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Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.
Isaiah 40:27-28

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2009 ALABAMA WALKS

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
359 Oct.22-25	Women

2009 NCEC WALKS

60 Sep.10-13	Men
61 Sep. 17-20	Women

GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!!!!

The Camp Sumatanga Golf Tournament is coming up very soon, and if you haven't heard – here's the scoop! The tournament is a Cluster effort to make our pledge to the Waste Water Treatment Plant 'do-over' at camp. All profits go to the camp. **Sign-up deadline is June 10th**, so here's the deal. **The golf tournament is June 13th** begins at 8:00 a.m. at Deer Run Golf Club in Moulton. Deer Run Golf Club -is a beautiful 6745 yard par 72 course with Bermuda Grass fairways and Bent Grass greens. We invite you to make up your own foursome, \$65 a person, **four person scramble**. Mulligans are available for \$10.00 each, limit 2 per golfer - may be included with your registration fee. Hole-sponsorship asking **\$500**. Anyone can do this!!!!

In addition to a wonderful round of golf on an excellent course, and great fellowship, there will also be many extras:

- 2 flights with 1st & 2nd place prizes
- Straightest drive
- Lunch and Soda for golfers
- Goodie Bags
- Longest Drive (65 & older)
- Longest Drive (under 65)
- Door Prizes
- Hole in one for hot tub
- Refreshments on the course.

Check in for the Tournament is between **6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.** Registration limited to first 88 golfers. For all the details and a brochure, go to the Shoals Cluster website at www.ShoalsEmmaus.com.

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

MAY 19, 2009

6:00 p.m.

ST.JAMES UMC

COX CREEK PKWY
FLORENCE, 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)

AGAPE PARTY!!!

The Agape Committee is current with the Pilgrim Guide covers, and the supply of agape at this point in time. However, to make it through the balance of the year, there will be an Agape Party in July. Be on the alert for the announcement of the date, and make your plans to be there. The location will also be announced at that time. These parties are so much fun, and are rewarding as well. Not to worry about having talent or a certain skill!!!! Those who plan the parties collect the materials and have everything laid out with instructions for you. It's easy, too!!! Stay on the left for the announcement!!!



THANK YOU!!!

After recent storms, there were some dogwood trees among the casualties. The reunion group that makes the crosses as agape for our Cluster is extremely grateful to those who were thoughtful enough to donate these to their depleted supply!!!

SERVICE SHEETS, PLEASE!

What we commonly call Service Sheets are actually Applications to Serve. They give you a chance to list any previous experience you may have, and to request to work in an area you feel led on a team in the future. Their value has been enhanced in recent years by the grouping of Clusters. All Lay Directors are asked to comprise their teams proportionately among members of all Clusters in their grouping. In 2010, the Shoals will again be in a four-Cluster grouping. It will include Athens, Decatur, and Moulton. If a Lay Director is from one of these other Clusters, and does not happen to know you

personally, these sheets will be what they will use to gather team members from our Cluster. If you have not completed one of these sheets in the last year, **PLEASE DO SO AT THE MAY MEETING!!!** This is SO very important now! Walk #355 in August is the first Moulton Walk. While much of this selection is well underway, there is always a chance for a place to be filled. In December, #362 will be a Shoals Walk, with its Team Selection is this month. In Feb. of 2010, there will be another Moulton Walk. So you can see how important it is to have your sheets on file. If you are brand new, you especially need to complete one of these sheets! There will be copies of these sheets available at the May meeting, but you may also go to the Cluster website at www.ShoalsEmmaus.com and print one for yourself. When you have completed it, please give it to Thomas Martin, our Cluster Leader.

SHOALS EMMAUS CLUSTER

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WALK #352 IS MAY 14-17

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

#352

Jodi Traffenstedt—Lexington
Kellee Morgan - Rogersville

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. Please give all your support to the team and to these Pilgrims!!!



NEW PILGRIM GUIDES

The Upper Room has revised the Pilgrim Guides, and has with this revision, included new blessings before and after meals. The old version will no longer be printed, so when the current supply is depleted, the new version will be all that will be available. As a result, beginning with Walk #356 in September of this year, the new guides will be supplied to those Pilgrims. They will be for sale to the Community at Candlelight and Closing. This will require new banners! More later!!

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

Is anyone you have sponsored eager to serve on a team? If so, what a blessing! You are in a position to help! If your Pilgrim(s) have not completed a Service Sheet [Application to Serve] insure that they do this. If they have already been invited to serve on a team for the first time, ask what duties they have been assigned, and offer to fill in details for them. If you have worked their area before – great! You can really help! There are so many things that are not written, and so many things that are learned by experience – that you can share, and really provide a lot of help and confidence. Be on top of what is going on with your Pilgrims – regardless of how long ago they `walked`!

WALK #353 IS 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 **FOUR** ladies who are listed for this Walk:

#353

Cynthia Dudley – Florence
Joan Meyer – Florence
Amanda Allen – Florence
Kristi Niedergeses-Florence

Please get your letters written now and bring them to Cluster. Even if you aren't able to go to Candlelight, your letters may be taken by someone who is. Who knows – your letter may be the one of the things that is most special to one of these ladies. Letters from strangers often are!!!

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 #354 IS JUNE 11-14

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and LuAnn Prickett. This team will come from the Cullman /Oneonta Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, there are **TWO** ladies who are scheduled for this Walk:

#354

Mary Lee Dobbins – Florence
Patricia Jester - Florence

The June Walk is often filled with teachers who are free to attend at this time. While there are only two Shoals area Pilgrims who are scheduled at this time, this could change. The June issue of the Apostle will publish the week of the Walk. So be attuned to check for this possibility. And please write to these ladies and invite them to our June meeting! They will get home on Sunday and have Follow-up on Tuesday!



2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES

January, ~~May~~, September

ROGERSVILLE

March, July, November

TUSCUMBIA

February, April, June, August,
October, December