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There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
Romans 8:1 KJV

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- 2023 ALABAMA WALKS**
- #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
#523 Aug 8-11 Men
#524 Sep 12-15 Women
#525 Sep 26-29 Men
#526 Oct 17-20 Women
#527 Nov 7-10 Women

#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 **22** ladies assigned to this Walk - and we *still* have **ONE** of them!!!

#514
Heather Collum - Tuscumbia

SPONSORS
Heather Beth Wilcoxson

Of course this Walk begins this Thursday, so hopefully you can be at Candlelight and have your letters in hand!



#515 IS SEP. 28 – OCT. 1
Walk #515 is also a Women's Walk and it will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sherry Johnson. The Spiritual Director for the Walk will be Sherrill Clontz. The team for this Walk is from Huntsville. There now are **27** ladies assigned to this Walk, so it is basically filled. As of this issue of the newsletter, there are still no Shoals area Pilgrims listed for #515. Do keep these ladies and the team in your prayers!!!



SEPTEMBER MEETING
Décor for the September meeting will be UNA colors, gear and clothing. Bring tail gate food for your covered dish!!



NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 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)

#516 TO BE OCT. 19-22
This Walk will be the last Men's Walk of 2023. It will be led by the Holy Spirit and Bill Rush. Gary Formby will be the Spiritual Director. The team will come from the B'ham South, B'ham East, South Shelby Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, we have **3** men on the list to attend this Walk!!! Isn't this awesome!?!?!?

#516
Stephen Tanner – Muscle Shoals
Jeff Whitaker – Cherokee
Anthony Wilson - Florence

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Stephen Tony Latham
Jeff Anita Whitaker
Anthony Bradley Hipps
Pete Peeden

This Walk is just over a month away, so now is the time to be getting letters written and to be making plans for Candlelight! Isn't it great to see this many guys from the Shoals listed? Hallelujah!!!



2024 CLUSTER BOARD SLATE

The election of the 2024 Cluster Board will be held during this month's meeting on Sept. 19. The slate of board approved nominees is listed below.

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Don Kirk
- REUNION GROUP COORDINATOR**
Donnie Armstrong
- MUSIC**
Chad Kennington
- DATABASE**
Jonathan Killen
- AGAPE**
Brenda Quesenberry
- ASSISTANT AGAPE**
Jean Peeden
- SPONSORSHIP**
Pete Peeden
- CLEOPAS CONNECTION**
Roy & Celia Rudolph
- ASSISTANT CLEOPAS CONNECTION**
Mike Creecy
- ASSISTANT CLEOPAS CONNECTION**
Patsy Killen
- 72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL**
Mitch Dobbins
- INFORMATION TABLE**
Glenda Sue Peeden
- WEB SERVANT**
Jimmy McCollum
- NEWSLETTER**
Georgia McCaig/Jimmy McCollum
- PAST CLUSTER DIRECTOR**
Janice Alcorn

Be sure you're there to vote!!! Nominations may be made from the floor, as long as anyone who is nominated is qualified, and has agreed to serve if elected.



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RG CORNER

Is your Reunion Group 'open', or 'closed'? What does that mean? If the group feels it's important to retain confidentiality by not adding new members, it would be considered closed. If it is either all women or all men, it might be closed to those of the other gender. By the way, it's fine to have groups that are co-ed! It's just that all members need to agree to that status. But if your group is agreeable to adding new members, it would be called an 'open' Reunion Group. If you aren't sure how your group feels about this, be sure to learn before inviting a new member!!!

SPONSORSHIP 101

Are you a new sponsor – or has it been a while since you sponsored? As with everything else, there are always changes. Last year the Shoals Cluster created a packet for sponsors of all shapes and sizes! It would be a great asset if you are a bit unsure of anything about your role as a sponsor. And please do remember that if you're new, you need a co-Sponsor! This is someone who is active in Cluster and stays up to date. This will ensure that any recent changes are taken into account – for you AND for your Pilgrim. And if you've been a sponsor before but

it's been a while, a whole lot of changes may have taken place in the meantime! So for any old reason at all – go ahead and take advantage of this resource. Look on the Information Table at the meeting next Tuesday or ask Pete Peeden for a copy. It can be a good item to share with other, too. It answers a lot of questions in a concise manner and gives a format for getting the letters for your Pilgrim. One of the best things it does is remind you what time the Walks begin, and what time Candlelight and Closing are!

LANE BERRY TAKES OVER

As noted some months ago, Angel Rait announced her retirement as Community Coordinator at the end of this year. Applications were taken and after interviews by the Alabama Emmaus Community Nominating Committee, Lane Berry was chosen to replace Angel. Due to some health issues that have arisen since then, the reins were turned over to Lane on Friday, September 8th. As you know, the Community Coordinator is the person who receives the applications for Pilgrims to attend a Walk, and assigns them. So as you may be sponsoring or working on a team, you will now be hearing from Lane. Please note his updated information in the box on this page. The Emmaus Office phone number changed as a result of the move. Please note.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

2023

MEETING SCHEDULE

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