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*Faithful is He Who is calling you to Himself and utterly trustworthy, and He will also fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you.
1 Thessalonians 5:24 (Amplified Bible)*

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2009 ALABAMA WALKS

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

#371 Aug. 12-15 Men

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 #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/ Marhsall Cluster Grouping. At this time, we have **EIGHT** men scheduled to attend this Walk:

#361

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

We really want to support these men with our prayers, our presence at Candlelight or maybe even serving a meal, and with our letters. Be sure to invite each of them to Cluster, and remind them of this when they return home. We want each of them to become vibrant, active, involved members of the Shoals Cluster, and be eligible to work on future teams!!!

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 17, 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)

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE

Just a gentle reminder – with the full knowledge that these are tough economic times, and that Christmas is quite close – the Cluster treasury needs your help. Please give as you are able so that the Cluster can continue to fund all the responsibilities it has on its shoulders. This is the most generous of Clusters, and one of the most active. We take care of our own, such as childcare, the supplies for Cleopas and Agape, and a monthly donation to Camp Sumatanga that is above our pledge for the Water Treatment Plant. Big or small, God sees it all – and He blesses it! Thanks for doing whatever you are able to do! It will certainly help!!!



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 November 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!!!!!!

DECEMBER IS MEMORIAL MEETING

Once a year we celebrate the live of our Cluster members who have gone home to be with the Lord in the year past. This year, we will celebrate:

Ed Borden
Thelma Brown
Sam Bristow
Bill Cook
Tommy Curry

If you are aware of others who need to be added to this list, please notify Lynda Bottcher, or tell a Cluster Board member at the November meeting. We will light the candle of memory for each one of these members, and have a word of memory spoken on their behalf. This should be a special service.



#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 14th and the 21st. 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! If you are asked to provide food items by the Refreshment Team, please consider this an invitation to be a part of this Walk. You will be one of those on the team that prays at home! But you will play a vital role!!!!!! The Walk date will be Dec. 3-6. What a way to get ready for Christmas!!!

SHOALS EMMAUS CLUSTER

104 East 3rd Street
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#362 TO BE DEC. 3-6

As noted on the front page, this Walk is being led by the Holy Spirit and our own Leasha Laster. To date we have **FIVE** ladies from the Shoals scheduled to attend:

Jan Barney – Florence
Deborah Burnside – Florence
Judy Gullett – Florence
Bethany Riethmaier-Florence
Julie Goodwin-Muscle Shoals

We really need to make a great showing for these ladies at Candlelight!



WALK #363 TO BE JAN. 21-24

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Ruth Ann Clay. The team will originate from the B'ham E/B'ham So/and the So. Shelby Cluster Grouping. To date we have **TEN** ladies scheduled to attend this Walk.

#363

Amy Matthews – Florence
Janet Whiteside – Florence
Susan Adams – Florence
Delana Blake – Florence
Cherri Sutherland – Florence
Libby Glasscock – Florence
Brandi Oliver – Killen
Megan Krieger – Rogersville
Melanie Huguley – Sheffield
Britney Hightower – Sheffield

WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

The Shoals is getting on the ball with more Pilgrims! Alright! But, there are the fewest applications on file in the Community Office that any of the old-timers can recall. Of course there is a fairly new procedure of de-activating applications after a Pilgrim is invited three times and does not accept. After that, you, as a sponsor, must see that your potential Pilgrim re-applies. So, if you have someone whose application was turned in two or three years ago, and he or she was never able to go when scheduled, please don't wait for them to just automatically be re-scheduled! Contact Carolyn Phillips as indicated below, and check the status of your potential Pilgrims. Make

sure everything is in order, and that you have done all that you need to do as a sponsor. Then, if it is still not the time for your person(s) to go, you know where you are and what to do next. If you have several people you have sponsored who are now involved and attending Cluster, and in a Reunion Group, check to see that they have updated their Application to Serve. If they have not worked on a Walk, and would really like to, this is the first step for them to take. Make sure, as a good sponsor, that they know how to do this, and that they get it done. You should be able to find one on the Info Table, or go to ShoalsEmmaus.com, go to Resources, then to Forms for both Cluster and Community.

AGAPE IN GOOD SHAPE – HOWEVER...

Our Agape Committee does a GREAT job, and there is enough agape for all the Walks for this year. There are also enough ties for the Men's Walks this year. If you have more ties to donate to make ready for 2010, see Verna White or Donna Cook. What is the HOWEVER? The Agape Committee would like for some of the many Reunion Groups we have to make agape as well to add variety and new ideas. If you are not presently doing this in your Reunion Group, and would be willing to pitch in, please let Verna know what, when, and how much you are providing, so she can adjust hers for each Walk. You may call 766-8443. By the way, this is traditional stuff for Reunion Groups to do. Our committee is so good we tend to let them do it all!!!!

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES

January, May, September

ROGERSVILLE

March, July, **November**

TUSCUMBIA

February, April, June, August, October, December

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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