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If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.
John 14:7 NIV

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2009 ALABAMA WALKS

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
358 Oct. 8-11	Men

2009 NCEC WALKS

58 Apr. 16-19	Men
59 Apr. 23-26	Women

DO YOU WANT TO WORK ON A WALK???

Is working on a Walk team something you'd like to do? Have you never been asked to work? Do you know what to do to be asked? These are some of the most important questions you can ask – and get the answers to – if you want to continue the Journey to the fullest. Working on a team brings your Emmaus experience full circle. You come from being served – even at Cluster meetings – to serving in return. And this is the goal of your Emmaus Walk. **Now**, to answer your questions:

All Lay Directors are asked by the Alabama Emmaus Board to use people who are in a Reunion Group, who attend Cluster regularly, and are active Church members. If you think about it, that's what new Pilgrims need to see – right?

If you have never completed an Application to Serve, you may never be asked to work. You may hear this form called a Service Sheet because it's easier to say. Regardless, these forms indicate your desire to work, and the area you feel you fit the best. If you have worked before, it asks that you list your experience. This helps the Lay Director know where and how best to place you on the team. **These forms are available on the Information Table at every Cluster meeting, and on line at:**

www.ShoalsEmmaus.com

Give completed sheets to Thomas Martin at Cluster.

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

APRIL 21, 2009

6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FUMC

THIRD & MAIN STREETS

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)

LISTEN UP!!!!

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 at the Deer Run Golf Club in Moulton on June 13th. You will be hearing more and more about it as details come together. You can be a participant, and you can help gather sponsorships. You may even be able to sponsor a hole yourself!!! There will be a brochure available very soon. Registration cut-off is June 10th. For more information, see Thomas Martin at Cluster, or, contact him at (256) 366-0353 or tmittlepage@aol.com. As soon as this is available on the web page, you will be alerted. The Cluster Board hopes a significant donation to the Sumatanga Wastewater Plant will come from this effort. All proceeds will be tax deductible as donations to the camp, so keep this in mind when sharing the info.



#351 – THE NEXT WALK UP!

As the Apostle is published for April, the team for #351 will be having their final team meeting in Rogersville on the 18th. The theme for the Walk is "Today I Choose to Follow You". What a powerful setting for these men who have just experienced the Resurrection a couple of weeks earlier!!!

As we go to press, we have these **FIVE** men scheduled to attend:

#351

Scott Hubbard – Florence
Shawn Bracey - Rogersville
Kenny Morgan - Rogersville
Dan Jackson – Sheffield
David Dale - Tuscumbia

This promises to be a very powerful Walk, so your prayers and every form of support you can give will be of the utmost importance. Plan now to get your letters written. If you are asked to help provide food, or any other form of assistance, please do, and consider yourself a part of the team!!! And - be there for Candlelight!!!



GREAT AGAPE PARTY!!!

There were about twenty folks who showed up for the Agape Party recently, and Verna White is grateful to all of you who came to help. It really helped to re-supply our store of items for most of the remaining Walks this year. One side note for agape: the Shoals 'signature' agape is the cross of nails in a base of dogwood. Dogwood is in short supply. If you have any dogwood that needs to be removed that you could donate to the cause, please contact Tom Watson at 446-8883.

SHOALS EMMAUS CLUSTER

104 East 3rd Street
Tuscumbia AL 35674

WALK #353 TO BE MAY 21-24

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Becky Willis. The team will come from the Cheaha/East Alabama Cluster Grouping. For now, there are **SIX** ladies who are listed for this Walk:

#353

Cynthia Dudley – Florence
Joan Meyer – Florence
Amanda Allen – Florence
Kristi Niedergeses-Florence
Melanie Tidwel – Lexington
Angie Lash - Rogersville

A Walk at the end of May might seem to be a long time from now, but it's actually only just a month. We want to keep this list close at hand, and make sure we get our letters written to each of these ladies. Our May Cluster meeting is the Tuesday before this Walk begins on Thursday. We should have a complete update on the names by then. And, if you are not able to make it to Candlelight for them, you could bring your letters to the meeting, to be given to someone who will be going.

DE COLORES!



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

COMMUNICATION – can it ever be stressed enough? It is certainly one of the most vital parts of *Sponsorship* – as well the continuing Journey for each of us. That is why it will be included here in **101** over and over.

What communication? To begin with, your Pilgrim should have a copy of *The Grapevine* in the packet they bring home – or at the very least, a form to complete that instructs them to ask that it be snail-mailed, or to be notified when it is available online. If there is not a copy in the packet, they will have no idea what this is. **Please** be sure to check this for each of your Pilgrims. If necessary, be sure they see a copy you have, or have emailed to them.

What's next? Next is to insure that your Pilgrim knows about *The Apostle*. There are copies to be given to them when they come to their first Cluster meeting and meet with the Cleopas Connection. There is also a form in their binder to request this publication online or by snail-mail. Again, you should check to make sure they see and know what this is, and how to use it. Why is this important? **COMMUNICATION!** If a person has neither of these, in either form, they miss dates of Walks and Cluster meetings, as well as knowing who is scheduled for upcoming Walks. This leaves a big hole in their continuing experience. Check with folks you miss at the Cluster meetings to be sure they are getting all their info.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Carolyn Phillips – 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 #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 **FOUR** ladies who are scheduled for this Walk:

#352

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 weeks away, it's good to have all you preparations in order!!! Please write to these ladies, and invite them to Cluster!

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES

January, May, September

ROGERSVILLE

March, July, November

TUSCUMBIA

February, April, June, August,
October, December