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This is My commandment: that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

John 15:12

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#502 TO BE MAY 12-15

This Women's Walk, led by the Holy Spirit and Cariln Burrow, will have a team that's from the Haleyville/Franklin/Marion County Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director will be Mitch Nethery. There are **20** ladies assigned to this Walk, and we no longer have any. Do keep those who are attending and the team in your prayers this weekend!



#503 SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11-14

Walk #503 is a Men's Walk led by the Holy Spirit and Rick Hall. Tony Jones is to be the Spiritual Director. The team will come from the Blount/Cullman Cluster Grouping with added members from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping. As of this April issue, there are **24** men assigned to #503. At this time, the Shoals has **ONE** of those men.

#503

Rob Gullett - Florence

SPONSORS

Rob Gary Jester

If you have someone in mind to sponsor, this Walk could have at least four more men added, and you would have until Aug. 1 before registration for this one closes. This Walk is 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 40th birthday of the Alabama Emmaus Community. What a great time to have a Pilgrim!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
MAY 17, 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)

NEW REUNION GROUP!

There is a new Reunion Group for women being organized. The first meeting is at lunch on Thursday, May 19 at 11:30 at River Bottom Grille, under the bridge in Florence. Anyone who wants to come is invited! You might think of this as a 'seed' group, where you can learn all the dynamics of a Reunion Group, and if you wish, can go and start another one. Or you can stay with the base group. Even if you're already in a Reunion Group, nothing says you can't be in more than one! And if you have Pilgrims you have sponsored who are not yet in a group, this might be just the place for them. Do let all your friends know about this new group. We currently have only eleven functioning Shoals Reunion Groups. That means some folks are missing out on a treat!



#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 **27** women assigned to #504, and we have **TWO** of them!

#504

Erin Melicks - Killen
Amanda Hasting - Rogersville

SPONSORS

Erin Will & April Vaden
Amanda Neal Harvey

Even though there currently are 27 ladies assigned to #504, it's four months out and a lot could happen between now and then. If you believe this is the perfect time for someone you want to sponsor, go ahead. Registration does end on August 29, but you would want to give yourself and the Pilgrim more time than that.



AUCTION PLANS FIRING UP

Leadership is coming together for the auction in August. As noted in April, the date is Aug. 23rd, and it will be held in the Family Life Center at First UMC in Tuscumbia. This year there are Co-Coordinators: Leasha Laster and Revonda Twesme. There will be a meal and a live and a silent auction. If you'd like to help with any part of this, let Leasha or Revonda know. That would be easy at the meeting next week! As the plans come together, you'll find updates announced here as well as on the Cluster website.

2022 ALABAMA WALKS

#502 May 12-15 Women
 #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

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If you're in a ladies reunion group that has not yet 'come back to life' since the pandemic, you might want to consider attending the meeting of the new group mentioned on the front page. This might be only to get some refresher tips for your original group, or to add this group to the first one. There are some folks who belong to two or even three reunion groups and have the blessing of the support of all of them. Why not!?!?!



SPONSORSHIP 101

The stated purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to build church leadership. Although we have all been told this at some point, the experience is so wonderful, it is all too easy to want to sponsor for other reasons. We have all had the temptation to give this gift to someone who has just experienced a form of trauma, or who may be emotionally inviable. While we know in our minds that a Walk cannot 'fix' a person, our hearts still want to share this awesome experience of love with them anyway. But it is not fair to a person in a broken condition, nor to an

Emmaus team or other Pilgrims, to put that person in that kind of place. This has happened more than once in the few Walks we've had since starting them back. Those broken individuals have not been able to complete the Walks and the Conference Room has been disrupted. As a sponsor, please consider whether a potential Pilgrim is able to fulfill the purpose of church leadership, pray about it, and then make the decision whether to sponsor. We always say a person goes in God's time. Be sure you're in sync.

CLUSTER GROUPING PICNIC!

Some of you may recall when we had such a picnic back in 2019. It was a combined effort of the Shoals, Athens and Moulton Clusters, held at a park pavilion in Moulton. Katie Dobbins has agreed to coordinate the picnic this year and this time it is to be held in the Shoals. Last time each Cluster was responsible for a part of the food – such as the Shoals bringing the entrees, Athens doing the sides and the desserts coming from Moulton. It may be similar this year, and Katie may be asking for volunteers to help. Listen for announcements at our meetings and watch for updates here. It's going to be great fun!!!



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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