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Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Psalm 119:11 (21st Century King James Version)

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2009 ALABAMA WALKS

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
#362 Dec. 3-6	Women
#363 Jan. 21-24	Women
#364 Feb. 18-21	Men

2009 NCEC WALKS

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

IT'S A FIRST!!!!

Yep! For the first time ever, the Shoals Cluster will meet at **Florence First UMC!!!** Now, this is for the **AUGUST 18th** meeting – not this month!!! But you need to know this ahead of time. The reason is that Tuscumbia FUMC will be having their revival that same week in August, and Florence First just stepped right up to the plate! You will need to enter the building on the Seminary Street side. There will be more detail in the next issue of the Apostle, so be on the lookout for this, and help to spread the word! This date will be two days after Walk #355 ends, and as you can see from a related article on this page, we have two guys from Florence who will be Pilgrims on this Walk. This is will be so exciting! This will be a meeting no one will want to miss!!! Just remember where the meeting in August will be – at Florence **FIRST UMC!!!**



NEW PILGRIM GUIDES

As you may or may not know, the Upper Room has revised the Pilgrim Guides. The old version will no longer be available to order, and the supply at camp will be depleted after the August Walk - #355. The new guides will be used for the first time on Walk #356 in September. So - even those who have been around 25 years will have to learn something new!!! There will be a supply of new Pilgrim Guides for sale at the August meeting, and the cost will be \$2.00. This will be another reason you will not want to miss the August meeting!!!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday
July 21, 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)

WALK #355 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 of July 1, there are **TWO** men who are scheduled for this Walk:

#355

Richard Gooch – Florence
Charles Whitehead – Florence

Many of us know Tim Littrell, and the Moulton Cluster is family – right? This should be a very special Walk for the guys we have scheduled from the Shoals, and to ALL the Pilgrims. Please give all your support to the team and to these Pilgrims!!! Did you know team members can get letters, too? Try this for the folks you know – and maybe those you don't!!!



AGAPE PARTY!!!

Now we know! There will be an Agape Party on July 30th at 6:00 at St. James UMC. Come one, come all, and have a blessed time of fellowship and fun!!!

CAMP SUMATANGA

Not all of us in the Shoals Cluster are Methodists, and not all of us went on our Walk to Emmaus at Camp Sumatanga. But for most of us, both of these statements are true. As many of you have seen and heard in recent weeks, the financial situation at Camp Sumatanga has gone public. There have been articles in several papers, and emails have been circulated telling the situation at camp, and leaving the impression that the camp will soon close. Of course there is a need. This fact was brought to the attention of those who use the camp two years ago. And the Shoals Cluster has responded like no other. Since then, our country has begun to experience an economic upheaval such as few of us have ever seen. At this point in time, only God knows the timing of the end of the economic crisis. All of us know He is all over Camp Sumatanga, and He changes lives there. We also know that with Him, all things are possible. Today, we all still have the opportunity to do our part to help Camp Sumatanga make it back to sure footing. At every turn, and at every chance, we should use the camp, and encourage others to as well. If you have not planned to go to the Annual Training Event next month, why not reconsider? Why not plan to go on Friday night, and be there for the whole event? When was the last time your church had a retreat at camp? Why not suggest one before the end of the year? Yes, it **IS** possible! Remember? And take the youth of your church for a time away from everything the world has to offer – even for just a few hours – and see what can happen. We can do this thing! We can and will, with God's help!

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WALK #356 IS SEP. 10-13

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Laurie Bolt. The team will come from the Haleyville – Hamilton Cluster Grouping. There are now **SEVEN** ladies who are listed for this Walk:

#356

Karran Goode – Florence
Kay Lovelace – Florence
Gwen Hill – Florence
Melanie Tidwell - Lexington
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!



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 – your stay – especially overnight - 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

There is a question on the Pilgrims' Application that asks how many Pilgrims, you, as the sponsor, have sponsored in the previous year. Of course it is hoped that each of you has sponsored more than one! In any case, one of the finest things you can do for your Pilgrim(s) is to see that they go to the Annual Training Event! This year, it is scheduled for August 14-15. Registration on the 14th is from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in McKinley Atkins, the office building where the Retreat Center is. The whole Retreat Center is reserved for Emmaus that weekend, since Walk #355 will be in progress. The dining room will be open for dinner from 5:30-7:00. The program will begin at 7:00 with

singing, and this year, we will have Entertainment skits, and a Table Training Skit. [It's important to the camp to have you and your Pilgrim(s) heads in beds Friday night!] Then on Saturday, Registration starts at 8:00 and the program at 8:30. There will be training classes for ALD, ASD, Table Leader, Ass't. Table Leader, Agape, Worship, Candlelight, Closing, Sponsors' Hour, Music, Meal Service, Refreshments, 72-Hour Prayer Vigil, Speakers' Prayer Chapel, Follow Up, and Housing & Registration. Your Pilgrim(s) will gain a lot from this, and be better able to serve on a team. And, who knows, even if you have been several times, you might even enjoy this yourself. It certainly can't hurt!

WALK #357 TO BE SEP. 17-20

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Barbara Hanby. The team will be selected from the Tuscaloosa - West Alabama Cluster Grouping. As of July 1, we have **SIX** ladies scheduled to attend this Walk:

#357

Kristi Neidergeses-Florence
Becky Mauldin – Florence
Carolyn Chandler – Florence
Andi Flippen - Killen
KimTucker – Sheffield
Keb Crosslin – Tuscumbia

Aren't you excited for these ladies? They are going to have such a wonderful Walk, because we're going to cover them in prayer. And, we're going to write to them, and do our best to be at Candlelight for them!!! Be sure you are there when they return to give them a hearty welcome to the Shoals Cluster!!!



2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES

January, May, September

ROGERSVILLE

March, July, November

TUSCUMBIA

February, April, June, August, October, December

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