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Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalm 46:10

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2009 ALABAMA WALKS

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
360 Nov. 5-8	Men
361 Nov. 19-22	Men

2009 NCEC WALKS

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

WHERE DOES THE MONEY YOU GIVE AT CLUSTER GO?

Have you ever wondered why there is a collection basket on the food table when you come to Cluster? Well, here are some of the answers. There are some regular expenses that remain pretty much the same, month to month, and others that come up on a one-time basis. The Cluster has a board member who is the Cluster Treasurer. This person manages two accounts – the General Fund, from which the following is paid: childcare for our meetings, supplies for the Cleopas binders, paper, and flowers; materials for Agape, including the crosses from the Cluster, and postage for the newsletters that are snail mailed. Additionally, last year the board voted to send \$100 per month to Sumatanga prior to making the pledge to fund the renovation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. In addition to these regular expenses, there are often needs at camp that the Cluster has supplied, such as fans in the Conference Room and Pilgrim's Prayer Chapel, carpet in the Speaker's Prayer Chapel, and entry mats for all downstairs doors in Hutto. The other account is the Pilgrim Fund, and this is set aside to help Shoals area Pilgrims unable to pay the fee to attend a Walk. The first \$30 must be paid by the Pilgrim or the sponsor, and the balance, if approved by the Cluster Spiritual Director, will be paid from this fund. It is usually announced at each Cluster which fund receives the offering.

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

June 16, 2009

6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FIRST UMC

MAIN AND 4TH 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)

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 **THREE** ladies who are scheduled for this Walk:

#354

Mary Lee Dobbins – Florence

Patricia Jester – Florence

Rena Roy – Florence

This Walk is likely to be in progress when you receive your Apostle, so please be quick to see that your letters are there for these ladies - and that you are there, too, for Candlelight! Welcome them home to the Shoals Cluster!



AGAPE PARTY!!!

There will be an Agape Party in July at St. James. The date will be announced later, but keep this in mind as you make your plans for the summer.

REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGES!

As many of you know, the camp has felt the brunt of the erratic economy, as many of us have. But we knew before this that the camp was in need. This has made the need more urgent! If you have not made a pledge so far, please consider what the Lord would have you do. You may want to give a one-time gift right now. There are indications that your tax deduction for this kind of gift may be cut in the future, so you might want to get this done now. So, how do you give? First, you may give a one-time gift to the Psalm 16 Campaign. **BE SURE** that on the 'for' line you write '**Shoals**'. There are pre-printed envelopes available on the Information Center table at Cluster with a P.O. Box to mail to John Schuessler, or you may give your check to him. He is tracking our totals. Secondly, if you make a pledge, there are cards on the same table, and you would also mail these to John or give them to him. If you have already pledged, and you want to send your monthly payments to camp, there are also pre-printed envelopes for this. Just ask if you are not sure!

GOLF TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

Due to some circumstances that arose at the last minute, the Golf Tournament that was to benefit Camp Sumatanga, and scheduled for June 13 at Deer Run Golf Course in Moulton, has been cancelled. When it is pulled together again, the details will be forthcoming as soon as possible. Thanks to all of you who have helped in any way with the effort to put the tournament together!!!

SHOALS EMMAUS CLUSTER

104 East 3rd Street
Tuscumbia AL 35674

WALK #356 IS AUG. 13-16

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Tim Littrell. This is the first Walk led by a member of the Moulton Cluster! The team will include Decatur, and there will be some folks from the Shoals. As we go to press, there are **SIX** men who are scheduled for this Walk:

#355

Ben Murray – Florence
Chad Hess – Florence
Richard Gooch – Florence
Charles Whitehead – Florence
Joseph Kim – Killen
Brandon Romans - Tuscumbia

Many of us know Tim Littrell, and we will know many of the team members. This should be a very special Walk for the guys we have scheduled from the Shoals. Please give all your support to the team and to these Pilgrims!!!



TRAINING EVENT AUG. 14-15

The Annual Training Event is the same weekend as Walk #355. It is going to be a bit different this year, and you don't want to miss it! Friday night will be loads of fun, so be sure to plan for being there the whole time! Watch for the registration forms at Cluster, in the July Grapevine, and at Candlelight. Just think – all of your stay will help the camp!

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 you have not yet explained the commitment to them, this is a must! Please let them know the cost for staying at camp for the weekend - \$170 per person if two in a room. Even if they are working on a committee that does not require them to be at camp all weekend, it is also a commitment to the Lay Director who has asked them to serve to be in attendance for ALL team meetings. This is true for all team members, and this is something the Alabama Board is taking very seriously. The same is true for fulfilling all parts of the duties of the job accepted by your Pilgrim. If the position they are filling does require them to be at camp all

weekend, then this should be done unless an unforeseen emergency arises. Each job is as important as the other – or it would not be there. Everyone is needed to completely fulfill their obligations.

It would be a great idea – whether or not you are also serving on the same team – for you to go over all the material and the guidelines your Pilgrim has been given, to be sure that they are clear and the Pilgrim understands. This will lead to further valuable service by your Pilgrim, and you will have fulfilled yet another part of your sponsorship!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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WALK #356 IS SEP. 17-20

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

#356

Karran Goode – Florence
Kay Lovelace – Florence
Gwen Hill – Florence
Angie Lash – Rogersville
Karen Handley – Tuscumbia
Rebecca East - Tuscumbia

It's so exciting to have all these ladies become a part of the family! Please do your part to make them feel welcome. Watch for updates in the July and August newsletters. Write to each of them, and do your best to be at Candlelight!



2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES

January, May, September

ROGERSVILLE

March, July, November

TUSCUMBIA

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