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For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 2:10 NLT

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#513 SET FOR AUG. 10-13
Walk #513 is a Men's Walk, led by the Holy Spirit and Ryan Rickert. The Spiritual Director is Preston Headrick and the team will come from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Grouping. There are now **26** men who are assigned to this Walk, and we have **TWO** of them!!!

#513
Adam Berryhill – Rogersville
Will Datuin – Rogersville

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Adam Tony Datuin
Donna Kelly

Will Tony Datuin
Donna Kelly

REMEMBER - this Walk is this weekend, so make sure you have our letters written!



#514 WILL BE SEP. 14-17
This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lisa Smith from the Gadsden/Marshall Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director for this Walk will be Terry Bentley. There are now **28** ladies assigned to this Walk - and we *still* have **ONE** of them!!!

#514
Heather Collum - Tuscumbia

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Heather Beth Wilcoxson

Keep Heather, Beth the team and all involved in your prayers!



- 2023 ALABAMA WALKS**
- #513 Aug 10-13 Men
- #514 Sep 14-17 Women
- #515 Sep 28-Oct 1 Women
- #516 Oct. 19-22 Men
- #517 Nov. 9-12 Women
- 2024 ALABAMA WALKS**
- #518 Feb 1-4 Women
- #519 Mar 7-10 Men**
- #520 Mar 14-17 Women
- #521 Apr 18-21 Women
- #522 May 2-5 Men

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
AUGUST 15, 2023
6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FMC
IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TUSCUMBIA

BRING:
COVERED DISH
Worship Guide
Name Badge
GOOD JOKES
Joyful Noise Voice
An Emmaus Friend
-AND YOU!!!

(NURSERY PROVIDED)



#515 IS SEP. 28 – OCT. 1
Walk #515 is also a Women's Walk and it going to be led by the Holy Spirit and Sherry Johnson. The Spiritual Director for the Walk will be Sherrill Clontz The team for this Walk is from Huntsville. There now are **23** ladies assigned to this Walk. As of this issue of the newsletter, we have no one listed as a Pilgrim on #515. If you'd like to have yours assigned to it, you have until Sept, 18 to get it all done!

2023 ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

The Annual Training Event is this weekend!!! If you did not get your application turned in by last Saturday, you can still go and register at the event. The only issue with this is that some of the classes may already be filled. But there are always others that are valuable to you, so don't let that hinder you! Also, if you'd planned to go on Friday, Aug. 11 to attend the Memorial Service and stay at Camp, you'd need to check availability, since Walk #513 will be in progress. Just check with Jennifer Swinney to see. Her phone is **256-627-0731**. The service is at 7:00 p.m. and is held in the meeting room on the second floor of the Camp's McKinney-Atkins office building. The Training Event classes will be offered the next day, Aug. 12. If you have never attended, these are overviews of each area a team works during a Walk. There are three sessions, and you may choose among the classes that are still available. It's a great time! Don't miss it!!!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is meeting to name members to the Cluster Board for 2023. The committee is chaired by Leasha Laster, current Assistant Cluster Leader, and she is meeting with these members of the committee:

- Janice Alcorn
- Bart Bowlin
- Stephanie Hipps
- Jonathan Killen
- Mitch Dobbins

Watch for the slate of nominees next month and be prepared to vote at the September meeting.

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RG CORNER

Does your RG ever make agape? Where you meet may have an impact on how much of that you all can do. But if you meet in a place that can easily adapt to it, this is something that can bring real joy. It binds you together as you work and of course if brings joy when you send the agape to Camp for the Pilgrims! If you haven't done this, or if you haven't done it in a while, why not give it a try?



SPONSORSHIP 101

So you have someone who is considering being your Pilgrim. What all do you tell them? The answer to that is, 'whatever they want to know.' First, there are no secrets, only surprises. And secondly, the answer is *anything they want to know*. Did you catch that? There is not a lot they are going to know to ask! So whatever is asked, you can answer! Of course you will not explain all there is to know about Candlelight. You just say there is a very special communion service one night. You make sure they know that they will be lodging with folks they don't

know, they'll sing and have communion more than once, and there will be plenty of food! Don't tease them about there not being enough food and tell them to bring snacks! Do tell them they will hear 15 talks and be at a table with the same people each day. And be sure to tell them you will look after their family during the weekend and if there needs to be any communication, you'll take care of it. Let them and their family know you will be back to get them, and it'll probably be after dinner when you get them back home.

OPEN MEETING!!!

August is our Open Meeting - a time that you can bring anyone you'd like to sponsor for a look at what Emmaus is like. They will eat with us and then meet with one of us to be told about Emmaus. They will be given a history of the event and may ask any questions they wish. After any returning Pilgrims who may be attending have chared, your guests will rejoin the group for singing and communion. There will be childcare available, so be sure to invite those you're praying about sponsoring. And members - remember - we don't wear our crosses to the Open Meeting. But do bring an extra dish for the meal so there will be plenty!!!

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2023

MEETING SCHEDULE

Aug - Tuscumbia First Methodist
Sep - North Wood U M C
Oct - Tuscumbia First Methodist
Nov - North Wood U M C
Dec - Tuscumbia First Methodist