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Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
John 5:39 KJV

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2019 ALABAMA WALKS
 #484 Mar. 21-24 Women
 #485 Apr. 25-28 Women
 #486 May 2-5 Men
 #487 Aug. 15-18 Women
#488 Sep. 5-8 Men
 #489 Sep. 18-22 Women
 #490 Oct. 10-13 Men
 #491 Nov. 14-17 Women

#484 IS MARCH 21-24
 This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Julie English. The Spiritual Director will be Ted Leach. The Cluster Grouping is B'ham E/B'ham S/ S. Shelby. There are now **39** ladies assigned to this Walk but we now have **TWO** of them:

#484
Jackie Handley - Cherokee
Beth Corum - Muscle Shoals

SPONSORS
Jackie Leslie & Ralph Waldrep
Beth Kay Seale

Of course since this Walk is next week, there will be no more Pilgrims added to the list. But be sure to get those letters written, plan on Candlelight and welcome these ladies back to the Shoals Cluster!



CLUSTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING
 The Shoals Cluster was well represented at this training in February with nine members present. Athens had five members and Moulton had one. All fifteen were seated together and it was one of the largest groups in the room. A wealth of information was shared and the fellowship was pretty good, too! See the other article on this page regarding the new Sponsorship Challenge that was announced.

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING
Tuesday
MARCH 19, 2019
 6:00 p.m.
Where you have fun and get a blessing!!!
FLORENCE FUMC
 415 NORTH SEMINARY STREET
 FLORENCE, AL

BRING:
 Worship Guide
 Name Badge
 Cross
GOOD JOKES
 Joyful Noise Voice
 Musical Instruments
 Prayer Requests
 An Emmaus Friend
-AND YOU!!!
 (NURSERY PROVIDED)

#485 TO BE APRIL 25-28
 The April Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Denise Burford. The Spiritual Director will be Amy Parsons-Vaughn and the team is coming from the Cheaha/East AL Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, we already have **FIVE** of the twenty-one who are assigned!

#485
KaSara Streetman-Florence
Stephanie Stem - Florence
Cheryl Datuin - Killen
Tosha Phillips - Killen
Dorothy Phillips-Muscle Shoals

SPONSORS
KaSara April Vaden
Stephanie William Vaden
Cheryl Tony Datuin
Tosha William Vaden
Dorothy Myra Yates

As always, be in prayer for the team, these ladies, and for the sponsors. This is going to be an awesome Walk!!!



#486 WILL BE MAY 2-5
 #486 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Buddy Perdue, and the Spiritual Director will be Alan Beasley. This team will be from the Franklin/Haleyville/Hamilton Cluster Grouping. At this time there are twelve men assigned to #486, but we have none of them. This is a perfect time to get YOUR Pilgrim(s) on this one! You know this team is going to be great. And don't forget about the Sponsorship Challenge!



SPONSORSHIP CHALLENGE
 Linda Holt, Community Lay Director, brought a challenge to the attendees of the Cluster Leadership Training. She announced a sponsorship competition between the Cluster Groupings for the most Pilgrims sponsored this year. She presented a colorful 'Holy Spirit Stick'. It's about 2' long



and is wrapped in multicolored ribbons. Smaller ribbons tied on the ends are in different colors for each Grouping. Our Grouping is yellow. Each time a Pilgrim is sponsored by the Athens, Shoals or Moulton Clusters, a yellow ribbon will be tied to the end of the stick. This stick will be awarded to the winner at the December AEC Board Meeting. Let's get busy! All of us need to **TIE A YELLOW RIBBON!!!!**

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UPDATE ON EVENTS

For several years we have had the Danny Killen Run/Walk to Emmaus to benefit Camp Sumatanga. This year the event will not be held due to unforeseen circumstances. It is expected to be resumed next year. In lieu of this fund raiser, the Cluster Board is considering an event in early October that would involve a dinner and an auction. Stay tuned here for details.

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

There is always a reason for everything. Sometimes we need to be reminded when we are considering sponsoring a person that church membership is assumed. And the reason is - the purpose of Emmaus is to build church leadership. *From the Upper Room booklet, Sponsorship:* "Those who would find The Walk to Emmaus a discomfoting experience should not be pressed to attend. This discomfort might extend to beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit that differ from the traditional Christian belief of the Holy Trinity. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to foster Christian community; it is

not a place of theological or religious debate. People who differ doctrinally from the basic doctrine espoused in The Walk to Emmaus do not make strong prospects for the Walk. Controversy over doctrine causes divisiveness, and The Walk to Emmaus is designed to bring the body of Christ together. Consider sponsoring those who are committed to living a life that is pleasing to God, those who want to grow and increase their knowledge and understanding of God and God's will." An important point here is that you should know this much about a person before you invite them.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Jim Sims – 205-531-4965

SUMMER PLANS

The Cluster Board is planning a get-together with the Athens and Moulton Clusters this summer. This will likely be a picnic that will include children. While plans are not yet firm, the thought now is to have food, music, sharing of memories, and all Emmaus fun things. It should be a great time, so be watching for the date and make plans to be there!



PILGRIM FUND BOX

At the last meeting the Pilgrim Fund Box was introduced. Be sure to look for it this month. This is a place to make donations to the Pilgrim Fund to assist any Shoals area Pilgrims needing help with the fees to attend a Walk.



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NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

FLORENCE FUMC

January, **MARCH**, May,
July, September, November

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February, April, June, August, October,
December