



The

*"WHERE YOU
HAVE FUN AND
GET A
BLESSING!"*

APOSTLE

www.shoalscluster.com

THE SHOALS CLUSTER NEWSLETTER

Volume 25, Number 6
JUNE 2023

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

2023 CLUSTER BOARD
CLUSTER LEADER
 Janice Alcorn
ASSISTANT CLUSTER LEADER
 Leasha Laster
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
 Bart Bowlin
ASST SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
 CLUSTER COORDINATOR
 Stephanie Hipps
SECRETARY
 Jane Almond
ASST. SECRETARY
 Patricia Jester
TREASURER
 Anita Whitaker
ASST. TREASURER
 Mitch Dobbins
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
 Allison Brooks
REUNION GROUP COORDINATOR
 Celia Rudolph
MUSIC
 Chad Kennington
DATABASE
 Jonathan Killen
AGAPE
 Brenda Quesenberry
SPONSORSHIP
 Pete Peeden
CLEOPAS CONNECTION
 Lynda Bottcher
 Revonda Twesme
 Mike Creecy
RECONNECTION
 Georgia McCaig
72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL
 Mitch Dobbins
INFORMATION TABLE
 Sue Peeden
WEB SERVANT
 Jimmy McCollum
PAST CLUSTER DIRECTOR
 Joe Peeden

#513 SET FOR AUG. 10-13
 Walk #513 is another Men's Walk, led by the Holy Spirit and Ryan Rickert. The Spiritual Director for this Walk will be Preston Headrick and the team will come from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Grouping. At this time, **27** men are assigned to this Walk, and we have **TWO** of them!!!

#513
Adam Berryhill – Rogersville
Will Datuin – Rogersville

SPONSORS
Adam Tony Datuin
 Donna Kelly
Will Tony Datuin
 Donna Kelly

This Walk is also the same weekend as the Annual Training Event that includes the Memorial Service for all the Community members who have passed away in the past year. The registration form for the Training Event is contained in the April Grapevine. Find it on our web page, make a copy and get it in before Aug. 5!!!



#514 WILL BE SEP. 14-17
 This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lisa Smith from the Gadsden/Marshall Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director for this Walk will be Terry Bentley. There are currently **24** ladies assigned to this Walk - and we have **ONE** of them so far!!!

#514
Heather Collum - Tuscombua

SPONSORS
Heather Beth Wilcoxson
 Make your plans now for Candlelight and get those letters written!!!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
JUNE 20, 2023
 6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FMC
 IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TUSCUMBIA

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

(NURSERY PROVIDED)



#515 IS SEP. 28 – OCT. 1
 Walk #515 is another Women's Walk and will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sherry Johnson. The Spiritual Director for the Walk will be Sherrill Clontz. assigned to this Walk. The team for this Walk will come from Huntsville. As we go to press, there are **19** ladies assigned to this Walk. It may be that one of them will be a part of our Cluster.

#516
Brenda Burns – Killen
SPONSORS
Brenda Karen Burns
 (who is from Harvest) and
 Patricia Farr
 (who is from Russellville)

Hopefully these sponsors will bring Brenda to our October meeting. If they do, let's be watching for them and gladly welcome her!

2023 ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

The Annual Training Event is coming up the weekend of Aug. 11-12. If you did not see the application form in the April issue of *The Grapevine*, you can find it on the Community website at alaemmaus.org, or on the Shoals Cluster website, shoalscluster.com. On the evening of the 11th we will have the annual memorial service for all members who have gone to be with the Lord from May 2022 – May 2023. This service is at 7:00 p.m. and is held in the meeting room on the second floor of the Camp's McKinney-Atkins office building. The Training Event classes will be offered the next day, Aug. 12. If you have never attended, these are overviews of each Walk team work area. You will learn what Worship, Refreshments, Candlelight, Speakers' Prayer Chapel, Housing & Registration and all the others on the back hall do, and what is involved in being an ALD, a Table Leader, and an Assistant Table Leader. There are three sessions, and you may choose any three of the classes you wish to attend. In that case you need complete the registration form and submit it by Aug. 5. It gives the options of room/board for the weekend and includes dinner on Friday night, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Or you can drive down Saturday morning. It's a great Emmaus weekend with singing, food and fellowship and seeing folks from all over the Community. Let's do this!!!



2023 ALABAMA WALKS
 #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
 #522 May 2-5 Men

SHOALS EMMAUS CLUSTER
4409 Misty Mountain Road
Tuscumbia AL 35674



Find Us On

Or - On the Web at
www.shoalscluster.com

RG CORNER

How is your group doing as we move into summer? Is it impacted by vacations or other travel plans? It doesn't mean the group has to drop for the summer. In fact, it's a good time to have special plans, such as a picnic or maybe even a trip FOR the group. It can be an event that will 'bind you together' in a special way. Put on your thinking cap and see what you might be led to do!



SPONSORSHIP 101

It may sound a little funny, but as a sponsor, do you know what time Walks begin on Thursday night? It's easy to be away from this part of the schedule – especially if you are actively serving on teams – and lose track of that detail. On Opening Night, if all the Pilgrims have arrived, the Walk is to begin at 7:20. If there are Pilgrims who are late, the schedule allows waiting until 7:35 for the Walk to begin. So as a sponsor, you should use 7:20 to calculate when you need pick up your Pilgrim and allow time for dinner on the way, arriving at Camp to register, find the Pilgrim's

room, make their bed, and return to Hutto. Once there, you should help them find and meet their roommates and have a chance to have some of the refreshments. So be sure you know how long it will take you to handle this. Then hopefully you know that Candlelight is at 7:45 on Saturday and you don't want to miss any of this. On Sunday, Closing is at 4:45. This is when your part of the service begins, and the Pilgrims come up at 5:00. You should have gone to get their luggage BEFORE 4:45. Hope this helps!

DID YOU KNOW?

In the last Cluster Board Meeting, some questions were asked about the progression to become a Walk Lay Director. In case you'd like to know, it works like this. First, a Lay Director must ask you to serve on the back hall. That's any area outside the Conference Room. Once you have worked here, you are eligible to be asked to be a Table Leader OR Assistant Table Leader – either one. The Assistant Table Leaders give talks. Once you have filled both these roles, you are then eligible to be an Assistant Lay Director or ALD. You must serve TWICE as an ALD to be nominated to be a Walk Lay Director.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Shoals Cluster Leader **JANICE ALCORN** – (256) 710-7739
Cluster Spiritual Director **BART BOWLIN** (256) 762-2011
Community Coordinator **Angel Rait** Office@alaemmaus.org
P.O. Box 38 – Cropwell, AL 35054 (205) 812-0345
Community Treasurer **Kathy Mitchell** – (256)-794-5196
Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (Prompt #5)

2023

MEETING SCHEDULE

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