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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:00 P.M.

TUSCUMBIA FIRST METHODIST
104 THIRD STREET
TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA

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Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

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2026 ALABAMA WALKS

#538 February 19-22 Women

#539 March 5-8 Men

#540 March 19-22 Women

#541 April 23-26 Women

#542 May 14-17 Men

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him
- Psalm 34:8 (KJV)

Cluster Leadership Training Is February 21

The annual Cluster Leadership Training provided by the Alabama Emmaus Community will be held Saturday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Camp Sumatanga in the Conference Room of Building 4 of the Retreat Center. This training is primarily designed for Cluster Leaders, but any member of the Community may attend. The Shoals Cluster by-laws require our Cluster Leader and assistant to attend, and Jonathan Killen and Jean Peeden will both be there.

If you'd like to know more about how the Clusters work and learn the latest information from the Community, feel free to attend!



Upcoming Walks

CORRECTION: In last month's issue, our Pilgrim named Monica, who will be attending Walk #538, was listed with her last name spelled incorrectly. Please note that her name is **Monica Hess** as you write your letters. The correction was made online, but no hardcopies were sent out with correction.

WALK #538 WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK —The first Walk of 2026 will begin next Thursday, February 19, and at this time, there will **26** ladies attending. There are still **TWO** ladies from Florence on the list! As you may already know, this Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Barbara Harris, with Mark Adams as the Spiritual Director.

So it's now time to get your letters written and make your plans to be there for Candlelight! By the way, February 9 was the deadline to apply as a Pilgrim for this Walk.

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR
Monica Hess / Florence / Larry White & Jennifer Bennetch
Charlotte Tabereaux / Florence / Chris Burcham

WALK #539 SLATED FOR MARCH 5-8 —Walk #539 is the first Men's Walk of the year, and it will be led by the Holy Spirit and Tom Panucci of Huntsville. Chris Whitehead will serve as the Spiritual Director. There are currently **27** men assigned to #539, and we have **ONE** of them!!

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR
Daniel Green / Tuscumbia / Shawn Gober

While this is already a pretty full Walk, if you wanted to try to get a Pilgrim assigned, the deadline for applications is February 23.

MARCH 19-22 IS THE DATE FOR WALK #540 —Walk #540 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lucy Thrailkill, with Vicki Cater serving as the Spiritual Director. The Birmingham South/South Shelby/Birmingham Cluster Grouping will supply the team. At this time, there are **11** ladies assigned to #540, and we have **TWO** of them!!!

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR
Tamika McBrayer / Town Creek / Tony & Cheryl Datuin
Summer Datuin / Rogersville / Will Datuin & Adam Berryhill

You have time to get a Pilgrim on this Walk – and to fulfill all the duties of a sponsor. Your deadline for the application is March 9. And don't forget!!! The Shoals Cluster will pay all but the \$30 registration fee for your Pilgrim if you'd like. All you have to do is contact the Treasurer, Mitch Dobbins at 256-366-6323.

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Agape Party Rescheduled

The January 31 Agape Party that was canceled due to the frigid weather has been rescheduled for March 14, 9:00 a.m. at Tuscumbia First Methodist. Agape Coordinator Brenda Quesenberry will have the supplies necessary for different pieces of agape, or you may bring what you are currently working on.

Dobbins to Lead Walk #543

The Athens/Moulton/Shoals Cluster Group has been assigned Walk #543 August 13-16, with Mitch Dobbins as its Lay Leader. Mitch's Team Selection met Sunday, February 8, and has begun calling to invite members to be a part of his team. To aid him in his selection, he will need your Service Sheets, which will show what you have done on previous teams and what you would like to do. If you haven't turned in your Service Sheet, you have a chance to do so at our Cluster meeting Tuesday, February 17.

Camp Update

The Executive Director of Camp Sumatanga, Tony Jones, spoke recently to a group gathered at a local church. In his remarks, he announced that the Camp is now debt-free.

For those who have followed the Camp's journey from having to depend on donations to pay employees, this is great news. The Shoals Cluster has been closely involved with this journey for almost twenty years. Those of you who have been part of this effort can truly appreciate this milestone.



Would you like to get Shoals Emmaus Cluster announcements by text message?

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.

2026 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

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.