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For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 8:14

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2009 ALABAMA WALKS

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

DON'T STOP NOW!!!

As most of you have likely heard, an anonymous donor has paid the Retreat Center debt for Camp Sumatanga in full!!! This relieves the camp of \$88,000 in total annual mortgage payments. At the same time, the donations since the speech Bro. Bob made at Conference this year have topped \$500,000. What a blessing!!! God is good! But don't let that make you think the campaign is over!!! We've only won a battle! If you have made a pledge, it is still there to be paid. You said you that you would – right? And the Cluster has a whopping pledge to meet. So if you can help with that in any way, do so – please! A small amount each month counts up, and is a great help to on-going needs at camp. God bless all of you who have given, and God bless Camp Sumatanga, Bro. Bob, and Betsy!!!



WALK #358 IS OCT. 8-11

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Doug Akin. It will originate from the B'ham South/ South Shelby Cluster Grouping. To date, there are **EIGHT** men scheduled for this Walk:

#358

Tonis Woods – Florence
Bob Young – Florence
Mitch Dobbins – Florence
Chad Hess – Florence
Phillip Fretwell - Muscle Shoals
Max Thornton – Rogersville
Tommy Barnes – Sheffield
Waylon Huguley

This is a great group of men this time! They are putting the ladies to shame, lately! Do your part to be there for them! This will be a special Walk indeed!!!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
6:00 p.m.

ST. JAMES UMC
COX CREEK PARKWAY
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)

#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

This Walk will be **this weekend**, so get your plans together. A lot of you know one or two of these Pilgrims. And 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!



NEW PILGRIM GUIDES

As you may or may not know, the Upper Room has revised the Pilgrim Guides. There will be a supply of new Pilgrim Guides for sale at the September meeting, and the cost will be \$2.00. The Blessings have changed and the Prayer to the Holy Spirit has a bit.

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!!!



WALK #359 IS OCT. 22-25

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Mycha Odom, and the team will come from the B'ham East Cluster. As we go to press, there are two ladies from the Shoals area who are scheduled to attend. They are:

#359

Melanie Young – Rogersville
Melanie Huguley – Sheffield

Two Melanie's! How about that?! This should be a special Walk, indeed, so get involved now!!! Also, watch the next issue to see if names have been added.

THERE IS A NEED!!!

If you know a guy you'd like to sponsor, there are several openings on BOTH November Walks!!! So pray – and get all your efforts together to get the forms turned in for those special guys in your life. Who knows? The openings may just be there waiting for your Pilgrims!!! If you need an application, they will be available at the Cluster meeting, or you can download them from the Cluster or the Community web sites.

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TRAINING EVENT WENT WELL

The Annual Training Event was held Aug. 14-15, the same weekend as Walk #355. It was very well attended this year, and many of you were a part of the staff. Thank you! There were over 100 who signed up to train, and by a show of hands at least two-thirds were there for the first time! What a blessing that was!!! Last year, the attendance was low. But this was a good sign of real interest in the minds of new Pilgrims in learning all they can, and their desire to become permanently involved. Bob Murray gave a 'State of the Camp' report Friday night that was very positive, and it was very encouraging to have about 70 folks staying overnight that night! Camp was completely full! Then there was a 'Hoe Down' of great Emmaus music, led by Pat Seal. There was a 'Table Talk' skit performed by seven guys that reflected situations that have occurred during Walks. And, of course, there was food! Mitchell and Martha Stevens, along with Virginia McWilliams and Alice Hayes took beautiful care of this area. Several ladies helped with a training skit the next day. The total count for training was 107, and three sessions were required to cover all signees!!! PTL!!!

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

As mentioned in a blurb on the front page, there are now new Pilgrim Guides in use, and this begins with Walk #356 this very weekend. One of the things you will want to do for Pilgrims you have sponsored is to make sure they are aware of this, and that they obtain a copy of the new version. They will be available at Camp this weekend during the Walk at Candlelight, and perhaps at Closing. They are being bought as quickly as Ted Hagler puts them out. This makes the supply available to Clusters uncertain at times. So this is a good reason to go to Candlelight!!!

There are some changes you will want to note for yourself,

as well as your Pilgrims. The Blessings before and after meals are completely different. There are a couple of word changes to the Prayer to the Holy Spirit...just a change from 'them' to 'us', etc. For those of you who have everything memorized, you will want to look at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, still beginning on page 26. Many parts are still the same, but there are a few additions. The clergy in charge may choose to use something new, so you will want to have your guide with you, or at least be familiar. The same will be true for your Pilgrims. So, be on top of this for yourself, and especially help those who have attended in just the last couple of years.

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, August, October, December