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# APOSTLE

THE SHOALS CLUSTER NEWSLETTER

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As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. — Luke 24:15-16 NIV

**NEXT CLUSTER MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**TUSCUMBIA FIRST METHODIST**  
**104 THIRD STREET**  
**TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA**

**BRING:**  
COVERED DISH  
Worship Guide  
Name Badge  
GOOD JOKES  
Joyful Noise Voice  
An Emmaus Friend  
-AND YOU!!!  
(NURSERY PROVIDED)

## Attendees Encouraged to Wear Red

Cluster Leader Stephanie Hipps suggested that those of us attending the February Cluster meeting wear red. Even though our meeting is after Valentine's Day, it's still a time for celebrating heart month. And why not? It'll be fun to see what each of us is wearing.

The idea to wear red to this month's meeting came after a discussion the Cluster Board had this month about enlivening our meetings. As we go through the year there may be a theme set for each month. So be sure to check here for updates each month. A theme may be set and announced or it may be a total surprise! Be sure you're there on February 18th—wearing red—and bring an Emmaus friend who hasn't attended in a while!



## Application to Serve Form Requested

In September, Julie Martin from the Athens Cluster will be leading a Walk from our Cluster Grouping. Team Selection for her Walk will be held March 15th.

If you'd like for her to consider you for her team, the best way is to have your current Application to Serve available as she completes her lists for Team Selection. Copies of the Application to Serve will be on each table and the Information Center at the February meeting. Be sure to be there, complete your new form, and turn it in that night!

## Upcoming Walks

**WALK #529 TO BE MARCH 6-9**—#529 is a Men's Walk that will be led by the Holy Spirit and Todd Gibson. This is a Walk from the West Alabama/Tuscaloosa Cluster Grouping and Todd's Spiritual Director will be his father, Lynn Gibson. At this time, there



are 26 men assigned to #529!!! Isn't this great !?!!! But there are no Shoals area men assigned. One Pilgrim is listed as being from Tuscumbia. His sponsors are Russellville natives, so it is likely that this Pilgrim, Jerry King, will become part of the Franklin County Cluster. If you happen to know Jerry, why not invite him to the Shoals Cluster, too? We don't meet at the same time, so he could enjoy both.

**#530 IS AN EVENT FOR MARCH 20-23**—The Holy Spirit and Jacque Clay will lead #530 with Spiritual Director Sherry Reynolds. This is a Women's Walk from the Gadsden/Marshall County Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, there are only 12 ladies assigned to this Walk, and again, there are no Pilgrims listed from the Shoals area! This tells us two things – this Walk needs two more Pilgrims to go forward, and **WE NEED SOME SHOALS AREA LADIES TO BE INCLUDED!!!** You'd only have two weeks to put it together, and that's not much! But it is possible. The application would have to be in the Emmaus Office by Feb. 24. Think about it!!!

**APRIL 24-27 IS THE DATE FOR #531**—Walk #531 is another Women's Walk, and it will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sandra May. Sandra is from the Huntsville Cluster and her Spiritual Director will be Sherill Clontz. As of this issue of the Apostle, there are 9 ladies listed to attend #531. Again, there are no Shoals area Pilgrims assigned yet to this Walk. But you could make a difference there. For this Walk, you would have until March 10 to have your Pilgrim's application turned in to the Community Coordinator. This is definitely possible and you can do this!!!

### 2025 ALABAMA WALKS

#528 February 20-23 Women  
#529 March 6-9 Men  
#530 March 20-23 Women  
#531 April 24-27 Women  
#532 May 15-18 Men  
#533 August 7-10 Women  
#534 September 11-14 Women  
#535 September 25-28 Women

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- 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**  
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

# The Apostle

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## Alabama Emmaus Community Board News

In 2024, the Alabama Emmaus Community Board of Directors created a strategic planning committee to research ways to revitalize participation. As this committee has looked at various aspects and functions of the Community, one of the areas being pursued is AEC branded items. These are to be available on the Book Table during Walks or other situations still under consideration.

Also being pursued are ways to make access to Reunion Groups greater. This would involve the use of Zoom or FaceTime to allow members in various locations to be included. Watch for information to be forthcoming as these options are refined.

At its January meeting, the AEC board made a change to the Standing Rules to allow a Walk to go forward if a threshold of 14 Pilgrims is met. Also added was the stipulation that the board would be notified a month in advance of the Walk date if there were fewer than 14 Pilgrims available for that Walk.

## Reunion Groups

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|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| First 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 \(shoalscluster.com\)](http://Reunion Groups (shoalscluster.com))

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