golf Tournament! It will be held at the Cypress Lakes Golf and Tennis Club in Muscle Shoals on Oct. 23, 2021 with registration at 7:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30. There will be a field of 18 four-man teams at \$125 per person or \$500 per team. The prize for a hole-in-one is a truck from Long-Lewis Automotive Group in Muscle Shoals. Lunch will be provided and pay-outs will be announced later. Your help securing sponsorships is going to be invaluable. Watch for flyers with all the information at the Cluster meeting!



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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