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*But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

*Joshua 24:15*

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**2022 ALABAMA WALKS**

#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  
 #513 Aug 10-13 Men  
 #514 Sep 14-17 Women

**#503 SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11-14**

Walk #503 is a Men's Walk led by the Holy Spirit and Ricky Hall. Tony Jones will be the Spiritual Director. The team is from the Blount/Cullman Cluster Grouping with added members from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping. There are now **23** men assigned to #503, and the Shoals still has **ONE** of them.

**#503**

**Rob Gullett - Florence**

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**Rob** Gary Jester

This Walk is this weekend and is the same weekend as the Annual Training Event and Memorial Service for the Community. And it will also be the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Alabama Emmaus Community. That birthday recognition will be the Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> during the Training Event. What a great time to be there!



**#504 IS SEPTEMBER 8-11**

Walk #504 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Danielle Epps from the Tuscaloosa/West AL Cluster Grouping. Woody Jones will be the Spiritual Director. There are now **27** women assigned to #504, but we still have **TWO** of them!

**#504**

**Erin Melicks - Killen**  
**Amanda Hasting - Rogersville**

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**Erin** Will & April Vaden  
**Amanda** Neal Harvey

**NEXT CLUSTER MEETING**

TUESDAY  
**AUGUST 16, 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)

**AUGUST IS OPEN MEETING!**

What is an open meeting? It's a time when anyone, including folks who have not yet been on a Walk, are invited to join us. In the Shoals Cluster, we all share a meal, and then during announcements, guests are taken to another room and given an overview of Emmaus. Details are shared about what the Walk is, its origin and history, and where it is held. Those attending may ask any questions they have and get a straightforward answer. This doesn't mean that surprises are spoiled, but any concerns are addressed. This kind of transparency can encourage a reluctant person to accept the invitation of their sponsor. Or, if your potential Pilgrim is eager to go, seeing the event through the eyes of another person can help enhance the experience. So think about those you know who might enjoy meeting with us on the 16<sup>th</sup>. After all, Cluster is a place where you have fun and get a blessing – right?



**#505 TO BE**

**SEPTEMBER 22-25**

Walk #505 will be led by the Holy Spirit and **Frederick Martin**. The Spiritual Director will be Mac Buttram and the team for this Walk is from our Cluster Grouping. Currently there are **22** men assigned to this Walk, and the Shoals still has **ONE** of them!

**#505**

**Justin Miller – Florence**

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**Justin** Bob & Julia Young

There is still time to get your Pilgrim added to this Walk. You will have until Sept. 12 to get the application turned in. The current maximum for a Walk is 28 Pilgrims, so that would be a reason to hurry. Again, this team is from our Cluster Grouping. That's good if you're not on the team, but if you are, please reconsider the timing.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee for 2022 is chaired by Assistant Cluster Leader Janice Alcorn. Others on this year's committee are SD Bart Bowlin, Revonda Twesme, Mitch Dobbins, Jean Peeden, and Lynda Bottcher. A list of potential board nominees for 2023 has been presented to the Cluster Board and those individuals are being contacted. A final list will be presented for approval at the September Cluster Board meeting and the election of the 2023 slate of officers will be voted on at the September Cluster Meeting. Others may be nominated from the floor at that time, but any of those people must be qualified for the said position and must be aware of their name being put forward.

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### RG CORNER

The new ladies' Reunion Group met on Tuesday, July 19 at 11:30 at River Bottom Grille in Florence. It was decided that the meetings will be monthly, and the next one is to be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. A name for the group was selected - 'Dining with Jesus'. If the time or the location is changed, it will be announced and will be noted here in the newsletter.

### SPONSORSHIP 101

Since Walk #505 is from our Cluster Grouping, most of the team members will be. It's to be Sept. 22-25, so the team meetings are about to begin. This makes it a good time to remind us that no one who is serving in the Conference Room may sponsor a Pilgrim on that Walk. According to the Standing Rules, if your Pilgrim is assigned to this Walk, one of you is to be rescheduled. It is also true that a person serving in the Conference Room may not work there if a Pilgrim on that Walk is their family member, even if sponsored

by someone else. Those who are working on the back hall are strongly discouraged from having a Pilgrim on the Walk they are working. Pilgrims are to have their privacy. If they can see their sponsor throughout the day, this can be lost. It can also create in the Pilgrim a sense of having to meet the expectations of their sponsor. There's always a reason why things are the way they are, and these are some of them. So, in a spirit of cooperation and charity, please don't override the rules.

### REMEMBER SEPTEMBER!!!

Next month's Cluster meeting will be held at North Wood UMC in Florence!!! We could have #504 Pilgrims for that meeting, so be sure to keep this in mind. And do help get the word out.

### FALL PICNIC

The date has been set for our Cluster Grouping picnic. It's Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There's not a definite location yet, but since it was in Moulton last time, the plan is to have it in the Shoals this time. Stay tuned!

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

Plans are for the golf tournament to be in April of 2023. If you are interested in helping with the tournament, tell Joe Peeden.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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### **2022**

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

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