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He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? —Micah 6:8 (KJV)

Cluster to Show Support for UNA Lions

Our September Cluster meeting is Tuesday, September 15, at North Wood United Methodist. The theme this month is "Faith, Fellowship and Football". You are encouraged to wear purple and gold in support of our local UNA Lions.

Alabama Emmaus Community Board News

Source: "Board Bits"; The Grapevine; August 2026; page 3

This year's annual Memorial and Training Weekend was another opportunity to share the past, present, and future of our Alabama Emmaus community. Around 125 people attended our Memorial Friday night, where a candle was lit and memories shared for 78 members of our community who passed away in the last year. Walk numbers for the pilgrims memorialized ranged from Walk 2 to Walk 482.

On Saturday, 65 people attended the annual training event where they learned about all of the different committees and their roles needed for a walk. This training is so helpful for recent pilgrims discovering where they might want to serve on a walk, but there are also always attendees who have worked many walks who return for a refresher for a role they plan to serve in the future - or just for an opportunity to see old Emmaus friends. In addition to the walk committees, there were

also classes on Sponsorship and Permanent Committee Duties, as well as a presentation from Sandra May about the ongoing marketing efforts by the Alabama Emmaus Strategic Planning Committee.

The large event attendance paired with a large walk team for Walk 543 meant that several attendees stayed overnight in the lodge after the Retreat Center rooms were filled. It also meant that Candlelight was large - described by one person as the largest she had seen since before Covid....

Upcoming Walks

WALK #544 TO BE SEPTEMBER 10-13—Walk #544 is this weekend and will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sara Manney. Jeff Helton is the Spiritual Director and this will be a Blount/Cullman Cluster Grouping team. Currently, there are 20 ladies on the Walk but none from the Shoals.

WALK #545 SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24-27—The Holy Spirit and Dana Gilliam will be leading Walk #545, and Mitch Nethery will be serving as the Spiritual Director. The team for this Walk will be from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Cluster Grouping. Currently, there are 19 ladies and we have one lady from the Shoals area.

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WALK #546 WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 15-18—Walk #546, a men's walk, will be led by the Holy Spirit and DeHaven. The Spiritual Director is David Socha and the team is from the Gadsden / Marshall Cluster Grouping.



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2026 ALABAMA WALKS

#544 September 10-13 Women
#545 September 24-27 Women
#546 October 15-18 Men
#547 November 5-8 Women

2027 ALABAMA WALKS

#548 February 4-7 Women
#549 March 4-7 Men
#550 April 1-4 Women

2026 CLUSTER BOARD

CLUSTER LEADER

Jonathan Killen

ASST CLUSTER LEADER

Jean Peeden

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Bart Bowlin

ASST SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Bradley Hipps

CLUSTER COORDINATOR

Michael Carr

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Janice Alcorn

TREASURER

Mitch Dobbins

ASST TREASURER

Anita Whitaker

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Pam Roden Jones

REUNION GROUP COORDINATOR

Clay Hammond

MUSIC

Patsy Killen

DATABASE

Revonda Tweseme

AGAPE

Brenda Quesenberry

ASST AGAPE

Patsy Hammond

SPONSORSHIP

Pete Peeden

CLEOPAS CONNECTION

Roy & Celia Rudolph

ASST CLEOPAS CONNECTION

Jennifer Bennetch

72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Mitch Dobbins

INFORMATION TABLE

Glenda Sue Peeden

CLUSTER TALK COORDINATOR

Stephanie Hipps

REMEMBRANCE COORDINATOR

Lynda Bottcher

WEB SERVANT

Jimmy McCollum

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jimmy McCollum

PAST CLUSTER DIRECTOR

Stephanie Hipps

BOARD REPRESENTIVES

Pete Peeden & Celia Rudolph

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan—North Wood UMC

Feb—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Mar—North Wood UMC

Apr—Tuscumbia First Methodist

May—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Jun—North Wood UMC

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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Cluster Board Election to be Held

Cluster Board election will take place at the September Cluster meeting. Below is the list of nominees for the Shoals Emmaus Cluster Board to be presented by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee at the September Cluster meeting.

2027 Emmaus Cluster Board Nominees		
CLUSTER LEADER Jean Peeden	ASST CLUSTER LEADER Mark Carr	SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Bart Bowlin
ASST SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Bradley Hipps	CLUSTER COORDINATOR Pam Roden Jones	SECRETARY Janice Alcorn
TREASURER Mitch Dobbins	ASST TREASURER Anita Whitaker	COMMUNICATIONS COOR Pam Roden Jones
ASST COMMUNICATIONS COOR Stephanie Hipps	REUNION GROUP COORDINATOR Clay Hammond	MUSIC Patsy Killen
DATABASE Revonda Tweseme	AGAPE Brenda Quesenberry	ASST AGAPE Patsy Hammond
SPONSORSHIP Patsy Hammond	CLEOPAS CONNECTION Roy & Celia Rudolph	ASST CLEOPAS CONNECTION Jennifer Bennetch
72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL Mitch Dobbins	INFORMATION TABLE Glenda Sue Peeden	CLUSTER TALK COORDINATOR Jonathan Killen
REMEMBRANCE COORDINATOR Lynda Bottcher	WEB SERVANT Jimmy McCollum	NEWSLETTER EDITOR Jimmy McCollum
PAST CLUSTER DIRECTOR Jonathan Killen		

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Reunion Groups

Band of Brothers
Old Friends, New Friends
The Son Risers

First Light
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday’s Lunch Bunch

His Girls Friday
Sons of the Light
Women of the World

For day/time and place click [Reunion Groups](#) or visit www.shoalscluster.com/reunion-groups.