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## THE SHOALS CLUSTER NEWSLETTER

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*Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*  
*Hebrews 7:25 NIV*

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### 2009 ALABAMA WALKS

348 Feb. 19-22 Women

349 Mar. 5-9 Women

350 Apr. 2-5 Women

**351 Apr. 23-26 Men**

352 May 14-17 Women

353 May 21-24 Women

354 Jun 11-14 Women

355 Aug 13-16 Men

### 2009 NCEC WALKS

58 Apr. 16-19 Men

59 Apr. 23-26 Women

### ARE YOU IN???

Our Cluster is a major supporter of the Psalm 16 Campaign going on to benefit Camp Sumatanga. In fact, to date, our pledge to give the funds required to name the Waste Water Treatment Plant at camp is currently the largest on the books. So we have a lot of responsibility in the five-year timeframe, beginning now, to reach our goal of at least \$400,000. Since September, the Cluster has distributed pledge cards that are marked for this project in self-addressed envelopes that go to a P. O. Box in Florence for tracking gifts given so far. Right now, the total that has come through the box is around \$20,000. You can see that everyone will need to be a part of this project!!! If you have not already made your pledge, or given a gift, the envelopes with the pledge cards will be there for you at the February meeting.

#### Your gift is extremely important!

For those of you who have already made a pledge, and are giving a monthly amount, there will be envelopes there for you to pick up that are pre-addressed to camp, to make your payments a little easier to do. If you have been making these payments, you already know that you receive a receipt from camp by return mail. **Are you in?** You can see that you are needed! The Cluster Board is also planning some events to raise other funds, perhaps a golf tournament this year, that will be fun for all. *Be watching for details in upcoming issues! Please also think in terms of honoraria and memorials.*



**The February issue of *The Grapevine* is currently online at [www.alaemmaus.org](http://www.alaemmaus.org)**

### NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

**FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

6:00 p.m.

### TUSCUMBIA FUMC

CORNER OF THIRD & MAIN  
TUSCUMBIA, AL

**BRING:** Covered Dish  
Pilgrim's Guide  
Name Badge  
Cross  
**GOOD JOKES**  
Joyful Noise Voice  
Musical Instruments  
Prayer Requests  
An Emmaus Friend  
**-AND YOU!!!**  
(NURSERY PROVIDED)

### WALK #348 THIS WEEK!

Walk #348 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Delle Cain, and the team will come from the Birmingham South and South Shelby Cluster Grouping. As the Apostle goes to press, we have **SIX** ladies on the list to attend:

#### #348

**Gio Jenkie – Florence**  
**Cindy White – Florence**  
**Marie Stribling – M. Shoals**  
**Judy Armstrong – Sheffield**  
**Stacy Fulton – Tuscumbia**  
**Jane Moon – Tuscumbia**

You probably know some of these ladies, so make your plans now for their letters, and to be there for Candlelight. Even if you don't know them, this is one of the more special forms of agape, to give, and to receive. It will be a blessing for you – and for them! By the way, in case you didn't know, team members appreciate getting letters, too, especially if they are serving at a table!!!

### THE SEW-AND-SEWS

As noted in the January issue, the Shoals Cluster has taken the responsibility for making the fabric covers for the Pilgrims' Guides as Cluster agape for all Walks. A group of 6-8 gathered at Tuscumbia FUMC a couple of weeks ago to see what all would be involved – how the fabric yardage worked, how many should cut, how many should press, how many should sew, and how long it would take to make 80 covers. The group used machines already set up in the Annex of the church. There were at least four different lots of fabric, and the group met from 9:00 a.m. till shortly after lunch. Two sets of covers were completed, and another lacked only a few to be stitched. These were carried home and finished. As the group learns the in's and out's of this project, there may be a schedule eventually set and published to make covers as we do when we have an agape party. More later!!!



### LET THOMAS KNOW

Are you a person who is a very capable Excel user, who can create, store and maintain large amounts of data? If this is your cup of tea, would you please let Thomas Martin, Shoals Cluster Leader, know what your abilities are? You may be just the person he needs to find. You can see him at the next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at FUMC in beautiful downtown Tuscumbia, or you may email him at [tmartin@transtar1.com](mailto:tmartin@transtar1.com)



## SHOALS EMMAUS CLUSTER

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### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

When you come to Cluster meeting, and you see an offering basket on the food table, do you ever wonder where the money goes – especially since you brought food!?! That's something you really need to know. The Cluster has a General Fund and a Pilgrim Fund. The General Fund pays for childcare during meetings, postage for mailed Apostle, cost for Calling Post calls, and supplies for Agape and Cleopas. WOW! Did you know your money did all that? But wait! There's more! When the offering is designated for the Pilgrim Fund, it goes into the fund that helps pay fees for Shoals area Pilgrims who need assistance to attend a Walk. There are also occasions when a Walk from this Cluster needs assistance, and the board may approve if funds are available.

### AGAPE NEEDS YOUR TIES!

Do you have any men's neckties that you would be willing to donate to the Agape Committee? If so, would you please bring them to the Cluster meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, or give them to Verna White or Donna Cook? Thanks!



## CALLING POST

To hear the current message for the Shoals Cluster on our computerized phone service, dial **1-800-925-7443** and enter the **ID# - 1999 568 996**

### SPONSORSHIP 101

Sponsoring a Pilgrim is a very responsible job. (Do you think that may have something to do with those two words being so similar?) For one thing, you need to know in these times how the fee for your Pilgrim will be paid. The first assumption from the application is that the Pilgrim pays his/her own fee. If for some reason you wish to do this as a gift, and tell your Pilgrim to 'pass it forward', you can do that. Or, if you sense that help is needed, you may offer to pay. If there is a need beyond these sources, you may check the Cluster Pilgrim Fund, or the Community fund for scholarships. To access the Cluster fund, see Gary Formby or Thomas Martin. Contact Carl Long for Community access.

### WALK #349 TO BE MAR. 5-8

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Kay Jordan. The team will come from Birmingham East. As we go to press, there are **EIGHT** ladies who are scheduled for this Walk:

#### #349

**Dorris Phillips – Florence**  
**Mary Lee Dobbins – Florence**  
**Ranee Mitchell – Florence**  
**Patricia Jester – Florence**  
**Kaye White – Lexington**  
**Pam Gray – Lexington**  
**Beverly McCorkleRogersville**  
**Sharon Davis – Rogersville**

Since we have more than one Pilgrim per table, be sure if your Pilgrim knows another, that you let Kay know this. Her number is **205-648-2546**.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Carolyn Phillips – [Office@alaemmaus.org](mailto:Office@alaemmaus.org)**  
**P.O. Box 1216 – Talladega, AL 35161 – (256) 315-2346**  
**Ted Hagler - (205) 951-6129 (W)**  
**Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (emergencies only)**

### WALK #350 TO BE APR. 2-5

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Judy Beggs. The team will come from the Gadsden, Cherokee/DeKalb, and Marshall Cluster Grouping. For now, there are **SIX** ladies who are listed for this Walk:

#### #350

**Melissa Parks – Florence**  
**Debbie Aiken – Florence**  
**Melanie Tidwell – Lexington**  
**Grace Anderson - M. Shoals**  
**Sandra Goode–Rogersville**  
**Pam Tanner – Rogersville**

Now is the time to get your letters written, and make your plans to go to Candlelight. We all want to make these ladies feel welcome when they return, and want to become involved on a regular basis in the Cluster.



## 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

### ST. JAMES

*January, May, September*

### ROGERSVILLE

*March, July, November*

### TUSCUMBIA

*February, April, June, August, October, December*