

# The Grapevine

TUSCALOOSA EMMAUS CLUSTER

APRIL 2024



## TUSCALOOSA CLUSTER MEETING

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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.

**APRIL 2 @ 6:15 PM**

**POT LUCK**

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

“Not to be served, but to serve.” That is the mission statement of Emmaus. Service above self. *Your attitude must be like my own, for I the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to be served, and give my life as a ransom for many.*“ Matt 20:28 TLB. *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*” 1 Peter 4:10 KJV. As Emmaus pilgrims in our Fourth Day, we are called to serve our neighbor. It is not something to be tacked onto our schedules to do if we can spare the time. It is the heart of Christian life. Jesus came to serve and to give, those words should define your life also. In church you can serve by decorating the altar, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, or picking up trash. However, it's even more important to serve outside of church in the community. Our joyous servitude may be the only way people see Christ.

Service should be done in God's glory, joyfully and well. It is the opposite of our natural inclination. We should give of our first fruits. In other words, we should give our best. Put all your joy, love, and talent into serving. If you are serving in a position for your own glory, or with an unpleasant attitude, that does not bring glory to God. *“But when you do a kindness to someone, do it secretly-don't tell you left hand what your right hand is doing.”* Matt 6:3

When working with a group, be sure to include everyone in the project. It's easy for people with experience to completely take over a project, while those with little experience sit around wondering why they are there. How many people are put off serving because they aren't allowed to? Or worse yet, when someone contributes and one of the more experienced members criticizes it and redoes the work. The work may not be done to the standards of experienced people, but someone's heart and soul went into doing that job, would it hurt to accept the completed job as it is? Don't let pride get in the way of other people's service.

Serving our neighbor reflects God, if we do it well and with love it shows God's love for humanity. I pray that you will go forth and spread God's love by service to others.

*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](mailto:scoginlaw@gmail.com) or text to 205.799.3561. Requests should be received by 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:brcargile@comcast.net)

### **No Name Reunion Group**

When: Every Tuesday, Noon – Zoom is available option  
Where: Espy, Scogin, & Cain, PC – 2728 8<sup>th</sup> St., Tuscaloosa 35401  
Contact: Mark Scogin- Phone: 205-349-7175  
E-Mail: [scoginlaw@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jj920@aol.com)



# 2024 UPCOMING WALKS

## **Apr 18-21      Walk 521      Women**

*Tuscaloosa and West AL Clusters ~ Lay Director, Melissa Barnes*

**Pilgrim**

Neely Andrews  
Robin Bauer  
Deanna Duren  
Alyssa Elliott  
Sherry Howard  
Ruth Jacobson  
Katie Kirk  
Tyler Lancaster  
Deborah McClean  
Morgan Purcell  
Tina Robinson  
Janie Ross  
Tracy Sullivan

**City**

Columbus, MS  
Jacksonville  
Gordo  
Haleyville  
Huntsville  
Northport  
Birmingham  
Northport  
Fayette  
Hamilton  
Bankston  
Fayette  
Tuscaloosa

**Sponsor**

Sarah Rickert  
Suzanne Batchelor & Sylvia Cashen  
Cindy Woodring Kiker  
Gina Frazier & Carlin Burrow  
Desiree Smith & Rhonda Rush  
Barbara & Ken Hanby  
Tracey Evanko & Anita Gray  
Andrew Lancaster  
Mary Ham Wilson  
Dianna Cantrell  
Dana Gilliam & Margaret Kuntz  
Gerald Ross  
Betsy & Ronnie Brasher



## **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](mailto:usafmom54@gmail.com)



## PROPOSED 2024 TUSCALOOSA EMMAUS BOARD

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

### CLUSTER ATTENDANCE

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
January	41	Canceled Weather	28	0	37	35
February	34	30	33	29	29	35
March	39	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
<b>Total for Year</b>		<b>385</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>419</b>



### 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/>