Tuscaloosa Grapevine
Alabama Emmaus Cluster
February 2019 Newsletter

IMPORTANT

Our next meeting will be held at 6:15 at University Church of Christ on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019.** The church is located at 1200 Julia Tutwiler Dr. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404, off McFarland Blvd, right behind Baumhower's Wings. Please enter in the back of the church. There will be signs pointing the way. **Child care is provided; parents must provide dinner for their children.**

Monthly Message from our Lay Director:

One of my recent morning meditations referenced the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15. Verse 24 stood out that day, where the father told his servants as his son returns: "For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found..." They began to celebrate his homecoming and new life. My church just held its 6-year celebration of our Celebrate Recovery group. CR deals with healing all sorts of hurts or hang-ups based on scripture and the 12-steps. Each week we have a time after our lesson or testimony rotation for "celebration chips" commemorating accomplishments (30/60/90 days, 6 months, yearly, etc.). Each year we have a special celebration service. We celebrate "coming home" to our loving, heavenly father, who meets us right where we are, running to greet us like the father in the parable of the prodigal son.

On the front of the Celebrate Recovery Bible is a person standing with arms stretched wide out and up-as if inviting and welcoming God. I love in the parable how the father breaks from the traditional role of patriarch, to run with arms open and greet his son (and welcome him home)-meeting him right where he is. He does not concern himself with his proper position in life, with judging the son's actions, or with what others may think. He simply responds in love to welcome him home. As a humble recipient of that same lavish love and forgiveness, that "celebratory grace", I so enjoy taking the opportunity to pass that grace on to others when the opportunity arises. We are each able to touch the lives of others around us with that unmerited favor, and it is indeed contagious! I pray that each of you experience and share God's celebration over you and those around you, as we daily move closer to our heavenly father.

De Colores!
Esther Lawley

Tuscaloosa Emmaus Cluster

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Upcoming Walks

Walk 482, February 21-24, 2019 (Women)
Walk 483, March 7-10, 2019 (Men)
Walk 484, March 21-24, 2019 (Women)

Pilgrims from our area:

Walk	***Name***	***Sponsor***
482	Sara Cork – Northport	Gail Calloway
483	Stacy Terry – Northport	David Hill
483	Michael Locascio – Tuscaloosa	Nena Locascio
484	Martha Seay – Millport	Judy Trull
484	Patricia Bush – Millport	Judy Trull
484	Joy Rittenberry – Millport	Judy Trull

Cluster Related Announcements

*Attendance at the January Cluster Meeting was **40**.
*You may bring your yearly gift of $20 to one of the follow-up gatherings or mail to the Cluster Treasurer, Bob Sandel –. Please make checks payable to "Tuscaloosa Emmaus Cluster".
*Any announcements for the newsletter or if you need a newsletter mailed to you, contact Jana Weaver at (205) 393-9520 or jweaver@fa.ua.edu

Change of address

If you need to change your email address, update your mailing address or be removed from the Cluster mailing list, please contact Sherry Lockhart at
E-mail: slclockhart@yahoo.com
US mail: 14965 Carmen Dr.
Northport, AL 35475
Phone: (205)242-6048

Condolences

Tinia McLaughlin (322) and family in the passing of her mother.
The family of Elizabeth "Liz" Smelley (317).

Further Emmaus Announcements

*Cluster website: http://www.tuscaloosaemmauscluster.weebly.com
*Remember to check out The Grapevine: https://alaemmaus.org/

Refreshments

The food theme for February is "Breakfast at Dinner"

Cluster Prayer Network

Ken Worley is the Tuscaloosa Cluster's Prayer Coordinator. Please call or email with prayer requests or to be a partner in the prayer network.

Cluster Reunion Groups

For a list of Reunion groups or to make corrections/changes, please call Joy Jones at (205) 210-3824.

Knuckleheads Reunion Group

When: Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. - Where: First United Methodist Church - Room: Choir Room
Contact: Bob Harris - Phone: 242-7314 - E-Mail: bharris172@gmail.com

Morning Bread Reunion Group

When: Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. - Where: Heritage House – 18 McFarland Blvd, Northport
Contact: Sandrea Brasher - Phone: 333-3694 - E-Mail: sanbrasher@comcast.net

To Love Christ (TLC) Reunion Group

When: Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm - Where: Dunkin Donuts – 2520 Stillman Blvd
Contact: Tinia McLaughlin - Phone 799-0203 - E-Mail: tiniatrn@gmail.com

Saturday Morning Reunion Group

When: Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. - Where: St. Mark United Methodist Church - Room: Parlor
Contact: Paul Bourgeois - Phone: 333-1370 - E-Mail: pcbourge@gmail.com

Called to Serve Reunion Group

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

No Name Reunion Group

When: Every Tuesday, Noon - Where: Law Office of Espy, Nettles, Scogin, & McWilliams- 2728 8th Street,
Tuscaloosa Contact: Mark Scogin- Phone: 349-7175- E-Mail: scoginlaw@gmail.com

The Women at the Well Group

When: Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Where: University Church of Christ – High Tiders room
Contact: Sharon Bailey - Phone (256)783-1517 - E-Mail: smilinnurse@gmail.com