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# APOSTLE

THE SHOALS CLUSTER NEWSLETTER

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As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. — Luke 24:15-16 NIV

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
6:00 P.M.  
NORTH WOOD UMC  
1129 WILLS AVENUE  
FLORENCE, ALABAMA

BRING:  
COVERED DISH  
Worship Guide  
Name Badge  
GOOD JOKES  
Joyful Noise Voice  
An Emmaus Friend  
-AND YOU!!!  
(NURSERY PROVIDED)

## Layperson to Speak at September's Meeting

The September Emmaus Cluster meeting will be held at North Wood UMC, Thursday, September 17. Spiritual Director, Bart Bowlin, will ask a layperson who has been on a Walk to speak during our devotional time. Communion will be served afterwards. Childcare is provided.

## Carolyn Phillips Remembered

This summer a bench was installed by the Cheaha Cluster at Camp Sumatanga to honor the memory of Carolyn Phillips who passed away last year. She served as the Alabama Emmaus Community Coordinator from 1996 - 2017 and was the longest serving Community Coordinator, serving for over 300 walks. She attended Walk 63 in February of 1989. The bench is located near the new bridge behind Hutto. Feel free to visit the bench when on a break from working the back hall, or if you just want a nice, shady spot to rest and reflect.



## Upcoming Walks

**WALK #524 IS SEPTEMBER 12-15**—Walk #524 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Roxann Edsell. The Spiritual Director is Lori Carden and the team will be from the South Shelby/B'ham East and B'ham South Cluster Grouping. This Walk begins Thursday of this week and is considered full with 24 Pilgrims as of this Monday. We still have the THREE ladies: **Pam Jones of Florence sponsored by Bradley & Stephanie Hipps and Willie Jones; Kristie Wardlaw of Florence sponsored by Bradley & Stephanie Hipps; and Robyn Garrett of Muscle Shoals sponsored by Roy & Celia Rudolph.** Please be sure to write those letters and get them to their sponsors!

**WALK #525 IS SEPTEMBER 26-29**—The Holy Spirit and Al Killen will lead Walk #525 on September 26 –29. The Spiritual Director is Mitch Nethery, and the team will be coming from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping. There has been concern about having enough Pilgrims for this Walk to go forward, but praise the Lord, there are now 19!!! However, there are still NO Shoals area men on the list. The window to get a Pilgrim on this Walk closes Monday, September 16. But this is really not enough time to sponsor properly unless your person was already in the process and assigned to a later Walk. In any case, keep the prayers going for everyone involved.

**WALK #526 IS OCTOBER 17 - 20**—Walk #526 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Stepanie Kirby and Mike Densmore will serve as the Spiritual Director. The team will be from the Cheaha/East Alabama Cluster Grouping. There are now 25 ladies assigned to this Walk, but none of them is from the Shoals. However, Clay and Patsy Shaw Hammond have a Pilgrim from Brentwood, TN on this Walk. Her name is Shari Godley, and it would be wonderful if all of us would write Shari a letter! With 25 Pilgrims assigned, this Walk can be considered "full". However, if this is a good date for someone you want to sponsor, it would be worth the try. You'd have to have everything in by October 7. That's not a lot of time, but it is doable. Don't forget that the Cluster will pay all the Pilgrim's fees but the \$30 registration fee.

### 2024 ALABAMA WALKS

#524 September 12-15 Women  
#525 September 26-29 Men  
#526 October 17-20 Women  
#527 November 7-10 Women

### 2025 ALABAMA WALKS

#528 February 20-23 Women  
#529 March 6-9 Men  
#530 March 20-23 Women

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**2024 MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Sep—North Wood UMC  
Oct—Tuscumbia First Methodist  
Nov—North Wood UMC  
Dec—Tuscumbia First Methodist  
**2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Jan—North Wood UMC  
Feb—Tuscumbia First Methodist

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## Sponsorship 101

In the August Grapevine, Lane Berry, Community Coordinator, remembered the excitement everyone experienced twenty to twenty-five years ago when a Walk was considered “full” (49 pilgrims). In recent years the numbers went to the 30-35 range, but as he noted, they then dropped significantly after the pandemic.

Lane offered these suggestions that you may want to consider:

- Ask your pastor to take 5 minutes Sunday morning to introduce or remind your congregations of the Emmaus Walk.
- Ask your Sunday Schools for a moment to talk about the Emmaus Walk. Post fliers on hallway bulletin boards in the church.
- There are booklets and other resources available to introduce the Emmaus Walk.
- Prayerfully consider who God may lead you to approach about the Emmaus Walk.

## 1-855-428-2047

When you receive this number in your text messages, let it be known that it’s a text from the Shoals Cluster telling you it’s time for our monthly meeting! Please don’t block or delete it! Instead, add it to your contact list so you’ll see “Shoals Emmaus Cluster” next time it appears!!!

If you haven’t gotten a text message like this, and would like to, just send the word “Emmaus” as a text to the number above and you’ll be added to the list. NOTE: This is not a group text message!!! It WILL NOT go out to everyone on the list with yours, and you will not get all those reply notifications!!!

The board is making an effort to re-establish connection with its Cluster members. It’s been learned that some of our members are no longer hearing from us. Help spread the word. If you know someone who has not heard from us in a while, let them know about this updating process.

## Reunion Groups

First Band of Brothers	First Light	Girls Rejoicing in the Spirit
Hearts Desire	His Girls Friday	Old Friends, New Friends
Prayer Breakfast	Sons of the Light	The Son Risers
Thursday’s Lunch Bunch	Women of the World	

For day/time and place click [Reunion Groups \(shoalscluster.com\)](http://Reunion Groups (shoalscluster.com))

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