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NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 20
6:00 P.M.

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1129 WILLS AVENUE
FLORENCE, ALABAMA

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Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

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2025 ALABAMA WALKS

#532 May 15-18 Men

#533 August 7-10 Women

#534 September 11-14 Women

#535 September 25-28 Women

#536 October 16-19 Men

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

It's Annual Training Event Time! August 8-9

The month of August is always the time for the Training Event, and May is not too early to begin preparing! The event is scheduled this year for August 8th and 9th. On Friday evening, the 8th, registration for Saturday classes begins at 5:00 and lasts until 7:00 on the second floor of the McKinney-Atkins office building. These classes cover every area of service during a Walk.



Our Cluster Grouping has been assigned Walk #535 on September 25-28 this year, and Julie Martin from Athens is the Lay Director. If you have already been called to serve, this is a great opportunity for a refresher course. If you haven't yet been contacted, it's a great way to prepare. But in any case, getting together with the rest of the Community is always a blessing. It's a way to rekindle old friendships and create new ones!

Dinner will be available in the Lodge Dining Room at 6:00. If you are staying overnight at Camp, meal cost is included in your room cost. If you are not paying for a room but want to eat dinner, the cost is \$15.00. Single occupancy for the event is \$104.00, double occupancy is \$70.00, three in a room is \$63.00, and four in a room is \$60.00.

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Upcoming Walks

WALK #532 IS THIS WEEKEND—Walk #532 is the second of three Men's Walks slated for this year. The Lay Director is Eric Barr from the Birmingham East Cluster, and the Spiritual Director is Sam Frazier. The team will come from the Birmingham East, Birmingham South and South Shelby Cluster Grouping. There are currently 26 men assigned to this Walk – and we have TWO OF THEM!!!

PILGRIM / SPONSOR

Glenn Patterson / Kelli Patterson, Pete Peeden

Jeff Speas / Pete Peeden

With the Walk this weekend, it's obviously too late to add a Pilgrim, but if you can get letters to Pete, that would be great! It would be even better if you went to Candlelight and took the letters with you! Think about it!

Walk #533 IS TO BE AUGUST 7-10—This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Gloria McKee. Her Spiritual Director is Elliott Gordon, and the team will come from the Franklin/Marion/Haleyville Cluster Grouping. The date of this Walk is the same weekend as the Annual Training Event, so it's a great time to have your Pilgrim – or Pilgrims – on this Walk. You'd want to get their applications in right away, but the deadline would be July 28.

WALK #534 IS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 11-14—The Apostle usually lists the Pilgrims for three upcoming Walks in each issue. However, at this time there are no Pilgrims yet assigned to #534.

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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
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Nov—	North Wood UMC
Dec—	Tuscumbia First Methodist

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Evening activities begin at 7:00 and the Memorial Service begins at 7:15. There will then be a guest speaker at 8:15 and Community Coordinator Lane Berry will speak at 8:45.

On Saturday at 8:00, breakfast will be in the Lodge Dining Room, and there will be another registration opportunity on the second floor of McKinney-Atkins. If you are not paying for a room, breakfast is \$10.00. Activities on Saturday begin in Mckinney-Atkins at 8:15 and there will be an opportunity to take three different classes. Lunch is at 12:00 in the Lodge Dining Room, and if you are not paying for a room, the cost is \$12.00. The event is scheduled to end at 2:15.

To download and print a registration form click [Training Event Registration Form](#) or visit our website at www.shoalscluster.com/forms.

Annual Memorial Service

As noted above, Friday night, August 8, is the annual memorial service 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

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Reunion Groups

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.