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And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. — 1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024
 6:00 P.M.
TUSCUMBIA FIRST
 104 THIRD ST. – TUSCUMBIA
 BRING:
COVERED DISH
 Worship Guide
 Name Badge
GOOD JOKES
 Joyful Noise Voice
 An Emmaus Friend
 -AND YOU!!!
 (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Growing In Love

February represents the month of love to us....we have “Valentines” day where we shower our sweethearts and loved ones with cards, candy, and gifts. But not just on Valentine’s Day, let us find ways of saying “I love you” to some other person who needs to hear it as much as you need to say it.



We need to pray for wisdom and discernment to see other's hurts and become a healing agent for God. We need to grow in love and we can only learn this from our Lord who is inherently love. Let us see others as God sees them and love them as God loves them. God shows unfathomable love to us daily through Jesus His son who was the ultimate sacrifice for all humanity's sin.

As we live in God, our love grows more perfect. *So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face Him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.* (1 John 4:17 NLT)

Upcoming Walks

Walk	Date	Pilgrim	Sponsor	Lay Leader	Spiritual Director	Group
#519	Mar. 7-10	Kenneth Chastain Gary Hill Justin Sibley Jeff Whitaker	Rocky Stone & Pat Seal Emily Hill & Cathy Brett Greg Sibley Anita Whitaker	Jim Maynard	Larry Hogan	Shoals / Athens
#520	Mar. 14-17	Karen Gravitt	Tony & Jackie Mize	Lee Ann O'Toole	Cam Price	Blount County / Cullman
#521	Apr 18-21			Melissa Barnes	Preston Headrick	Tuscaloosa / West Alabama
#522	May 2-5			Mike Williams	Mark Adams	Gadsden / Marshall

If you are sponsoring for the first time, or if you haven't sponsored in some time, pick up a Shoals Cluster Sponsorship Packet at the information Table or check with our Cluster Sponsorship Chairperson, Pete Peeden.

Agape Party Rescheduled

Brenda Quesenberry announced that the Shoals Cluster Agape Party has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 17, 9:00am at Tuscumbia First Methodist in Tuscumbia. Brenda should have all the materials needed to make agape, so come and join the fun!

2024 ALABAMA WALKS

- #518 February 1-4 Women
- #519 March 7-10 Men
- #520 March 14-17 Women
- #521 April 18-21 Women
- #522 May 2-5 Men
- #523 August 18-21 Men
- #524 September 12-15 Women
- #525 September 26-29 Men
- #526 October 17-20 Women
- #527 November 7-10 Women

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A Life That Was Changed By Lane Berry, Community Coordinator

I'm sure most of you have heard the song, "Thank you for giving to the Lord", by Ray Boltz. In it he describes a dream he had of going to heaven with a friend. As they are "walking the streets of gold, beside the crystal sea", a stranger approaches and begins telling the dreamer that "even though you may not know me now, you used to teach my Sunday School when I was only eight, and every week you would say a prayer before the class would start, and one day when you said that prayer I asked Jesus in my heart. Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed."

The song goes on to describe other instances of when the 'dreamer' made choices in his life that had life changing effects on the lives of others. I'm sure we can all name people in our lives that lived their lives in such a way that, 'we are a life that was changed'.

I know that applies to me in so many ways, but especially the two people that sponsored me on my Emmaus Walk. Dan and Teresa Aughinbaugh are very special friends that my wife, Lee, and I love dearly. They gently 'persuaded' and encouraged me to go... I didn't want to, but finally the time was right am I am forever grateful. I am a life that was changed because of it... just like so many of you.

Has someone been on your mind and you're not quite sure why? Could the Lord be prompting you to reach out to that person to sponsor on the Emmaus Walk? I encourage you to pray and discern if this is the case. Could your sponsorship of someone make them "a life that was changed"?

DeColores, Lane

--- Copied from the Grapevine February 2024

Reunion Groups

Dinning with Jesus
Girls Rejoicing in the Spirit
Old Friends, New Friends
The Son Risers

First Band of Brothers
Hearts Desire
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday's Lunch Bunch

First Light
His Girls Friday
Sons of the Light
Women of the World

For day/time and place click [Reunion Groups \(shoalscluster.com\)](http://www.shoalscluster.com)

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2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan—North Wood UMC

Feb—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Mar—North Wood UMC

Apr—Tuscumbia First Methodist

May—North Wood UMC

Jun—Tuscumbia First Methodist