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*And they told what things were done on the way, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.*  
*Luke 24:35*

**2022 CLUSTER BOARD  
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**2022 ALABAMA WALKS**

#503 Aug. 11-14 Men

#504 Sep 8-11 Women

#505 Sep 22-25 Men

#506 Oct. 20-23 Women

#507 Nov. 10-13 Men

**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

**#503 SCHEDULED FOR  
AUGUST 11-14**

Walk #503 is a Men's Walk led by the Holy Spirit and Ricky Hall. Tony Jones is to be the Spiritual Director. The team will be from the Blount/Cullman Cluster Grouping with added members from the Franklin/Haleyville/ Marion County Cluster Grouping. As of this issue, there are **27** men assigned to #503. At this time, the Shoals still has **ONE** of those men.

**#503**

**Rob Gullett - Florence**

**SPONSORS**

**Rob** Gary Jester

This Walk will be the same weekend as the Annual Training Event and Memorial Service for the Community. This will also be when the celebration will be held for the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Alabama Emmaus Community. What a great time to have a Pilgrim!



**#504 IS SEPTEMBER 8-11**

Walk #504 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Danielle Epps from the Tuscaloosa/West AL Cluster Grouping. Woody Jones will be the Spiritual Director. At this time, there are **28** women assigned to #504, and we still have **TWO** of them!

**#504**

**Erin Melicks - Killen  
Amanda Hasting -  
Rogersville**

**SPONSORS**

**Erin** Will & April Vaden  
**Amanda** Neal Harvey

**NEXT CLUSTER MEETING**

**TUESDAY  
JUNE 21, 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)



**PASTOR APPRECIATION**

Plans are being made to honor and appreciate the Emmaus clergy serving in our Cluster area. As many of you know, the United Methodist clergy, if being transferred, move at this time of the year. So the idea is to have this event in July when that's completed. A list of these ministers has already been compiled, both active and retired. All our clergy are to be recognized, not just those who are UMC. So if you are familiar with clergy of other denominations who are also Emmaus, please provide their contact information to any of the Cluster Board Members so they can be invited also. If some of these are new to the Shoals, perhaps this can be a great introduction to the Cluster. If they are longtime residents, but haven't attended in a while, perhaps this will be a way to welcome them back. It is hoped that the invitations can be mailed by July 1.

**#505 TO BE  
SEPTEMBER 22-25**

Walk #505 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Frederick Martin. The Spiritual Director will be Mac Buttram and the team for this Walk is from our Cluster Grouping. Frederick has been filling his team since the first of May. If you have been invited, hopefully you will be able to serve. As we go to press, there are **17** men assigned to this Walk. And now the Shoals has **ONE** of them!

**#505**

**Justin Miller - Florence**

**SPONSORS**

**Justin** Bob & Julia Young

As this issue is published, there is still plenty of time to get your Pilgrim added to this Walk. Applicants will be accepted until Sept. 12. And three months is actually a very good timeframe to get your duties as a sponsor fulfilled. Again, this team is from our Cluster Grouping. That's good if you're not on the team, but if you are, please reconsider the timing.



**REUNION GROUP AGAPE  
ENCOURAGED**

Our Agape Coordinator, Brenda Quesenberry, has agape for the Walks scheduled for the rest of the year. However, she is also encouraging all area Reunion Groups to make their own too. This will be very special for all the Pilgrims and especially the team of #505. Remember, the name of your Reunion Group can be on the Agape, but no individual names.

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### RG CORNER

Did you know there are Worship Booklets available on the Information Table? There are the regular pocket size as well as the large print size, and each is \$4. If you need to replace yours, or someone in your Reunion Group does, it's easy to do at Cluster. Information Table items are available when we gather for the meal in the Family Life Center at Tuscumbia FUMC.



### SPONSORSHIP 101

The new material known as the Sponsorship Packet has been presented to the board and approved. Portions of the material will be shared at each Cluster meeting for a while and each time there will be copies provided.

Even if you're a veteran, it is believed this information will prove helpful. And if you know where your Cleopas Book is, it would also be a good idea to add this updated information there. It never hurts to have good reference material on hand! Another item of interest to sponsors was the approval at the June Board Meeting

of bringing to the Cluster a vote on the possibility of paying for ALL fees for Shoals area Pilgrims. It would be done through the Pilgrim Fund already in place. If you pay your Pilgrims' fees anyway, you'd simply put that money in the Pilgrim Fund, and it would be disbursed from there. This creates a level playing field for all Pilgrims. Additionally, our fund-raising efforts would be directed in large part toward that account. This item will be offered to the Cluster for approval at the June meeting.

### AUGUST AUCTION

Plans for the auction on August 23<sup>rd</sup> are ongoing. However, your response is needed! What kind? The committee needs to know that you'll be participating with items to auction!!! The date of the event is a Tuesday, and you may bring items any time after noon on Monday, August 22. There will also be pick-up of your items available. That might be helpful with furniture and other large items. The contact for that pickup will be listed with the promotional materials to be published soon. Surely there are those of you who have sold a home or cleaned out an attic or storeroom recently! Do let the committee know there will be some things for sale!

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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### **2022**

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

At this time, all Cluster meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Tuscumbia FUMC.