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He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
Psalm 91:1

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2020 ALABAMA WALKS

#492 Feb. 20-23 Women

#493 Mar. 5-8 Men

#494 Mar. 19-22 Women

#495 Apr. 23-26 Men

#496 May 14-19 Women

#497 Jun 4-7 Men

#498 July 16-19 Women

#499 Jul 30-Aug 2 Women

#500 Aug. 13-16 Men

#501 Sep. 17-20 Women

#492 TO BE FEB. 20-23

The Holy Spirit and Rhonda Rush will be leading Walk #492 and the Spiritual Director is John Simmons. The team is from the B'ham E/ B'Ham S /S Shelby Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, there are now **42** ladies assigned to this Walk and we still have **THREE** of them:

#492

Rachel Berry – Florence

Pat Yarbrough - Killen

Crystal Holt - Sheffield

SPONSORS

Rachel Wes Akin, Bill Jordan
Pat Tosha Phillips
Crystal Lori Mills

This Walk is a month away and with over forty Pilgrims, it's considered full. This will be the first Walk with all the changes, so do be in prayer for the team and the sponsors, as well as the Pilgrims. And get your letters written!



#493 IS MARCH 5-8

This Men's Walk is being led by the Holy Spirit and Chuck Belitz. The Spiritual Director is John James. As of this week there are now **31** men who are assigned. The Shoals area still has **TWO** of them:

#493

Rob Gullett – Florence
Gary Scarbrough – Florence

SPONSORS

Rob Gary Jester
Gary Mark & Jeanette Custer
Brenda McManus

This is a good number for a Men's Walk, so it may be considered full. But it doesn't hurt to check!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

JANUARY 21, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Where you have fun and get a blessing!!!

FLORENCE FUMC

415 NORTH SEMINARY STREET
FLORENCE, AL

BRING:

Covered Dish

Worship Guide

Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

#494 IS SLATED FOR MARCH 19-22

Walk #494 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Carla Roberts. Tim Alexander will serve as the Walk Spiritual Director. The team will come from the Franklin/Haleyville/Hamilton Cluster Grouping. There are now **28** ladies assigned to this Walk, and we still don't have a single one from the Shoals! Check your calendars and see if this might be the perfect time for your Pilgrim! This Walk is a couple of months out, so you have time to get your Pilgrim's application in and make all the preparations. Why not!?! This will be a good one!



DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a Pilgrim who needs assistance with Walk fees, see our Cluster Spiritual Director, Dale Cohen for help from the Pilgrim Fund.

DATE SET FOR AUCTION!

February 27 is the date and 6:00 pm is the time that has been set for the fundraiser auction and dinner. This is a Thursday evening and it will be held at Tusculumbia FUMC. The event has been planned by the Cluster Board to further drop the balance on the Sumatanga Pledge. December donations were a whopping **\$8,165!!!** So now the balance is down to **\$4,957.69!!!** The end is in sight! We can do this!!! Do you have anything to donate to the cause? Maybe you have more than you think! If you are still putting away Christmas items, it's not too early to think about Christmas 2020! If you bake, think about cookies, cakes, fudge and other 'durable' items people would enjoy. Craftsmen, artists and writers - what can you bring? Another suggestion is to go through your books and see if you have something others would enjoy. Baby items you no longer need might be needed by others. If you grow plants and have seedlings, or even full-grown plants, consider these. If your items are small and not perishable, you can bring them to Cluster this month and give them to Revonda Twesme. If they are large and also if they are perishable, please bring them to **TFUMC** on Feb. 27th. **IN EITHER CASE**, have a written description of each item to accompany it. You will be given a tax-deductible receipt for your donation. Watch for more details in the February issue!



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RG CORNER

A Reunion Group is a gift that keeps on giving. Think about your table when you were a Pilgrim. It's group where there is confidentiality and safety. A pastor can be just another person at the table. It's a place to meet people you would never have known otherwise and become forever friends. Once you have prayed with these people and shared your closest moment with Christ, you know you can go to them – and they to you – in the midst of the storms of life. This is what a Reunion Group is, and why you want to be in one!



CALLING POST

To hear the current message for the Shoals Cluster on our computerized phone service, dial **1-800-925-7443** and enter the **ID# - 1999 568 996**

SPONSORSHIP 101

The letter to sponsors has been revised to let you know to take your Pilgrim **FIRST** to the Camp office building – that's McKinney-Atkins – for registration. That's where you get the name button and room number. Then take the Pilgrim to their room. **THEN** you take them down to Hutto to meet roommates and for the Walk to begin. You will even get a map with this letter. The Application to Attend has also been revised and you will see a blank now for a co-sponsor to sign. If you are sponsoring for the first time, a co-sponsor is a

requirement. For your convenience, you can find this application on the Community website and you can complete and print it from there. One thing the Community Coordinator is stressing is that Pilgrim fees are due ahead of time the same way team fees are. They are due when the Walk is assigned, and the Pilgrim accepts. All this information helps make the whole process so much smoother for all involved. If you have questions, your Cluster Leader is a good place to start.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (emergencies only)

CAMP REPORT

Good news! The water tank has been repaired and the water is back on at Camp! A recent check of the totals for the campaign in November is \$144,000 to date. As noted here in previous issues, the Camp will be moving into a new business model in 2020 and there will be a fundraising effort each year. So, don't think that if you missed out in November there is no further need. The goal for that campaign was \$300K, and you can always contribute toward reaching that goal!



2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

FLORENCE FUMC

JANUARY, March, May,
July, September, November

TUSCUMBIA FUMC

February, April, June, August, October,
December