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*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ.—*Ephesians 2:4-5 KJV

UNA Theme for September Meeting

As another school year and the start of football season is upon us, our September Cluster Meeting will have an UNA theme. You are encouraged to wear Purple & Gold apparel, UNA colors, to the meeting Tuesday, September 16 at North Wood UMC.

Sponsorship News!

As mentioned in previous issues, the Alabama Emmaus Board of Directors has been working toward making the payment of Pilgrim fees digital. And the news is -----IT'S FINALLY DONE! The board announced this at the Annual Training Event last month.

You can go to the Community website – alaemmaus.org – and see that you can now pay with Venmo!!! There has been a fillable form application there for some time. Now you can also pay by scanning the QR code there! It's becoming easier and easier to sponsor your Pilgrim(s)! So – what are you waiting for?!?

Upcoming Walks

WALK #534 IS THIS WEEKEND—Walk #534 will occur this weekend, September 11-14, and will be led by the Holy Spirit and Valrie Bain. The Spiritual Director is David Gray, and the team is from the Cheaha/East Alabama Cluster Grouping. There are 16 ladies assigned to this Walk, but there are none from the Shoals. However, you may still attend Candlelight, whether or not you know a Pilgrim. And of course, do pray for the team and these ladies, particularly if you've taken a spot on the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil.

WALK #535 IS COMING UP—Walk #535, led by the Holy Spirit and our own Julie Martin, is coming up September 25!!! Larry Hogan is the Spiritual Director for this Walk. Currently, there are **25** ladies assigned to #535!!! But you can still add someone as long as the application is in by next Monday, September 15. We do have **SIX** of the 25 ladies who are currently on the list but more can be added! Here are those on the list:

PILGRIM / LOCATION / SPONSOR
Jennifer Briody / Florence / Joe Peeden
Monica Hegs / Florence / Larry White, Jennifer Bennetch
Kim Lowery / Florence / Joe Peeden
Janet Espy / Waterloo / Sharon Sims
Peggy Tucker / Waterloo / Sharon Sims
Lee Wayland / Waterloo / Sharon Sims

WALK #536 SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16-19—After three Women's Walks in a row, this October Walk is a Men's Walk! It will be led by the Holy Spirit and Neil Branham. The Spiritual Director in Tony Jones and the team will be drawn from the Blount/Cullman Cluster Grouping. Remarkably, there are **31** men already assigned to this Walk!!! Praise the Lord! And – we have **TWO** of them! Yes, this is a pretty full Walk, but actually, if you have someone you'd like to put with them, it's quite likely that Community Coordinator Lane Berry would add your guy to the list. After all, it's the last Men's Walk of the year. The deadline for that application is October 6. Here are the Shoals area Pilgrims that are listed so far:

PILGRIM / LOCATION / SPONSOR
Daniel Green / Tuscumbia / Shawn Gober
Zach South / Town Creek / Tony & Will Datuin

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
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)

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2025 ALABAMA WALKS
#533 August 7-10 Women
#534 September 11-14 Women
#535 September 25-28 Women
#536 October 16-19 Men
#537 November 6-9 Women

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2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan—North Wood UMC
Feb—Tuscumbia First Methodist
Mar—North Wood UMC
Apr—Tuscumbia First Methodist
May—North Wood UMC
Jun—Tuscumbia First Methodist
Jul—North Wood UMC
Aug—Tuscumbia First Methodist
Sep—North Wood UMC
Oct—Tuscumbia First Methodist
Nov—North Wood UMC
Dec—Tuscumbia First Methodist

The Apostle

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Cluster Board Election Results

The following will serve on the Emmaus Cluster Board for 2026.

2026 Shoals Emmaus Cluster Board			
CLUSTER LEADER Jonathan Killen	ASST CLUSTER LEADER Jean Peeden	SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Bart Bowlin	ASST SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Bradley Hipps
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ASST SECRETARY	TREASURER Mitch Dobbins	ASST TREASURER Anita Whitaker	COMMUNICATIONS COOR Pam Roden Jones
ASST COMMUNICATIONS	DATABASE COORDINATOR Revonda Tweseme	AGAPE Brenda Quesenberry	ASST AGAPE Patsy Hammond
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You can sign up by sending the word “Emmaus” in a text message to the number 1-855-428-2047.

Join the Alabama Emmaus Community Facebook group for online information about Emmaus events. Search for Alabama Emmaus Community.

Reunion Groups

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

For day/time and place click Reunion Groups or visit www.shoalscluster.com/reunion-groups.