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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:00 P.M.

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2025 ALABAMA WALKS

#536 October 16-19 Men

#537 November 6-9 Women

2026 ALABAMA WALKS

#538 February 19-22 Women

#539 March 5-8 Men



The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

- Romans 8:16 ESV

Stand-ins Needed for Movie to be Filmed at Sumatanga

Debra Baker, Alabama Emmaus Community Lay Director, has announced that a movie will be made soon at Camp Sumatanga. It tells the story of how a miraculous kidney donation occurred through a conversation during an Emmaus Walk and how this has generated seven more such miraculous donations.

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Upcoming Walks



WALK #536 IS OCTOBER 16-19 —Walk #536 will begin on Thursday of this week. In the September issue the number of Pilgrims listed was 31. As you read this, there is a solid list of 35 men for this Walk. Do remember that we have 2 Pilgrims on this Walk:

PILGRIM / LOCATION / SPONSOR

Zach South / Town Creek / Tony & Will Datuin

Daniel Green / Tuscumbia / Shawn Gober

If possible, go to Candlelight for these guys and get a letter written. We really want them to come home to the Shoals Cluster – right!?!

NOVEMBER 6-9 IS THE DATE FOR WALK #537—The last Walk of 2025, #537, will be led by the Holy Spirit and Katie Woodward and will be held November 6-9. Alicia Rhodes will be the Spiritual Director, and the team will be from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Cluster Grouping. As of this issue, there are 18 ladies assigned to #537 – AND WE HAVE THREE OF THEM!!!

PILGRIM / LOCATON / SPONSOR

Jennifer Briody / Florence / Joe & Jean Peeden

Charlotte Tabereaux / Florence / Chris Burcham

Halie Gipson / / Sandra Burfield & Kenneth Rhodes

Be sure to write these ladies a letter and put Candlelight on November 8 on your calendar. By the way, if you'd like to get your Pilgrim on this Walk, and there is room, the application must be turned in by October 27.

FEBRUARY 19-22 IS THE DATE FOR WALK #538—The first Walk of 2026, #538, a Women's Walk, will be led by the Holy Spirit and Barbara Harris of the Gadsden/Marshall Cluster Grouping. Mark Adams will serve as the Spiritual Director. As of this October issue, there are only 4 ladies assigned to #538. BUT – WE HAVE ONE OF THEM!!!

PILGRIM / LOCATION / SPONSOR

Monnica Hogs / Florence / Larry White and Jennifer Bennetch

These folks would love to have some others from the Shoals going to Camp that weekend too, and you have plenty of time to get your person signed up. In fact, you have until February 9 to turn in the application for your potential Pilgrim.

WALK #539 IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 5-8—The Holy Spirit and Tom Panucci of Huntsville will lead Walk #539, and Chris Whitehead will serve as the Spiritual Director. There are already 7 men assigned to #539 – AND WE HAVE ONE OF THEM!!!

PILGRIM / LOCATION / SPONSOR

Daniel Green / Tuscumbia / Shawn Gober

Put this date on your calendar and – remember that you can get your Pilgrim assigned to #539 too, if you turn in the application by February 23.

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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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Due to the high cost of filming in Georgia, the company has contacted Camp Director Tony Jones to film the movie at Camp Sumatanga on October 27 and possibly October 28. They will need approximately 100 extras. Debra is asking for those Emmaus alumni who might be interested to clear their calendars for those dates.

More information regarding signing up will be forthcoming.

Alabama Emmaus Community Board News

As noted in the September Apostle, Pilgrim fees can now be paid with Venmo. As the Alabama Emmaus Community Board works to make team fees also payable this way, the Team Registration form is now being revised. When completed, it will also have a QR code for Venmo payment and will be shortened to a one page form.

When the Community Board met September 27, a report from the Camp Sumatanga Advisory Board indicated that the Camp is seeking to have both United Methodist clergy and clergy who are not UMC serving each camp in 2026.

The board has approved the addition of a person in each Cluster who will monitor and maintain a list of their members who have passed. This person will supply such lists to the Community Coordinator for publication in The Grapevine and for the annual Memorial Service. Criteria for this position will be submitted for approval at the November meeting. All Cluster Leaders will then be asked to add this position to their leadership group.

The Strategic Planning Committee has developed and ordered new Emmaus t-shirts. They will be available for the first time during Walk #536 and the price will be \$20. The color is called 'denim' and is a soft medium blue.



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.

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.