

The Grapevine

TUSCALOOSA EMMAUS CLUSTER

MARCH 2024



TUSCALOOSA CLUSTER MEETING

~
UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF
CHRIST

1200 Julia Tutwiler Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
Off McFarland Blvd, right
behind Baumhower's Wings

Please enter in the back of the
church ~ double doors to the
right of the playground.

MARCH 5 @ 6:15 PM

ITALIAN

If childcare is needed,
please contact Jill Hannah
(usafm0m54@gmail.com) by Feb 29 .

2024 Cluster Meetings

Apr 2 - Pot Luck May 7 - Mexican
June 4 - Salads July 9 - BBQ
Aug 6 - Southern Home
Sept 3 - Tailgate
Oct 1 - Chili Cook-off
Nov 5 - Thanksgiving favorites
Dec 10 - Christmas favorites

MESSAGE FROM JILL

Cluster Lay Director—Jill Hannah

March 2024 is a busy month. First, March 17 marks St Patrick's Day. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, wearing of green attire or shamrocks. According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. He spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted thousands. Patrick's efforts were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes", (heathen practices) out of Ireland. We are all a little Irish on St Patrick's day. So, even though the meal theme for March is Italian, if you want to bring some corned beef, boiled cabbage, or scones, I don't think anyone will mind.

On March 31, there is Easter. Easter celebrates Jesus' supernatural resurrection from the dead, which is the chief tenet of the Christian faith. Because of his sacrifice we are free from sin and can enter the gates of heaven when we die. As I age, Easter becomes more important, precious, and holy. I am selfish enough that I cannot believe I would sacrifice myself for another. I would not be able to endure the kind of torture, pain, and agony Jesus did. Jesus knew the kind of death he was facing. He begged God, his Father, not to put him through that horrible agony, yet Jesus accepted that kind of sacrifice was needed to redeem the human race. It is so amazing and humiliating. It is with humility that we celebrate that sacrifice and rejoice knowing that on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, showing that not even death could defeat God.

I love you all and continue to pray for you daily.

Jill Hannah (Walk 434)

Tuscaloosa Emmaus Cluster 2024

PILGRIMS for WALK 521

Pilgrims are still needed for our Walk 521 (April 18-21).
Please be in prayer for the ladies who are hearing God's call
to attend this Walk.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW

SPONSORSHIP

Do you have someone God has put on your heart to reach out to inquire about their interest in going on a Walk?

There is no time like the present!
Check out the links below

<https://alaemmaus.org/walk-application>

<https://tuscaloosaemmauscluster.weebly.com/>

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests should be emailed to
Jill Hannah
usafmom54@gmail.com

YEARLY GIFT

Yearly gift to the Cluster is \$25. You may place in offering during our next Cluster meeting or **mail to Treasurer, Mark Scogin, 801 Monmouth Road, Tusc, 35406.** Make checks payable to **Tuscaloosa Emmaus Cluster.**

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Send information for the Newsletter to Gaynor Scogin at scoginlaw@gmail.com or text to 205.799.3561. Requests should be received by 15th of the month for the following month's Newsletter.

TUSCALOOSA CLUSTER REUNION GROUPS

Morning Bread Reunion Group

When: Varies—contact Dot Brewer for information
Where: Varies— contact Dot Brewer for information
Contact: Dot Brewer- Phone: 205-799-8904
E-Mail: brewer3160@bell-south.net

To Love Christ (TLC) Reunion Group

When: Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm (except weeks of Cluster)
Where: Tinia's Office, 1000 Fairfax Park, Tuscaloosa 35406
Contact: Tinia McLaughlin - Phone 205-799-0203
E-Mail: tiniatm@gmail.com

Saturday Morning Reunion Group

When: Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.
Where: St. Mark Church - Minister's Conference Room
Contact: Paul Bourgeois - Phone: 205-333-1370
E-Mail: pbourge@gmail.com

Called to Serve Reunion Group

When: Every Thursday except cluster meeting weeks, 2:30 pm
Where: St. Mark Church - Library
Contact: Mickey Cargile- Phone: 205-339-8636 -
E-mail: brcargile@comcast.net

