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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

6:00 P.M.

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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



And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. — Luke 24:35 NKJV

Annual Training Event News

There is an update to the Training Event information! A Sponsorship class is now being offered and the two people who have just been named to serve on the new Sponsorship Permanent Committee will be teaching this class. Bill Rush and Angel Rait will be the instructors, and they also happen to serve on the Community's Strategic Planning Committee. So if you attend this class, you'll hear all about the plans being put together to enhance sponsorship.



If you had not yet planned to attend, you might want to rethink that. The event begins Friday night, August 8, with the Memorial Service, and the classes are held on Saturday, August 9. You can find the registration form and all related information on the Cluster website at shoalscluster.com/form or the Community website at alaemmaus.org. Or you can download and print a registration form by clicking [Training Event Registration Form](#).

It's Agape Party Time!!!

Our Agape Coordinator, Brenda Quesenberry, has scheduled an Agape Party for the morning of Saturday, June 21, at 9:00 at Tuscumbia First Methodist. It will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Brenda always brings plenty of materials for everyone to use, but you can always bring anything you're working on and others will help. Walk #535 will be Sept. 25-28 and we'll want to have plenty of agape for that! It's always a great time of fellowship! And we bring food! After all, it's Emmaus! Mark your calendar!!!

Upcoming Walks

Walk #533 IS TO BE AUGUST 7-10—The Holy Spirit and Gloria McKee will lead this Women's Walk, and the Spiritual Director will be Elliott Gordon. Gloria's team is from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping. #533 is the weekend of the Annual Training Event, and it will be an awesome time to have your Pilgrim there! The deadline for her application is July 28. At this point in June, there are 8 ladies assigned to #533, so there is certainly room for your Pilgrim! There are none from the Shoals at this point, but we can certainly take care of that, can't we!?

WALK #534 IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11-14—Walk #534 is to be led by the Holy Spirit and Valrie Bain. Her Spiritual Director is David Gray, and the team is from the Cheaha/East Alabama Cluster Grouping. Currently there are 4 ladies assigned to #534, but again, there are none from the Shoals. Take note that the deadline for your applications at this point is September 1.

WALK #535 WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25-28—THIS ONE IS SPECIAL!!! Walk #535 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Julie Martin. Larry Hogan will be the Spiritual Director. Julie is from Athens and of course this Walk is from our Cluster Grouping! It's over three months out right now, but there are already 3 ladies assigned! Not one of them is from the Shoals, but that will surely change. Julie's team meetings begin August 9 and will be August 23, August 30, and September 20.

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Alabama Emmaus Community Board News

The Alabama Emmaus Community Board held an overnight meeting May 30-31. One of the reports presented involved the progress being made with converting the payment of Pilgrim fees to a digital format. The Community Treasurer and Community Coordinator have worked through models that could soon make it possible to handle these payments through Venmo. At this time, only models have been created. But the possibility of this becoming an actuality is very real. This will mean that all of us as sponsors will need to keep up with the changes when they are actually put in place. Be sure to keep up with editions of this and the Community newsletter for announcements regarding them.

The Strategic Planning Committee the board created last year has focused in recent months on what they call BAM – Branding/Advertising/Marketing. The intent is to create awareness of Alabama Emmaus through rebranding and bringing the concept into the current time. There is an emphasis on a fresh approach through advertising Emmaus with videos utilizing several forms of media. And more products with the Community logo will also be made available. The board viewed a presentation that included several graphics for shirts, from sweats to tees, and for use with material such as Lay Director binders and any other material used by the Community.

Want to Serve on the Board?

Would you like to serve on the Cluster Board? Would you like to help with music? The Shoals Cluster Board would very much like to know what activities Cluster members would like to be a part of in the future.

An Application to Serve sheet will be available on the Information Table at the June meeting. The board would like to have these sheets completed during the June Cluster meeting. The board will review the sheets and determine how much interest is generated.

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.

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

Reunion Groups

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| 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](#) or visit www.shoalscluster.com/reunion-groups.