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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

6:00 P.M.

TUSCUMBIA FIRST METHODIST

104 THIRD STREET

TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA

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Worship Guide

Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

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

April Grapevine

The April issue of The Grapevine, the Alabama Emmaus Community newsletter, is out, and it is FULL of great information. If you haven't seen it yet, go to the [Cluster Website](#) and check it out.



One important piece included in this issue is the registration form for the Annual Training Event on August 8-9, 2025. Copies of the form will be available on the Information Table at the Cluster meeting April 15 at Tuscumbia First Methodist. Or, you can print the form by clicking [Registration Form](#) and print the last two pages (7 & 8). Registration Deadline is July 31.

Upcoming Walks

WALK #531 IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24-27—Walk #531 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sandra May, and the Spiritual Director is Sherrill Clontz. Sandra is from the Huntsville Cluster and also happens to be our Community Webmaster. The date for this Walk is right after Easter and as of 4/7/25, there are 17 ladies assigned. None of these ladies is from the Shoals. The last date to add a Pilgrim is April 14, so there is really not enough time to add a Pilgrim to this one unless the process is well underway. Remember to keep everyone above on your prayer list.

MAY 15-18 WILL BE THE DATE FOR #532—Eric Barr and the Holy Spirit will lead Walk #532, and Sam Frazier will be the Spiritual Director. This is a Birmingham area Walk with the team being selected from the Birmingham East, Birmingham South and South Shelby Clusters. At press time, there are 20 men assigned to #532 – and two of them are from the Shoals!!

PILGRIM / SPONSOR

Glenn Patterson / Kelli Patterson, Pete Peeden

Jeff Speas / Pete Peeden

Both of these men are from Florence. If you have someone you'd like to put on this list, your deadline is May 5. If you need help with sponsorship, please don't hesitate to ask! There are several folks who have signed up to be co-sponsors for you, and Pete just happens to be in charge of Cluster sponsorship. A month is not a lot of time to get all your preparation done, but it can happen! Check with anyone listed on the Cluster Board.

#533 IS TO BE AUGUST 7-10—This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Gloria McKee, with Elliott Gordon as the Spiritual Director. Gloria is from Russellville and the team will be drawn from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping. Since there are no Walks during the summer, this date is four months from now. So this gives plenty of time to add a Pilgrim, particularly since only 3 ladies are currently as signed. This is a great time to have a Pilgrim, since the Memorial Service and Annual Training Event are the same weekend. The Memorial Service is the evening of August 8 and the Training Event is August 9. You could get everything done in one weekend! Watch for Training Event information at the April Cluster meeting!

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2025 ALABAMA WALKS

#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**
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

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Annual Memorial Service

As noted elsewhere, on Friday night, August 8, there is the annual memorial service held at Camp Sumatanga as part of the Training Event weekend. So far this year, the list from the Shoals is brief, but if you know of any others than those listed below, please let Cluster Leader Stephanie Hipps know.

WALTER CASH - #78 JUDY GULLETT - #362 LINDA PERSALL - #198 PAT TORBERT - #160

What About You?

Recently, a longtime Emmaus person was heard to say he was considering giving up Cluster. When asked why, he said, ‘Because I don’t see the folks I want to see anymore.’ If you think about it, he was about to do the very same thing those other people had done, even though they had disappointed him by doing it. How does that kind of reasoning even make sense?

What it does do is kill Emmaus. If you are reading this and you have had the same thoughts, or if you’ve actually begun to find other things to do than be involved in Emmaus, is that what you really want? You may have just thought that everyone else will continue to keep it going and you can visit whenever it’s convenient. But the truth is that if we all did this, Emmaus would soon disappear. Maybe it’s time to ask if that’s what God wants, rather than if it’s what we want.

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.