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And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.
Romans 8:11

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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

NOTICE!!! NOTICE!!!

The August meeting of the Shoals Cluster will be at Florence First UMC!!! 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. This will also be the meeting to which you may invite guests – so PLEASE, if you don't mind, do not wear your cross to this meeting! Your guests will be given an overview of the Walk to Emmaus while returning Pilgrims share in the sanctuary. This date will be two days after Walk #355 ends, and as you can see from a related article on this page, we have one fellow from Florence who will be a Pilgrim on this Walk. Your guests will rejoin us before we have communion. This will be so exciting! This will be one of those meetings no one will want to miss! Just be sure to 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. 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

August 18, 2009

6:00 p.m.

FLORENCE FUMC

415 NORTH SEMINARY STREET
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)

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 We go to press, there is **ONE** Shoals area man scheduled for this Walk:

#355

Charles Whitehead – Florence

Many of us know Tim Littrell, and the Moulton Cluster is family – right? This is also the weekend of the **Annual Training Event**, so why not plan to come on Saturday for the training, and then be there for Candlelight? It's a plan, don't you think?



AGAPE PARTY!!!

There was a great turn-out for the Agape Party! WOW! Thanks a million to all of you who came! There were 22 there to work, and there is now enough agape to last for the rest of the year! Also, there are enough of the Pilgrim Guide covers for the remaining Walks this year. Yes, the new guides are the same size!!!!

CAMP SUMATANGA

On August 5th, the fund-raising that began for camp at Annual Conference exceeded the \$400,000 mark, and camp is secure into 2010!!!!!! As the Apostle goes to press, the total is now \$428,600.55!!!! This is wonderful news, but then, when we operate by faith, all things are possible!!! You just have to believe! We also know that faith without works is dead, so we have seen folks everywhere acting on their faith. Praise the Lord! NOW, the thing we have to realize and remember is that we CANNOT let up!!! We have to keep camp in all of our thoughts, so as to not miss an opportunity to use it. The way to maintain Camp Sumatanga is to keep 'heads in beds'!!! So, have your church plan a family life retreat. Be sure your children and youth go to camp. If your church is UMC, see that a line item for camp is added to the budget. You CAN help, and we CAN do it!!!!



#356 TO BE SEPT. 10-13

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Laurie Bolt. The team will come from the Haleyville – Hamilton Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, there are **FIVE** ladies from our area scheduled to attend:

#356

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

Be sure to make your plans, get your letters written to these ladies, and go to Candlelight for them! You know what it meant to you to see all those folks there for you! And be sure to welcome them home to the next Cluster meeting!

SHOALS EMMAUS CLUSTER

104 East 3rd Street
Tuscumbia AL 35674

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. At this time, we have **FOUR** ladies scheduled to attend this Walk:

#357

**Kristi Neidergeses-Florence
Carolyn Chandler – Florence
Andi Flippen - Killen
KimTucker – Sheffield**

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!!!



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! You can go for the day on Saturday and stay for Candlelight. It's really going to be fun!!!!

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

One of the best things you can do as a sponsor is to take any new Pilgrims – those who have never worked a Walk, to the Annual Training Event! There will be singing – a real Emmaus Hoe-Down, and this year, we will even have a Table Training Skit. At this time, camp happens to actually be full, which is great! So if you aren't already registered, come 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, 72-HPV, Refreshments, 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!

Let this be a time of refreshing for you and your Pilgrims! If you don't come, you will really miss out on a good time, and a time to catch up on everything. You have noticed how things keep changing, haven't you – like the new Pilgrims' Guides! Well, you surely want to keep up with all that may have changed – and be in the know!

And, by the way, you and your Pilgrim(s) will have your names turned in to Team Selection to be given to those who are to be future Lay Directors.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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WANT TO BE ON A TEAM?

If you have not completed an Application to serve this year, you really need to complete one and turn it in to Thomas Martin. The Alabama Community has merged its two databases to give Lay Directors your contact information and your experience in one document. This is a tremendous help to the Lay Director, and your information being correct is a necessity! The database is using your original Walk number to identify you, so if this is not in the data, you are at a loss - as well as the Lay Director! If you have experience in another Community, such as New Covenant, you REALLY need to complete an Application to Serve, so that all your experience can be counted. These forms are on the information table.



2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES

January, May, September

ROGERSVILLE

March, July, November

TUSCUMBIA

February, April, June, October,
December

FLORENCE FUMC

August