

FOOTPRINTS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

LETTER FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

APRIL 2010



DeColores! I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members of the Foothills Emmaus community who just completed their walks. While the world did not change while you were away for a weekend, I pray that your walk has changed the lens through which you see the world. One of the things that I like best about Emmaus is that it is intended to build church leaders. It is not intended to take the place of church. That being said, I hope that all of you have been in prayer considering how you can use your spiritual gifts to

serve your church and our Lord.

My Emmaus experience had a significant impact on me. Because it was such an influential part of my spiritual formation, I have continued to make the Emmaus community a priority and a part of my life. While I am active in my church, I also want to serve the Emmaus community in hopes that others can experience the same love and joy that I was so blessed to experience. It takes many people functioning as the body of Christ to make the weekend walks a reality. Your walk was made possible by those who went before you who wanted to "pass it on" so that you could share in this experience. It is my hope that you will extend this same opportunity to others.

I encourage you to set aside some time over these next few months to reflect on your walk weekend. Review your notes. Close your eyes, and return to a special moment. Stay in contact with those people you met during the

weekend. Get involved in a reunion group, and attend Gatherings. Be in prayer for the community, its leaders, the upcoming walks, and future pilgrims.

I look forward to serving alongside you and getting to know you. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the board members. Our website contains all of our contact information as well as lots of other good information. I encourage you to visit the website regularly.

May all of your fourth days be richly blessed as you continue on your faith journey.

Leah O'Neal
Board Chairperson

Foothills Emmaus Community
Find us on the web @
www.foothillsemmaus.org



Dates to Remember!

May Gathering

Grace UMC -
Abbeville, SC

July Gathering

31st - Picnic
Wesleyan Camp
Table Rock - 4-7 pm

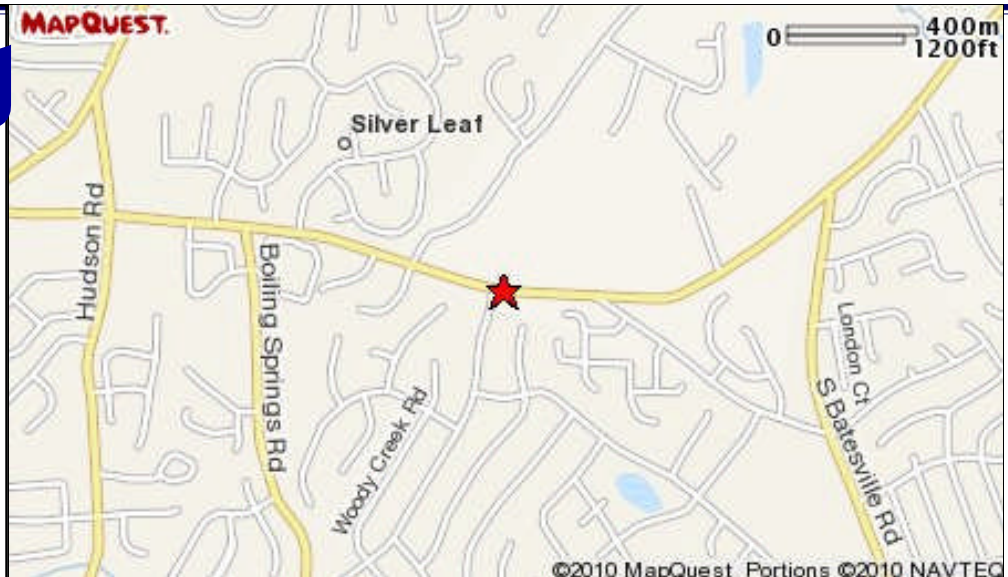
Fall Walks

Men's - Sept. 30th -
Oct. 3rd
Women's - Oct. 7th -
10th

April Gathering

April 16th - 7:30
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Covenant UMC
1310 Old Spartanburg Rd.
Greer, SC 29650

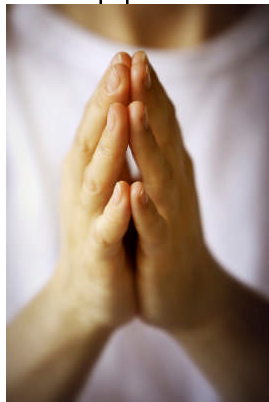


Important Info About Sponsorship

The most important job at Emmaus is sponsorship. It is more than “signing up people.” Both pastors and laypersons should be considered.

The first and most important step of sponsorship is prayer. Before you talk to anyone about Emmaus pray for them. Next, make an appointment with the person or couple to discuss their participation in Emmaus. There are no secrets at Emmaus. Answer questions honestly.

You can upload applications on our website at www.foothillsemmaus.org or pick up at a monthly gathering. Help your pilgrim fill out the registration form. There is also a sponsor form you must fill out. It is important that the application and sponsor form be filled out completely. All incomplete applications will be returned to be completed. Be sure to send the



\$25 deposit. The balance must be paid off by Send Off. The deposit is non-refundable. If your pilgrim cannot afford the balance please contact the registrar as there are scholarships available. We do anticipate an increase in the fees for the Fall Walks this year. Please watch the website and newsletter for news on this.

Please don't wait until the last minute to send in your applications! Applications are welcome any time. The deadline for walk applications for the Fall Walks is September 10.

Please be aware that it is the Sponsor's responsibility to let the Pilgrim know ahead of time that they will not be able to use any electronic devices (including cell

phone, laptop, ipod, beeper, blackberry, digital camera, etc.) for the duration of the Walk- it is best just to leave these items at home.

We accept 10 single men and 10 single ladies per walk. On each walk the Foothills Emmaus Community allows 6 pilgrims per church. Currently there are 12 Men and 11 ladies registered for the Fall Walks. Please send all applications to Laura Keck, 147 Stoddard Mill Rd. , Gray Court , SC 29645 .

Decolores!

Laura

Prayer is first!