No Name Reunion Group

When: Every Tuesday, Noon – Zoom is available option
Where: Espy, Scogin, & Cain, PC – 2728 8th St., Tuscaloosa 35401
Contact: Mark Scogin- Phone: 205-349-7175
E-Mail: scoginlaw@gmail.com

The Women at the Well Group

When: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm
Where: Via Zoom
Contact: Kathy Mason- Phone (205) 246-9652
E-Mail: mason217@bellsouth.net

Fourth Day Sisters

When: –2nd and 4th Fridays, 11:00 am
Where: Varies— contact Joy Jones for information
Contact: Joy Jones -Phone: 205-799-3972
E-Mail: jj920@aol.com



2024 UPCOMING WALKS

Mar 7-10	Walk 519	Men
Mar 14-17	Walk 520	Women
<u><i>Pilgrim</i></u>	<u><i>City</i></u>	<u><i>Sponsor</i></u>
<i>Connie Estes</i>	<i>Northport</i>	<i>Norma Lemley</i>
<i>Leslie Glover</i>	<i>Columbus, MS</i>	<i>Deborah Clinton</i>
<i>Saless Jones</i>	<i>Columbus, MS</i>	<i>Angie Broadbent</i>

***Apr 18-21 Walk 521 Women**
**Tuscaloosa and West AL Clusters ~ Lay Director, Melissa Barnes*

May 2-5	Walk 522	Men
Aug 8-11	Walk 523	Women
Sept 12-15	Walk 524	Women
Sept 26-29	Walk 525	Men
Oct 17-20	Walk 526	Women
Nov 7-10	Walk 527	Women



ALABAMA EMMAUS BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- A change in the application form to remove United Methodist since we are an ecumenical organization
- Changed the Standing Rules to eliminate the Upper Room Training requirement for Spiritual Directors
- It was announced that the Alabama Emmaus Community is now the largest community in the WORLD!

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to change your email address, update your mailing address, be removed from/added to the Cluster email list, or be a prayer partner in a prayer network please contact

Jill Hannah: usafmom54@gmail.com



PROPOSED 2024 TUSCALOOSA EMMAUS BOARD

Lay Director	Jill Hannah	Spiritual Director	Alicia Rhodes
Asst. Lay Director	Danny Lemley	Asst. Spiritual Director	TBD
Secretary	Judy Voss	Treasurer	Mark Scogin
Asst. Secretary	Joy Jones	Asst. Treasurer	Sherry Lockhart
Music	Randy Smith	Database	Jill Hannah
Asst. Music	TBD	Asst. Database	Rob Stringfellow
Agape	Liz Moxley	72 Hour Prayer	Betsy Hass
Asst. Agape	Elizabeth Wright	Asst. 72 Hr. Prayer	Diane Cannon
Sponsorship	Tinia McLaughlin	Follow-Up	Polly Bailey
Asst. Sponsorship	Robin Fondren	Asst. Follow-up	Clark Summerford
Reunion Groups	Katie Woodward	Refreshments	Norma Lemley
Asst. Reunion Groups	Julie Thomas	Asst. Refreshments	Tony Humphries
Newsletter	Gaynor Scogin	Worship	Jill Kjar
Asst. Newsletter	Jill Hannah	Asst. Worship	Gaynor Scogin
Board Representative	Bobby Jones	Website	Jill Hannah
CGTSC	Danielle Eppes 1 year Joel McLaughlin 2 year		

CLUSTER ATTENDANCE

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	41	Canceled Weather	28	0	37	35
February	34	30	33	29	29	35
March		22	35	30	40	35
April		32	29	27	0	33
May		31	36	0	0	42
June		35	41	36	0	36
July		33	43 10 guests	34	35	35
August		35 5 guests	31	26	26	43
September		34	na	24	31	30
October		33	44	38	29	27
November		56	28	48	27	37
December		44	24	35	25	31
Total for Year		385	372	327	279	419



WEBSITES AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Tuscaloosa Cluster Website
<http://www.tuscalosaemmauscluster.weebly.com>

Facebook Page
West Alabama and Tuscaloosa Clusters
 Alabama Emmaus Website and
 "The Grapevine" Newsletter
<https://alaemmaus.org/>