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And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians 13:13 NIV

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INFORMATION TABLE

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2021 ALABAMA WALKS

#497 Oct 14-17 Men

2022 ALABAMA WALKS

#498 Feb 10-13 Women

#499 Mar 3-6 Women

#500 Mar 17-20 Men

#501 Apr 21-24 Women

#502 May 19-22 Women

#503 June 16-19 Men

#504 July 7-10 Men

ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

"Hallelujah Homecoming"

The 2021 Annual Training Event and Memorial Service will be October 15-16. While October is a different month than usual, the format will be the same. However, the theme for the event this year will be *Hallelujah Homecoming!* This is because - as with so many other things - there was no event in 2020. Registration forms will be available at the Cluster Meeting and online on the Cluster website and the Community website. They are due on or before October 8. The Memorial Service will include names from both 2020 and 2021, so there will be quite a few. The Community has over 65 and the Shoals Cluster has 10. This service is at 7:00 on Friday night, Oct. 15 in the upstairs meeting room of the McKinney-Atkins building. On Saturday there will be a homecoming guest and a time for remembering, as well as classes to train in all areas of working on a Walk Team. You may register for a room on Friday night and attend all the functions, or you may register for the training only on Saturday. If you book a room for Friday night, dinner that night as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday are part of the package. If you'd like to arrive on Saturday, you may choose whether you want breakfast and lunch, or just lunch - or neither! If you haven't been to Camp in a while, this would be a great time to **come home!!!**



NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY

September 21, 2021

6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FUMC

In Beautiful Downtown Tuscumbia

BRING:

Worship Guide

Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

BUFFET MEALS SERVED

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

#498 TO BE FEB. 10-13, 2022

This first Walk of 2022 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Tami Kelly. The Spiritual Director is Paul Vick, and the team will come from the Cherokee-DeKalb/Gadsden/Marshall County Cluster Grouping. At this time, there are **21** ladies assigned to this Walk, and we have **TWO** of them!

#498

**Dallas Hunt - Florence
Crystal Holt - Leighton**

SPONSORS

Dallas Will & April Vaden
Crystal Lori Mills

The date for this Walk is VERY close to Valentine's Day, so we need to show the love!!!! And, we have a lot of prayer time to give!



#497 TO BE OCT. 14-17

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Butch Burgess from the Tuscaloosa/West AL Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director will be Lynn Gibson. As we look at this last Walk of the year, and it's a Men's Walk, please consider whether there is someone you know who would a great fit it. There is not a lot of time left, but there is a real need to fill it. As we go to press, there are **11** men assigned to #497. We need at least 4 more! Cane we do it? Yes, we can!!!



#499 IS MARCH 3-6

This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Susan Lewis. Sherrill Clontz will be the Spiritual Director and the team will originate from the Huntsville Cluster. As of today, there are **21** women assigned to this Walk, and the Shoals has **TWO** of them!!!

#499

**Pat Yarbrough - Killen
Anita Scoggins - Tuscumbia**

SPONSORS

Pat Tosha Phillips
Anita Jenilee Ross
Tosha Phillips

Hold these Pilgrims and their sponsors - as well as the team - in your prayers until this time arrives. Your prayers can mean so much!



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CHICKEN TERIYAKI
RICE
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT SALAD
ROLL
DESSERT



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RG CORNER

Be sure to check out the new issue of the *Grapevine* that will publish on Sept. 27. Community Lay Director Teresa Walker has a great article full of information about the structure and the function of Reunion Groups. It may give your group a fresh start. Or, if you are not in a group and want to start a new one, here's all you need to get going. And just to be sure you're up to date, the *Grapevine* is not currently being printed and mailed. Instead, it's emailed to every Cluster Leader for distributing. Ours is usually posted on the Shoals Cluster website.

SPONSORSHIP 101

Just to remind you as a sponsor, Pilgrims are now being housed in the South Wing of the Lodge. This has been the case for the two Walks in August and the one in September. So far, all has worked well. Just another reminder for you – on #496 there was a Pilgrim who didn't have a blanket and the Humble Servants had to secure one for her. It seemed that this Pilgrim's sponsor had failed to see that she knew to bring more bedding than just sheets. And it appeared that the sponsor also failed to check on this before bringing the

Pilgrim to Camp. True - there are a lot of details a sponsor must manage, and this is a pretty basic one. It isn't known if this was the first time this sponsor had fulfilled these duties, but it is an example of why a co-sponsor is needed the first time one does sponsor a Pilgrim. There are just so many items to tend and so much information one needs to know! So if you're planning to sponsor for the first time, ask an experienced Emmaus person to help you do it. They will be delighted to do so!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Cluster By-Laws call for the Nominating Committee names to be published in the newsletter prior to the naming of Cluster Board Members for the coming year. Serving this year are Joe Peeden, Janice Alcorn, Revonda Twesme, Debra Whitten and Lynda Bottcher. The new slate will be elected at the October meeting.



#496 WAS GREAT!!!

The Lord provided perfect weather for the Walk and gave us 16 Pilgrims! The weekend was a blessing to everyone - as usual and all are grateful for your prayers!



2021

MEETING SCHEDULE

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