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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given - Isaiah 9:6

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2009 ALABAMA WALKS

347 Jan. 22-25	Men
348 Feb. 19-22	Women
349 Mar. 5-9	Women
350 Apr. 2-5	Women
351 Apr. 23-26	Men
352 May 14-17	Women
353 May 21-24	Women
354 Jun 11-14	Women
355 Aug 13-16	Men

#347 TO BE JAN. 22-25

Walk #347 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Ken Hanby. This team will come from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Cluster Grouping. As of the first week in December, we have these **NINE** men on the list for the first Walk in 2009:

#347

Scott Bayles – Florence
Scott Hubbard – Florence
Tom Anderson – Lexington
Darrell Shelton – Lexington
Bill Countiss – Muscle Shoals
Shawn Bracey – Rogersville
Ran Redding – Rogersville
Bobby Terrell – Tuscumbia
Brandon Romans – Tuscumbia

Be sure to write letters to all these men, pray, and if at all possible, be there for them for Candlelight!!!



SOMETHING NEW!!!

For ten years, a group from Alexander City has made the fabric agape book covers for the Pilgrims' Guides. The group furnished these for all Walks unless a particular team decided to make their own. The group disbanded, and a single individual has made them for a couple of years. Roberta Wycoff is now having to give up the ministry, and the Shoals Cluster Board voted to take it as a project. Tuscumbia FUMC will be facilitating the setting up of the project, and will have the template and instructions in short order. As soon as the basics are in place, anyone can help by giving toward the purchase of fabric, or actually sewing. If you want to help, see Bud Bottcher.



NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday

DECEMBER 16, 2008

6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FUMC

CORNER OF THIRD & MAIN
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)

PSALM 16 CAMPAIGN

In case you haven't put this name together with the campaign for Camp Sumatanga, now you know that it is based on this scripture, and is known as a 'Trail of Grace and Legacy'. As mentioned before, the Shoals Cluster has pledged to raise the funds necessary for upgrading the wastewater treatment plant at camp, and the right to name the facility. Envelopes with pledge cards have been distributed at the last two Cluster meetings. These envelopes are addressed to **P.O. Box 813** in Florence, so that a running tally may be kept at the local level. So far, more than \$12,000 has been pledged or given through the Cluster. Our goal is **\$400,000** over five years. If you could spare \$10 a month, your total pledge would be \$600 - \$20 a month, and your pledge total would be \$1,200 - and so on. You can see how God can magnify even the smallest of gifts into the greatest of blessings!

WALK #348 TO BE FEB. 19-22

This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Delle Cain. The team will come from the Birmingham South/South Shelby Cluster Grouping. As the Apostle goes to press, the list of Pilgrims scheduled for this Walk includes **EIGHT** women from the Shoals area. They are:

#348

Becky Mauldin – Florence
Cindy White – Florence
Glo Jenkie – Florence
Andi Flippen – Killen
Marie Stribling – Muscle Shoals
Judy Armstrong – Sheffield
Stacy Fulton – Tuscumbia
Jane Moon - Tuscumbia

Be in prayer for these ladies, their families, the team, and everyone involved. Be sure to write them a letter, and be at Candlelight if at all possible!

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT DECEMBER MEETING

Our annual Memorial Service for Cluster members who have gone home to be with the Lord in the past year will be held during the December meeting. We will celebrate the lives of these people who have been such a part of our lives. Their names will be called, and we will light a candle in their memory. There will be family and/or friends who will offer a few words of remembrance of their lives here on earth. We will be remembering these members of our Cluster:

Virginia Adams
Lanell Butler
Peggy Du Bois
Jud Sandlin
Bill Wallace



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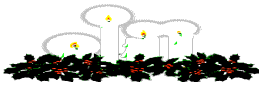
WALK #349 TO BE MARCH 5-8

Walk #349 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Kay Jordan. The team will come from the Birmingham East Cluster. At this time, there are **EIGHT** women from the Shoals assigned to this Walk:

#349

Kay Lovelace – Florence
Doris Phillips – Florence
Ranee Mitchell – Florence
Patricia Jester – Florence
Mary Lee Dobbins – Florence
Pam Gray – Lexington
Kaye White – Lexington
Beverly McCorkle - Rogersville

It's a while till March, so be in prayer for all of these women and their families. Some of the names may change, and others may be added. Keep everyone involved with this Walk lifted up until March arrives!



DID YOU KNOW?

The database for the Shoals Cluster shows 780 entries, with 230 of those being couples – for a total of 1010 members!!!

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 a sponsor, you know that the fee for a Pilgrim to attend a Walk is \$160 - \$30 of which is the registration fee. The \$30 is to be sent with the application. The balance can be paid as the Pilgrim registers when they arrive at camp. The Pilgrim may pay their own fees, if they wish. This is the way it all began! Or, you may pay them as the sponsor. If either of you has any difficulty with fees, check with the Cluster Spiritual Director for help from the Cluster Pilgrim Fund. This fund is for Shoals area Pilgrims. If this is the route taken, one of you must pay the \$30, and apply for the remaining \$130 to be paid by the Cluster. Gary Formby is currently the Cluster Spiritual Director. It is helpful to

have a copy of the application for the bookkeeping that will be done by the Treasurer. This fund is generated by donations collected in the basket on the food table at each Cluster Meeting. You will usually hear an announcement that tells whether the money collected will go to the Pilgrim Fund. If not, the collection will be put into the Cluster General Fund. For a time during this year, the Alabama Emmaus Community was unable to furnish this type of scholarship, but the situation there has improved, and this is also a possibility now. For this aid, contact the Community Spiritual Director, Carl Long for approval of this source of funding.



NOVEMBER MEETING SUPER

The November meeting was in Rogersville, and according to Jamey Cosby, 155 chairs were set up in the Discipleship Center. Only one table was not full! As people came and went during the meal and the service in the sanctuary, the number became impossible to calculate. But it is certain that over 150 folks were present at one time or the other. What a time of Thanksgiving! There were ten Pilgrims from Walks #343 and #344, and all of them shared. It was indeed a rich time of fellowship. The music, the devotional, and the time of communion made each one there aware of the presence of the Holy One. And after all – it WAS all about Him!!! Don't miss the December meeting!!!



2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

ST. JAMES

January, May, September

ROGERSVILLE

March, July, November

TUSCUMBIA

February, April, June, August, October, December

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