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For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship Him. Matthew 2:2

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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

#515 Sep 28-Oct 1 Women

#516 Oct. 19-22 Men

#517 Nov. 9-12 Women



WALK #508, FIRST OF 2023

The first Walk of the new year is being led by the Holy Spirit and Suzanne Frazier on Feb. 2-5. The Spiritual Director is Terri Milstead. The Cluster Grouping for this Walk is Birmingham East, Birmingham South and South Shelby. As of this date, there are now 22 ladies on the list to attend, and we have TWO of them.

#508

**Britney Underwood –
Florence**

Lauren White - Tuscumbia

SPONSORS

Britney Will & April Vaden
Lauren Hal & Lori Mills

As noted above, this Walk is in February of 2023. Now that there are only 22 Pilgrims assigned to this Walk, there is a good chance that you could get your person registered for it. Check into it! You have time!



#509 IS MARCH 2-5

This Men's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Jeff Bowling. The Spiritual Director will be Alan Beasley. As we go to press, there are now 19 men assigned to this Walk, and we still have ONE of them.

#509

Billy Hunt - Florence

SPONSORS

Billy Will & April Vaden

There is room on this Walk for more Pilgrims – up to 28. So if you have someone you want to sponsor, there still is room and you also have the time. If you need sponsoring help, you can contact Pete Peeden.

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 20, 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)

#510 TO BE MARCH 23-26

Walk #510 is a Women's Walk to be led by the Holy Spirit and Chrystal Whitehead. Spiritual Director is Abi Carlisle-Wilke. This team will be fielded from the Cheaha/ East Alabama Cluster Grouping. There are currently 23 Pilgrims assigned to this Walk, but so far there are none from the Shoals Cluster. This would be a good time to consider sponsoring someone you may have been considering. Check it out!



SHOALS MEN'S WALK

You may have noticed that the listing for #512 in the column on the left is in a bold font. This is because this Walk is a Shoals Walk, led by Clay Hammond. As noted, the date is May 4-7. Clay has had his Team Selection and is now calling those on his list. Do be in prayer and be supportive, whatever you're asked to do.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Each year in December, those who have moved to the real Walk in the past year are memorialized. During this December meeting, the names of each will be called and a candle for each one lighted. If anyone wishes to say a word in memory, they are given the microphone to do so. At the end of the service the candles are available to family and/or friends. Here is the list as it's known at this time:

Ruby Baltimore - #389

Mark Black - #469

Christine Box - #143

Dennis Burfield - #280

Glenda Cain - #39

Billy Elmore - #304

Cecil Hudson - #321

Joan Jones - #249

George Lair - #188

Frankie Patterson - #299

Reba Spain - #390

Again, if there is a name that should be added, please let a Board Member know.



2023 CLUSTER MEETING SCHEDULE

Earlier this year, the Cluster Board voted to continue into 2023 the every-other-month rotation between Cluster Meetings in Tuscumbia and in Florence. It will return to a pattern followed before the pandemic. In even months, the meetings will be at Tuscumbia First Methodist and odd months will be in Florence at North Wood UMC.

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RG CORNER

The new Women's Reunion Group that meets in Florence is flourishing! The name is Dining With Jesus. Doesn't that sound inviting? It meets once a month for lunch on 3rd Tuesdays. The meeting place is varying at the moment, so if you'd like to join, contact Janice Alcorn.

By the way, it was recently asked whether there could be Reunion Groups that include both men and women. Of course there can! It's just up to the group to decide if they want to be men only, women only – or both!



SPONSORSHIP 101

If you are reading this, you have access to *The Apostle* in one form or another. This is one of the best ways to keep up with everything Emmaus! Why would you want to do that? Because you are your Pilgrims' eyes and ears until they complete their Walk and have access for themselves. And after their Walk, you are still the one to make sure they are connected to these same sources of information. And this Cluster newsletter isn't all that's available to us. The Community newsletter, *The Grapevine*, gives you much, much more. *The Apostle*

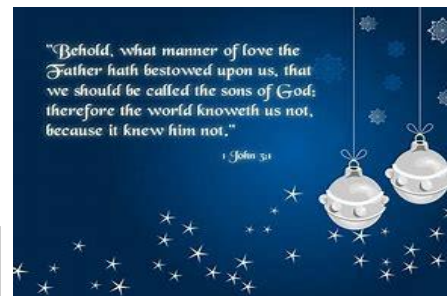
publishes once a month in the week just prior to the Cluster meetings. It usually lists the specifics of the next three Walks – dates, the Lay and Spiritual Directors, the number of Pilgrims assigned and the names of Shoals area Pilgrims and their sponsors. All this for you to be up to date with prayers and preparations! *The Grapevine* publishes six times a year, usually in line with Walk dates, with the teams and all Pilgrims for the next two Walks. Our webmaster sees you can find both newsletters on the Shoals website as soon as they are published.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Plans are underway to hold the Bud Bottcher Memorial Golf Tournament at the Cypress Lakes course again next year. The date being sought is April 22nd. As you may know, Clay Hammond is the Lay Director for #512 the weekend of May 4-7. He is aware of the proposed golf date and will not plan to schedule any of his Team Meetings that day. So – you can handle both of these events if need be.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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