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O taste and see that the Lord is good.
—Psalm 34:8 (KJV)

August is Our Open Meeting

Our next Cluster meeting is Tuesday, August 18, at Tuscumbia First and it is our Open Meeting Month. It is a time we invite those who have not yet been on a Walk to Emmaus to meet with us.

There will be a time when they are taken aside and given the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about Emmaus. If you have someone you'd like to sponsor or a friend or family member who is just curious or someone you'd like to have a "hear from someone else", invite them to attend.

The theme this month is "BBQ and Blessings". We asked that those planning to attend to bring a covered dish of your favorite barbeque or a dish to go with it. Since there will be both visitors and possibly new pilgrims from Walk 543, you are asked to bring extra food and remember don't wear your crosses.

Annual Training Event

The Annual Training Event is this weekend, August 14-15. The event begins at 7:15, Friday evening with a Memorial Service following welcome and singing at 7:00. Training day begins Saturday morning with same-day registration at 8:00. Training sessions begin at 9:00 following a time for singing

at 8:30. In addition to the usually training sessions, added this year will be sessions on sponsorship and explanations of the Community level Permanent Committees.

Currently, there are no rooms available on campus for overnight stay. However, you do have a couple of options. You can check out the possibility of rooms in Oneonia if you intend to go the Memorial Service Friday. Or you can drive down Saturday morning for the training event. While you are attending the training event, consider staying for Candlelight Service later Saturday night.

Upcoming Walks

WALK #543 IS THIS WEEKEND—Of course our own Mitch Dobbins is the Lay Director and Bradley Hipps is the Spiritual Director. There are 28 men assigned to Walk 543 and we still have 3 of them:

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR

Shaun Fuller / Florence / Skip Hopson & Chris Weldon

Ronnie McNutt / Florence / Sheila McNutt

Danny Kermicle / Rogersville / Kathy Kermicle, Misty Clemons

WALK #544 TO BE SEPTEMBER 10-13—Walk #544 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sara Manney. Jeff Helton is the Spiritual Director and this will be a Blount/Cullman Cluster Grouping team. August 31 is the application deadline for this Walk. You still have time!

WALK #545 SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24-27—The Holy Spirit and Dana Gilliam will be leading Walk #545, and Mitch Nethery will be serving as the Spiritual Director. The team for this Walk will be from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Cluster Grouping. Currently, we have one lady from the Shoals area.

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2026 ALABAMA WALKS

#543 August 13-16 Men

#544 September 10-13 Women

#545 September 24-27 Women

#546 October 15-18 Men

#547 November 5-8 Women

2026 CLUSTER BOARD

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ASST CLUSTER LEADER

Jean Peeden

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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ASST SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

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2027 Cluster Board Election is September

According to the Cluster by-laws, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee will bring its slate of potential Cluster Board members to the September Cluster meeting. The list of the 2027 Cluster Board members to be voted will be published in the September Apostle.



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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.

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan—North Wood UMC

Feb—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Mar—North Wood UMC

Apr—Tuscumbia First Methodist

May—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Jun—North Wood UMC

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
Old Friends, New Friends
The Son Risers

First Light
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday’s Lunch Bunch

His Girls Friday
Sons of the Light
Women of the World

For day/time and place click [Reunion Groups](#) or visit www.shoalscluster.com/reunion-groups.