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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 19

6:00 P.M.

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104 THIRD STREET
TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA

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Worship Guide

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Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

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2026 ALABAMA WALKS

#542 May 14-17 Men

#543 August 13-16 Men

#544 September 10-13 Women

#545 September 24-27 Women

#546 October 15-18 Men



You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.
— Psalm 104:30 (AFV)

What is BAM?

In 2024, the Alabama Emmaus Community Board created a Sponsorship Committee to investigate creative ways to enhance sponsorship. One of the areas of focus was making the Alabama Community recognizable and visible.

In an effort to make the Community and Walks more visible, the committee initially came up with the idea to do 'Branding and Merchandising' – hence, BAM. The first and most recognizable product is the new Emmaus T-shirt. And there will be more!

The Sponsorship Committee is also focusing on ways renew and refresh Clusters. During the last board meeting, committee member, Sandra May, who is also a board member, gave a report on the committee's progress. Afterwards, the board members laid hands on Sandra and prayed for the committee's continue work in this effort. You can be sure there will be some great things coming out of this committee!



Mitch Dobbins was recently asked to serve on the Sponsorship Committee. Mitch will be able to keep us inform on the committee's progress regarding BAM and other issues.

Upcoming Walks

WALK #542 SET FOR MAY 14-17 — Walk #542 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Randy Nelson. Ted Anderson will serve as the Spiritual Director, and the team will come from the East Alabama / Cheaha Cluster Grouping. There are **20** Pilgrims assigned - and we have **one** from the Shoals Area.

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR

Eric Miller / Florence / Willie and Pam Jones

Get your letter written and make plans to attend Candlelight, as we rejoice with Willie and Pam and especially Eric. Keep those prayers going.

WALK #543 SET FOR AUGUST 13-16 — Walk #543 will be led the Holy Spirit and our own **Mitch Dobbins**, and **Bradley Higgs** as Spiritual Director. Currently, there are **11** men assigned, including **one** from the Shoals Area. It will be coming up soon and team meetings will be begin late June and into July.

PILGRIM / HOMETOWN / SPONSOR

Shaun Fuller / Florence / Skip Hopson & Chris Weldon

There are lots of folks talking about getting their Pilgrims on this Walk, so if you're planning to sponsor a pilgrim on this Walk, you need turn that application in soon. By this time next month, the Walk may be full. Deadline for all applications to be turn in to the Emmaus Office is August 3rd.

In addition, the Annual Training Event occurs the same weekend as Walk #543, so you can get all this in one weekend!

WALK #544 SET FOR SEPTEMBER 10-13 — Walk #544 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sara Manney. The Spiritual Director is Jeff Helton, and the team will come from the Cullman / Blount Cluster Grouping. Currently, there are **3** ladies assigned so far, but none of them is from the Shoals Area.

There is still time, though. The deadline to turn in applications to the Emmaus Office is August 31st.



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May Meeting to be Held at Tuscumbia First

Due to a schedule conflict with North Wood UMC, the May Cluster Meeting will take place at Tuscumbia First Methodist. The date and time remains at May 19, 6:00 p.m.

Alabama Emmaus Community Board News

The Alabama Emmaus Community Board has created new guidelines regarding Pilgrims who have food allergies. The board will no longer asked the Camp Sumatanga kitchen to prepare any special meals for Pilgrims or team members.

The guidelines puts sponsors in charge of the meals and snacks for any of their Pilgrims who have food allergies. Sponsors are instructed to prepare these food items in advance and to give them to an ALD upon arrival at Camp. The food will be refrigerated as needed and placed where the assigned ALD or Meal Service team member can access them at the proper time.

Since no one else on a Walk team can possibly know the needs of your particular Pilgrim, this is properly now your responsibility as a sponsor. This indicates how important it is to know your pilgrim and take care of any needs, such as food allergies, they may have. Unfortionally, this is not always the case. Sometimes sponsors don't know their Pilgrims very well. But now each of us can now supply this basic form of agape if need be.

If you'd like to see a copy of the new guidelines as you're preparing to sponsor, check with Board Reps Pete Peeden or Celia Rudolph.



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	—Tuscumbia First Methodist
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 | 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.