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*Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!!*  
*I, John 3:1*

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**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 for this Walk is Terri Milstead, and the team is fielded from the Birmingham East, Birmingham South and South Shelby Cluster Grouping. Below are the December listings, due to the illness of the Community Coordinator. As of that time, there were 22 ladies on the list to attend, and we had TWO of them.

**#508**  
**Britney Underwood - Florence**  
**Lauren White - Tuscumbia**

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**Britney** Will & April Vaden  
**Lauren** Hal & Lori Mills

While the official cutoff date is January 23, it's been learned that this Walk is basically filled. But with these two ladies on the list, be sure to get your letters written and firm up those plans for Candlelight!



**#509 IS MARCH 2-5**

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Jeff Bowling. The Spiritual Director is Alan Beasley. As indicated above, the info below is what we knew in December, due to the illness of the Community Coordinator. It lists 19 men assigned to this Walk, with ONE of from the Shoals.

**#509**  
**Billy Hunt - Florence**

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**NEXT CLUSTER MEETING**

TUESDAY  
**JANUARY 17, 2023**  
6:00 p.m.

**NORTH WOOD U M C**  
1129 WILLS AVE. - FLORENCE, AL

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

(NURSERY PROVIDED)



**WEATHER RELATED ISSUES AT CAMP**

The frigid Christmas weather left some issues at Camp that will take a while to resolve. On Christmas Eve, the sprinkler systems Retreat Centers #2, #4 and #5 burst and flooded those rooms. Work has begun, but the team for #508 may have to stay in other locations on the campus. This is not something Tony Jones and crew need right now, so please keep them in your prayers. There is an Alabama Emmaus Board Meeting on Jan. 13-14, so there should be more information available at Cluster meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. If there is a way to help, it will be announced.



**#510 TO BE MARCH 23-26**

Women's Walk #510 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Chrystal Whitehead. Spiritual Director for the Walk is Abi Carlisle-Wilke. The team will originate from the Cheaha/East AL Cluster Grouping. In December there were 23 ladies assigned to this Walk, but none were from the Shoals area. This would be a great time to get your Pilgrim assigned! Cut off date for that will be March 13.



**APPLICATIONS TO SERVE**

If you have never completed one of these forms, please get one from a Board Member, or check the Information Table at Cluster meeting. Complete the application, being sure to list everything you'd like to be a part of in the Cluster, and all of your experience working on Walk teams. Turn this in to any Board Member or just give it to Lynda Bottcher. These forms are used when one of our Lay Directors is assembling their team. They are especially important to show experience you may have had in another Community, since this would not be included in the Alabama Community database. And of course these forms can quickly become out of date if you move, change your phone number or email, or work another Walk.



- 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
- 2024 ALABAMA WALKS**
- #518 Feb 1-4 Women
  - #519 Mar 7-10 Men
  - #520 Mar 14-17 Women
  - #521 Apr 18-21 Women

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### RG CORNER

With the new year rolling around, you may want to check out the Information Table at Cluster next week and see if any new Reunion Groups have been added to the list. It's also good to review the list and make sure your own group info is up to date. Sometimes the location of the meeting changes and folks need to know. The list is available on the Information Table and so are a lot of other items of interest. If you haven't checked lately to see, you just might be pleasantly surprised.



### SPONSORSHIP 101

As has already been noted here, the Cluster now will pay the balance above the registration fee for any of our Shoals area Pilgrims. If you would like to avail yourself of this for your Pilgrims, this is how it works. Submit the Pilgrim's application with the \$30 registration fee. When you're notified that your Pilgrim is assigned to a Walk, let Anita Whitaker, the Cluster Treasurer, know and she will send the balance to the Emmaus Office. You may also go ahead and pay the entire amount and then be reimbursed. Again, you will need to give Anita all the

related information. Anita's phone is (256) 627-9179 and her email address is [anita.whitaker@cbsbank.net](mailto:anita.whitaker@cbsbank.net) If you are accustomed to paying all the fees for your Pilgrims, of course you may continue to do so. Or, if any of your Pilgrims want to pay their own fees, of course they can. That's up to you and the Pilgrims. But there is a still a Pilgrim Fund and it is now available to all who wish to use it. And if you would like to make a special contribution to that fund to insure that it continues to be available, that would be great, too. That's easy to do at Cluster.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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### 2023 CLUSTER MEETING SCHEDULE

As noted below, the Cluster Board has set the 2023 Cluster meetings on an every-other-month rotation between 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 U M C.



### 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan – North Wood U M C  
Feb – Tuscumbia First Methodist  
Mar - North Wood U M C  
Apr - Tuscumbia First Methodist  
May - North Wood U M C  
Jun - Tuscumbia First Methodist  
Jul - North Wood U M C  
Aug - Tuscumbia First Methodist  
Sep - North Wood U M C  
Oct - Tuscumbia First Methodist  
Nov - North Wood U M C  
Dec - Tuscumbia First Methodist