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*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman.
Galatians 4:4 NKJV*

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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
- #523 Aug 8-11 Men
- #524 Sep 12-15 Women
- #525 Sep 26-29 Men
- #526 Oct 17-20 Women

#518 IS FEB. 1-4, 2024

This first Walk of 2024 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Cathy Parker. The Spiritual Director is Paul Vick, and the team is from the Cheaha/East AL Cluster Grouping. As of this date, there are **28** ladies assigned to this Walk in February. None of them is a Shoals pilgrim, but one of them is the daughter-in-law of Roy and Celia Rudolph. She lives in Madison. If you'd like to write her a letter – which would be great! – her name is Amelia Rudolph. She goes by Ameer, so either way should work. And – Clay Hammond also has a Pilgrim on this Walk, Patsy Shaw, from Arab. We want to support all these folks our folks are sponsoring! Be sure to write them letters and include them in your prayers.



#519 IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7-10

Walk #519 will be led by the Holy Spirit and **Jim Maynard**, and the Spiritual Director will be Larry Hogan. As you may know, Jim is from Athens and the team will be from our Cluster Grouping. He has basically filled his Conference Room and is now calling people to serve on the committees. It's a great time to be in prayer! As we go to press in December, the numbers assigned to this Walk have not changed. There are still **6** men assigned to #519, and there are none from the Shoals area. This, too, should be a matter of prayer.

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 19, 2023

6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FMC

IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TUSCUMBIA

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Worship Guide

Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice

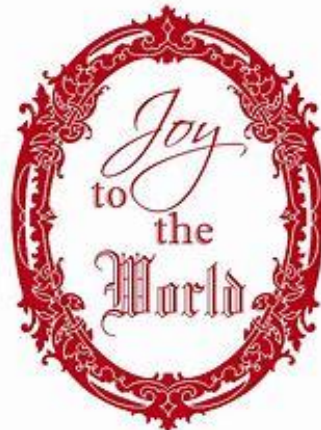
An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

#520 TO BE MARCH 14-17

This Walk is a Women's Walk and it will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lee Ann O'Toole. The Spiritual Director will be Cam Price, and the team will come from the Blount County-Cullman Cluster Grouping. At this time there are now **3** ladies assigned to this Walk, but there are none from the Shoals area. This is a great opportunity to invite and plan for that person the holy Spirit has laid on your heart to sponsor.



LIST OF MEMORIALS FOR DECEMBER MEETING

Each November we publish a list of our members who have gone on to be with the Lord. At the December meeting, we have a memorial service and light a candle for each one as their name is called. There is an opportunity with each one for family and/or friends to come to the front and say a word of remembrance. As of this issue, the following list has been compiled. If you know of others who should be included, please contact a board member with the information.

- DON ARMSTRONG - #263
- MARCIA BUSH - #295
- DON FITTS - #396
- ALICE HAYES - #192
- BILL HENSON - #287
- BARBARA LEMAY - #369
- VIRGINIA MCWILLIAMS - #252
- DAVID PHILLIPS - #302
- SARAH SANDLIN - #63
- CINDY SCHUESSLER - #21
- DANYLU SIBLEY - #204
- ANN YOW - #294

December is a busy time for sure, and the 21st is so close to Christmas. But that makes the service, which will also include a mini-candlelight, that much more meaningful. Make an effort to be there!



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Did you know that Reunion Groups can include folks who have never been on a Walk? Hopefully you did. This is a great way to show people like this what a great ministry opportunity being a part of Emmaus really is. And it can open the door to your sponsoring these folks. Another benefit is being able to show those who have not been on a Walk what it is really like. If you have ever googled The Walk to Emmaus, you've see that the Enemy has littered the web with lots of false negative information about Emmaus. Be a force for the truth!



SPONSORSHIP 101

Just a reminder that if you are sponsoring a Pilgrim from the Shoals area, there is funding from the Shoals Cluster to pay the \$170 balance after you or your Pilgrim pay the initial \$30 registration fee. This is up to you to handle if you choose to avail yourself of this opportunity. The Cluster is eager to see that no one from the Shoals area is kept from attending a Walk if the fees are an issue. If you or your Pilgrim see a need to access this blessing, please contact Cluster Treasurer Anita Whitaker to let her know you have submitted

your Pilgrim's application. This will alert her to be ready to submit the fee payment when the Pilgrim is assigned to a Walk. The total fees are to be paid at that time. This has been utilized by several Cluster members over the past year and so far, there has not been an issue with the funding. As we enter the Christmas season and you have thoughts of sharing with others, donating to the Cluster Pilgrim Fund might be a consideration, so the Cluster can continue to make this available to us.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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CAMP UPDATE

As you may know, the Alabama Emmaus Community was asked by Camp Sumatanga to take responsibility for the refurbishing and updating of Hutto Auditorium since the COVID shutdown. This included repair of a leak in the roof near the Agape Room in 2021 and repair of banners in the Banner Room. Since then, new wooden doors downstairs and new glass doors upstairs in the entry have been installed. During this process there has been total cleaning of walls, chairs in the Conference Room, the Refreshment Room and the stage area. In addition, new chairs have been purchased for the auditorium as well as racks to store them. This week the board was notified that new gutters have been installed. The Community has truly been generous!!!



2023
MEETING SCHEDULE

Dec - Tuscumbia First Methodist