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THE SHOALS CLUSTER NEWSLETTER

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*For by Thee I have run through a troop; by my God have I leaped over a wall.  
II Samuel 22:30*

**2020 CLUSTER BOARD**

**LAY DIRECTOR**

Clay Hammond

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Joe Holley

**RECONNECTION**

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**72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL**

Mary Lee Dobbins

**INFORMATION TABLE**

Cathy Everett

**WEBSERVANT**

Jimmy McCollum

**PAST CLUSTER DIRECTOR**

Revonda Twesme

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**2021 ALABAMA WALKS**

#494 Feb. 4-7 Women

#495 Mar. 4-7 Men

**#496 Apr. 8-11 Women**

#497 May 20-23 Men

#498 June 17-20 Women

#499 July 15-18 Women

#500 Aug. 12-15 Men

#501 Aug. 26-29 Women

#502 Sep. 9-12 Women

#503 Oct. 14-17 Men

**NEW DIRECTOR NAMED TO ALABAMA EMMAUS BOARD**

Each year, a new person from this Cluster Grouping is named to take the place of a member ending the second year of their term. Our Cluster Grouping includes the Athens, Moulton, and Shoals Clusters. The 2020 members are from Athens and Moulton and the one from Athens is ending his term this December. The new Director named for 2021-2022 from the Shoals is Clay Hammond. He will serve as a member of the Team Selection Committee for the grouping and as a Board Representative for Walks led by members of these three Clusters. Those named to the Alabama Emmaus Community Board of Directors must have served to the level of Assistant Lay Director to qualify.



**AGAPE PARTIES BEING PLANNED**

As the Cluster Board held their November meeting, plans were discussed for dates in the new year for making agape. Agape Chair Brenda Quesenberry told the group there is enough on hand for the first three Walks. But the third Walk, #496, is from our Cluster Grouping, and the Shoals Cluster will want to have some special pieces for that. As noted in another article, the Alabama Board of Directors voted in October to reduce the number of pieces requested from 80 to 60.

**NEXT CLUSTER MEETING**

*Tuesday*

**NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

*Where you have fun and get a blessing!!!*

**TUSCUMBIA FUMC**

BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TUSCUMBIA

TUSCUMBIA, AL

**NO MEAL!**

**BRING:**

Worship Guide

Name Badge

**GOOD JOKES**

Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

**-AND YOU!!!**

**CAMP WATER TANK REFURBISHED**

Many of you may recall that at the end of last year, there was an appeal to the Community for funds to help renovate the Camp Water Tank. Recently the before/after picture below was published. If any of you were contributors through the



Cluster or through a Camp Champion for the Creating Camp Connections Campaign, this is what was accomplished with your donations! Aren't you so proud?! The same campaign is underway right now through the month of November. See more in a related article in this issue.

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

Due to restrictions still in place at Florence FUMC, Cluster meetings for the rest of 2020 will be held at Tuscumbia FUMC. Clay Hammond knew Tuscumbia was able to have groups, asked, and TFUMC graciously agreed to host. As noted in the box to the left, the time is the same – **6:00 p.m.** – even though there will be no meal. There will be no childcare. We will meet in the sanctuary and you are asked to **enter through the front doors of the church.** There will be a table in the narthex with pre-packaged individual communion cups. Please pick one up as you enter. The sign-in registry will be there as well. The church asks that you mask and that you practice social distancing. Pews are roped off to allow seating in every other one. Regardless, seeing each other, singing, and sharing communion is such a blessing! Come and be a part of it!



**MEMORIAL LIST**

Each year at our meeting in December we remember those of our Cluster who have gone to be with the Lord in the year past. The list currently has the seven names below:

**2020**

**KENNETH BARNES - #304**  
**LARRY BROADFOOT - #280**

**JIM CABLER - #191**

**BECKY DICKINSON - #300**

**MARY MCCORKLE - #217**

**JIMMIE RUTH PARRIS - #8**

**SAM STRIBLING - #297**

**LARRY YOUNG - #299**

If you are aware of others who should be added, please give their names to Clay Hammond or Lynda Bottcher.

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Or - On the Web at  
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#### RG CORNER

Some Reunion Groups find a way to get together, one way or another. Hopefully, yours is one of those. If your group is not meeting in person yet, or if you are not comfortable doing that, surely you are at least staying in touch by phone, text, or email. The contact is a priority, even when there is no pandemic. After all, that's the essence of a Reunion Group, isn't it? If you and at least some of your group are finding a way now to meet in person, what a wonderful blessing that must be! Some would say it can even be a life saver!



#### SPONSORSHIP 101

So many things have changed this year. WOW! Is that an understatement!?! It is all one can do to keep up, not only with absorbing the revisions, but keeping the information itself revised! As most know, the last eight Walks of 2020 were moved over into 2021. At this point, Camp Sumatanga plans to open with the new year. All the changes include a new Camp Board of Trustees, a new Camp Director, and the request of the Camp that all Emmaus Walks be held at the McKinney-Atkins/Retreat Centers. Every part of the Walks will be there except Candlelight, which will still be held in Hutto Auditorium. The

(Sponsorship con't.) first Walk, which is #494, is scheduled for Feb. 4-7. With the move to smaller facilities, the AEC Board of Directors has reduced the maximum number of Pilgrims per Walk to 21. In an historic move on Oct. 24, the Board reduced the number of pieces of agape requested from 80 to 60. So, keeping up can be a moment by moment thing. The Sponsor Letter is also being revised to reflect these changes, so be sure to read yours carefully when you receive it. You will need to know all this to be able to guide your Pilgrims accordingly.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (Prompt #5)



I'm a Champion for  
Camp Sumatanga

CREATING CAMP CONNECTIONS  
2020 Annual Campaign Supporting Camp Sumatanga

#### 2020 CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

As noted on the front page, the annual Camp Sumatanga campaign called Creating Camp Connections is underway. It runs from Nov. 1 thru Dec. 1. If you'd like to give online, go to <https://campaignsumatanga.swell.gives> and click Give Now and choose a Camp Champion. The Alabama Emmaus Community is a Camp Champion and you can click on that link. Or text Sumatanga to 41411, click the link, choose a Champion, and give. Of course, you can write a check made to Camp Sumatanga and mail it to:

Camp Sumatanga Fall Campaign  
3616 Sumatanga Road  
Gallant, AL 35972



#### **2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**TUSCUMBIA FUMC**  
**November and December**