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We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.
1 John 4:16 NCT

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2009 ALABAMA WALKS

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

356 Sep. 10-13 Women

357 Sep. 17-20 Women

2009 NCEC WALKS

58 Apr. 16-19 Men

59 Apr. 23-26 Women

#351 UNDERWAY!!!

Walk #351 is underway! As you may already know, this Walk is being led by the Holy Spirit and our very own Jamey Cosby!!!! The Athens Cluster is grouped with the Shoals for this Walk. The first team meeting was held on March 7th at Tuscumbia FUMC. The second meeting will also be at TFUMC on Saturday, March 21st from 8:30 – 2:00. The remaining two team meetings will be held at Rogersville UMC on April 4th and April 18th at the same times of day. For those of you who may be new, and may be interested in learning how a team comes together for a Walk, you are more than welcome to drop in. And, for those of you who may not be actually listed on the team, you really are a part. There will be the need for your prayers for all who are involved. You will also have the opportunity to be a part of the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil, write letters to the Pilgrims – and the team members, if you wish – and to help provide the food for all the breaks for the during the Walk. You may be asked to take some of these duties, but of course some of them are voluntary. In any case, since the Lay Director for #351 is from the Shoals Cluster, this is what we call a 'Shoals Walk'. So you ARE a part of the team!!! Please be ready to respond to every opportunity that comes your way! You will definitely be the one who gets the blessing!!!



NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

MARCH 17, 2009

6:00 p.m.

ROGERSVILLE UMC

701 TURNER LINDSEY ROAD

ROGERSVILLE, 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)

GET TEED OFF!!!!

The Cluster Board is planning a golf tournament in the near future to raise funds for our pledge to Camp Sumatanga's Water Treatment Plant. It's going to be a lot of fun, and there will be lots to do for everyone – even if you don't play golf! As the plans come together, you will be kept up to date. So listen up at the Cluster meetings for any announcements, and keep an eye on the newsletter and the website for the latest news. If you want to help. See Thomas Martin or Bill Jordan, and let them know what you'd like to do.



THANK YOU!!!

The Agape Committee wishes to thank all of you for the wonderful response to the appeal for men's ties! They now have over 300 of them, and some of them were turned in already decorated! As a Cluster, you all are the BEST!!!! Thanks again for being so loving and helpful!!!

#351 to be April 23-26

As mentioned in another article on this page, #351 will be a Shoals/Athens Walk, led by the Holy Spirit and Jamey Cosby. To date, we have **NINE** men who have been invited to attend this Walk. They have only had their invitations for about two weeks, so this list of Pilgrims could change, There will be an update as needed in the April newsletter. At this time we have:

#351

Scott Hubbard – Florence

Ben Murray – Florence

Scott Bayles – Florence

Tom Anderson – Lexington

Shawn Bracey Rogersville

Kenny Morgan - Rogersville

Tommy Barnes – Sheffield

Dan Jackson – Sheffield

David Dale - Tuscumbia

If you think you recognize some names among this list, you are probably correct! So this means that whether or not you are sure – **write that letter anyway!** And be there for Candlelight!!!



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 17th at Rogersville UMC, or you may email him at tmartin@transtar1.com



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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
Karran Goode - Florence
Grace Anderson - M. Shoals
Sandra Goode–Rogersville
Pam Tanner – Rogersville

Please note!!! This list has changed since the February issue!!! Check to see who is actually on this list as of the second week of March! And do bear in mind that the list may change again. If this is known by the time we meet for Cluster on Tuesday the 17th in **beautiful downtown Rogersville**, you will be updated then. In any case, be sure to get your letters written, and make your plans for Candlelight. If you are aware of any of these ladies knowing each other, please let Judy Beggs, the Lay Director know this. Her phone number is **256-492-5888**.



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

Have you ever heard of the Ten Commandments of good sponsorship? They have been around for a while, but here they are again for you:

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD SPONSORSHIP

1. Thou shalt not distribute applications indiscriminately, but prayerfully consider each person sponsored.
2. Thou shalt not fail to invite both spouses at the same time.
3. Thou shalt not make the Walk to Emmaus a deep dark secret, nor tell tales, nor lie to thy Pilgrim about the weekend.
4. Thou shalt thoroughly prepare thy Pilgrim for the Journey – clothing, bedding, contact numbers, toiletries, money, cell phones, etc.
5. Thou shalt not allow thy Pilgrim to go to Camp alone.
6. Thou shalt not neglect thy Pilgrims family during the Journey
7. Thou shalt not grab thy Pilgrim during Candlelight.
8. Thou shalt not have any special gifts of agape before thy Pilgrim in the presence of other Pilgrims.
9. Thou shalt bring thy Pilgrim home from camp, and to Follow Up, and help thy Pilgrim to **find a reunion group**.
10. Thou shalt not allow thy Pilgrim to sponsor their first Pilgrim alone, but will help in every way.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Carolyn Phillips – Office@alaemmaus.org
P.O. Box 1216 – Talladega, AL 35161 – (256) 315-2346
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Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (emergencies only)

WALK #352 IS MAY 14-17

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Sally Moore. The team will come from Franklin County. As we go to press, there are **SIX** ladies who are scheduled for this Walk:

#352

Becky Mauldin – Florence
Andi Flippen - Killen
Jodi Traffenstedt–Lexington
Kellee Morgan - Rogersville
Karen Handley – Tuscumbia
Rebecca East - Tuscumbia

Many of us know Sally Moore, and we will know many of the team members. This should be a very special Walk for the ladies we have scheduled from the Shoals. This is a good reason to keep this Walk bathed in prayer. Even though this Walk is a couple of months away, it's good to have all your preparations in order!!!

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES

January, May, September

ROGERSVILLE

March, July, November

TUSCUMBIA

February, April, June, August, October, December