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Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:10 KJV

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INFORMATION TABLE

Sue Peeden

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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
- #523 Aug 8-11 Men
- #524 Sep 12-15 Women
- #525 Sep 26-29 Men
- #526 Oct 17-20 Women

#518 IS FEB. 1-4, 2024

This first Walk of 2024 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Cathy Parker. The Spiritual Director is Paul Vick, and the team is from the Cheaha/East AL Cluster Grouping. As of this date, there are **25** ladies assigned to this Walk in February. None of them is a Shoals pilgrim, but one of them is the daughter-in-law of Roy and Celia Rudolph. She lives in Madison. If you'd like to write her a letter – which would be great! – her name is Amelia Rudolph. She goes by Ameer, so either way should work. Be sure to lift this team and all the pilgrims in your prayers!



#519 IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7-10

Walk #519 will be led by the Holy Spirit and **Jim Maynard**, and the Spiritual Director will be Larry Hogan. As you may know, Jim is from Athens and the team will be from our Cluster Grouping. He has already been contacting some folks to serve on his team, so be in prayer for him, and for the whole process. As of this issue of the Apostle, there are only **6** men assigned to this Walk, and so far, there are **none** from the Shoals. Please remember that if you are serving on the team, this is not the time for you to sponsor a Pilgrim. If you are in the Conference Room, you cannot have a Pilgrim on this Walk. If you're working on the back hall, you are strongly discouraged from having a Pilgrim on this Walk. Please be a good sponsor and teach your Pilgrim how to follow the rules!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.

NORTH WOOD UMC
1129 WILLS AVE. – FLORENCE, AL

BRING: COVERED DISH

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

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

#520 TO BE MARCH 14-17

This Walk is a Women's Walk and it will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lee Ann O'Toole. The Spiritual Director will be Cam Price, and the team will come from the Blount County-Cullman Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, there are no Pilgrims assigned to this Walk thus far. So that means that you have four months to prepare for this Walk if you have someone in mind. This gives you plenty of time to prepare your Pilgrim and to secure all the letters. And if you are new, or if you haven't sponsored in some time, the Shoals Cluster Sponsorship Packet is a great asset. Check with our Cluster Sponsorship Chairperson, Pete Peeden, or pick one up on the Information Table at the November Cluster meeting.



LIST OF MEMORIALS FOR DECEMBER MEETING

Each November we publish a list of our members who have gone on to be with the Lord. At the December meeting, we have a memorial service and light a candle for each one as their name is called. There is an opportunity as each name is called for family and/or friends to come to the front and say a word of remembrance. As of this issue, the following list has been compiled. If you know of others who should be included, please contact a board member with the information.

- DON ARMSTRONG - #263
- MARCIA BUSH - #295
- DON FITTS - #396
- VIRGINIA MCWILLIAMS - #252
- DAVID PHILLIPS - #302
- SARAH SANDLIN - #63
- CINDY SCHUESSLER - #21
- DANYLU SIBLEY - #204
- ANN YOW - #294



2024 LEADERSHIP

As each year ends, all Clusters name a new person to start a term of service on their Cluster Grouping Team Selection Committee. This is done by the newly elected Cluster Board for the upcoming year. The person named for the Shoals this year is Mitch Dobbins. Once these new members are named for the Grouping, this committee names a new member of the Alabama Emmaus Board of Directors. This new director for our grouping is Jimmy Grisham of Athens.



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Does your Reunion Group ever make agape? If not, this might be something to consider. When this is done by a small group, it's much more 'doable' and it can be such a source of joy and bonding. Beyond the fact that it is such a blessing to your group, it is also a great help to our Agape Chairperson, Brenda Quesenberry, by adding to the amount she sends to each Walk. As we are about to enter a new year, why not think about giving this a try? It may just surprise you how much you'll enjoy it!



SPONSORSHIP 101

At the October AEC board meeting, board member Judy Anderson submitted a chart outlining the purpose of Emmaus, showing what it is – and what it is not. Here are her points:

WHAT EMMAUS IS TO DO

1. Strengthen the local church.
2. Grow leadership in the local church.
3. Strengthen individual spirituality.
4. Develop a closer relationship with Jesus.
5. Teach us to work together.
6. Teach us how to love others.
7. Teach us how to serve

others.

WHAT EMMAUS IS NOT

1. Trying to outdo someone else.
2. Bringing attention to an individual.
3. Keeping up with the Jones (one-upping).
4. Going against Emmaus guidelines.
5. Being materialistic.

These are good reminders of the purpose of Emmaus when considering a person to sponsor. While it may be a result at times, the purpose is never to 'fix' a person. It is to enhance their service within their local church.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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PRAYER

As new people are being named to our Cluster Board, and to the Alabama Community Board, it is so important to keep these people in your prayers. We are all familiar with the prayer that covers every aspect of the Walks. And we all know the value of that prayer. And as we all know, too, times are very different than they were, say, a year ago, or even five years ago. As we all go into an unseen future, prayer for these who are willing to serve will be all important. So as you lift up family, friends, church, and nations, please remember to include these folks as well.



2023 **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Nov - North Wood U M C
Dec - Tuscumbia First Methodist