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## THE SHOALS CLUSTER NEWSLETTER

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### 2009 ALABAMA WALKS

359 Oct.22-25	Women
360 Nov. 5-8	Men
361 Nov. 19-22	Men

**#362 Dec. 3-6 Women**

### 2010 ALABAMA WALKS

#363 Jan. 21-24	Women
#364 Feb. 18-21	Men
#365 Mar. 4-7	Men
#366 Apr. 8-11	Women
#367 Apr.22-25	Men
#368 May 6-9	Women
#369 May 20-23	Women
#370 June 10-13	Women

### BIG NEWS!

Beginning in 2010, we will have a new location for our Cluster meetings for January, May, and September !!! St. James requested some help, and Florence FUMC came to the rescue. So – be watching the calendar on the back of the page, and listen for announcements at Cluster and on Calling Post to remind you of the change! Many thanks to St. James for hosting us since as far back as the 1990's!!! Thanks for the memories!



### 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 is **ONE** lady from the Shoals area who is scheduled to attend.

#### #359

**Melanie Young – Rogersville**

Be sure to attend Cluster meeting to see if this has changed by next week. On the email received Oct. 9, only 45 ladies were listed for this Walk. It is now past the deadline to add Pilgrims. But there may have been those who were added at the last moment. Be there to keep up!



### THERE IS STILL A NEED!!!

If you know a guy you'd like to sponsor, there are several openings on Walk #361! This is the Nov. 19-22 Walk. There are several men from the Shoals area signed up to go, so this may be the perfect time for the fellow you want to sponsor. If you need a form, you can pick one up at Cluster, or go to the Alabama Community website and print on for yourself.

### NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

**OCTOBER 20, 2009**

6:00 p.m.

### TUSCUMBIA FUMC

CORNER OF THIRD & MAIN STS.  
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)

### #360 TO BE NOV. 5-8

**CAN YOU BELIEVE IT???** The Shoals Cluster does not have even ONE Pilgrim on Walk #360! It has been longer than one cares to remember since this was the case. Very likely it has been ten years! In fact, the whole Community has seen an overall decline in the number of applications submitted. This time last year there were 100 more on file than were reported this month. Of course the effect of the economy may be a factor, but it should never be a reason. The Lord always provides for His people!!!



### NEW PILGRIM GUIDES

As you surely know by now, the Upper Room has revised the Pilgrim Guides. You may buy a new 'Pilgrims' Worship Booklet' at the October meeting. The cost is \$2.00. The Blessings have changed, the communion liturgy has changed, and the Prayer to the Holy Spirit has a couple of pronouns changed. You will need one!!!!

### WALK #361 TO BE NOV. 19-20

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Charlie Ayers. The team will be selected from the Gadsden/ Cherokee-DeKalb/ Marshall Cluster Grouping. At this time, we have **TEN** men scheduled to attend this Walk:

#### #361

Alan Riethmaier - Florence  
Tonis Woods – Florence  
Richard Whiteside - Florence  
Richard Gooch – Florence  
Jim Anderson – Muscle Shoals  
Robbie Lash – Rogersville  
Charles Edwards – Sheffield  
Tim Sasser – Tuscumbia  
Chad Hester – Tuscumbia  
Doug Click - Tuscumbia

WOW! After having NO Pilgrims on #360, this is a relief! And we really, really need to support these guys! If at all possible, we need to have a CROWD there for Candlelight! Whatever you do, be sure to write to each of these men, and make them feel welcome when they come home to the Cluster.



### #362 IS UNDERWAY!!!

#362 will be led by the Holy Spirit and our very own Leasha Laster. There have already been two team meetings held, and there will be two more in November. They are all being held at Rogersville UMC, and the next two will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. They are from 8:30 a.m., until 2:00-ish. ☺ If you are new to the Cluster, and would like to see what a team meeting is like, you are most welcome to come. It will be a blessing! The Walk date will be Dec. 3-6. What a way to get ready for Christmas!!!!

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**SUMATANGA NEWS**

Last week, Bro. Bob Murray sent out an email reporting the total on the giving at over \$600,000! This is a wonderful blessing the Lord has poured out on the camp! Of course, we all want the giving to continue to flow in, so don't relax on your pledges and any impromptu giving you might be able to do!!!

On Oct. 1, there was a service held at camp for the 'Burning of the Mortgage'. It was held in Green Auditorium, so there was no flame!!! The papers were torn into pieces. Two representatives of the foundations who paid off the debt on the Retreat Center were present for the celebration. It was truly a day that God had made!!!

The acoustical tiles in Hutto, Green, and other camp buildings have been removed, and in their places will be hand-crafted sound absorbers, covered in fabric. If you would like to help with this effort, you may do so locally by contacting Bob Torbert at 702-2182. He is working on this project at the Brandon Ministry Center. Isn't it going to be great to be a part of this? Green Auditorium already looks better!!!

**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**

**CALLING ALL SPONSORS!!!**

As noted in another article, our sponsorship in the Shoals has declined in recent months. It is picking up as a result of the August Open Meeting, and the plea for applicants for Walk #361. Right now, EIGHT ladies from the Shoals area have been invited to attend #362, and a waiting list has been established. This is a good sign!!! However, we want to be diligent all the time to 'keep the fire going'!!! If you have never sponsored anyone before, and you would like a little help, please ask!!! There are folks who are so willing to do what they can to help. You can also go to the Cluster website for just about anything you might need to know about becoming

a sponsor. It tells you where to find an application, how to complete it, what to tell your Pilgrim(s) to prepare them. There is help with securing letters, and there is even a map showing how to get from the Shoals to camp!!! So, if you have never seen the website. You really should!!!! Vic Watford does an excellent job!!! All you have to do is go to [www.ShoalsEmmaus.com](http://www.ShoalsEmmaus.com) and see what all you can find! There is a Cluster history. And you can even see a year's worth of these newsletters. So if you have been a Pilgrim in the last twelve months, don't you think it would be neat to find the issue that listed your Walk and you as a Pilgrim? Give it a try!!!!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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**Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (emergencies only)**

**AGAPE IN GOOD SHAPE**

Our Agape Committee, headed by Verna White and Donna Cook tell us that there is enough agape completed for the rest of the Walks this year. This also includes the fabric covers for the Pilgrim Worship Booklets. They made some special patriotic agape for the Walk that was the weekend of 9/11, and also have something for the Walk just before Veterans' Day. They have 161 ties already completed for upcoming Men's Walks, and will still accept your donations of unused ties. The group is already beginning to work on the booklet covers for 2010.



**SOMETHING NEW**

In an effort to accurately record attendance at Cluster meetings, the podium with the sign-in book will be in the sanctuary – as well as the fellowship hall at each meeting. Please be sure to sign in!

**2009 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**ST. JAMES**

*January, May, September*

**ROGERSVILLE**

*March, July, November*

**TUSCUMBIA**

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