

Footprints

In the Footsteps of Christ

December 2010

Following the Star *(Christmas With God)*

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

(Matthew 2:10)

“As Carol drove the two boys home from church, they chattered on and on about the lesson they had learned in Sunday school, but Carol couldn’t concentrate on what they were saying. She had been struggling to find a job to help meet their family’s financial needs. Yet every lead she followed turned out to be a dead end. However, as she waited at a stoplight, something made her listen more closely to the boy’s excited chattering.

‘These kings saw this star a long way off, and they came prepared with their gifts, and they followed it a long way before they ever got to the Baby,’ six-year-old Robby declared.

‘They took their camels into the desert,’ three-year-old Rich said excitedly.

‘And those kings did all of that, but the Bible says they never got happy until they got to the place where Baby Jesus was,’ Robby continued. ‘They kept on going until they got to the Baby. They followed the star and found joy. Isn’t that great, Mom?’

‘Yeah, they followed the star to joy, Rich echoed, ‘Isn’t that great, Mom?’

Carol thought about the story of the kings. They might have felt that they were following a dead end when they traveled through miles of desert. But they kept going and kept trusting and eventually had something to be happy about.

As they turned into the driveway, Carol began to smile. Maybe her job search wasn’t just a series of dead ends after all. Maybe she was really following a star to joy. ‘Come on boys,’ Carol grinned. ‘Last one to the house is a king’s camel!’”

There is a lot of truth in this little story – it reminds us that if we follow the Star of Christ, we will be led to true JOY! Right now our Emmaus community feels a lot like Carol. Our Board, like Carol, has been following a lot of leads as to what needs to be done to build up the Foothills Emmaus community.

Many of these leads have not produced the results desired. Another Walk had to be cancelled. Some may think that we are traveling down a dead end road. I have even heard some people comment that perhaps the life of the Foothills Emmaus Community is coming to an end.

If you are feeling discouraged and lacking joy in Emmaus, then I might suggest that you set your eyes on the Real Star of JOY – Jesus Christ. Let’s all make a *Christmas Commitment* to keep traveling in search of this star – let’s keep trusting in God’s lead – keep believing that Emmaus has a significant place in the lives of Christians – and have the faith to know that ‘following the star’ will lead us to REAL JOY.

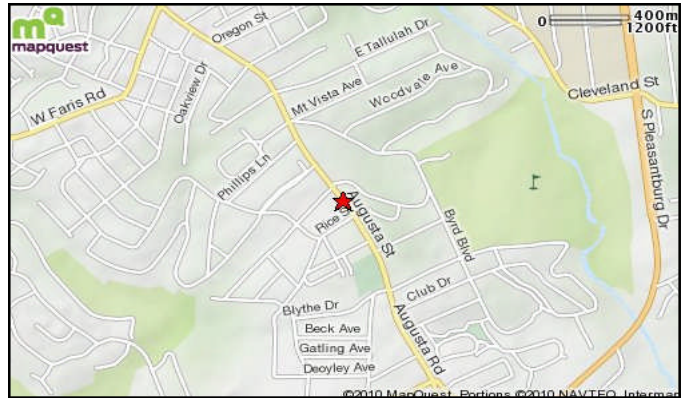


Merry Christmas,
Peggy

December Gathering

December 17th

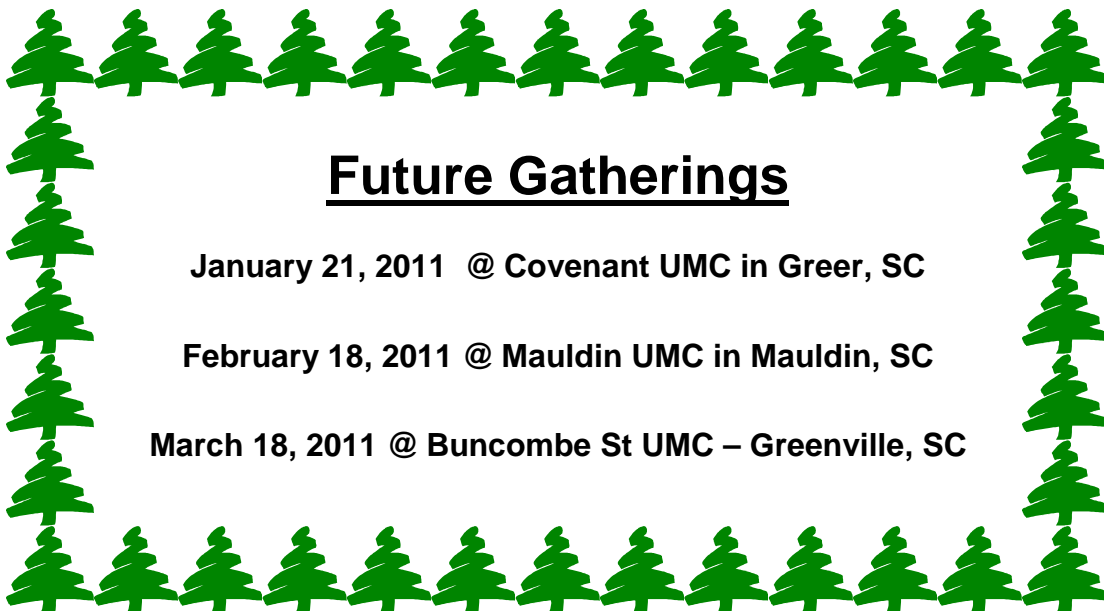
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Welcome Our New Board Members

Sherrill Austin
Elizabeth Blackwell
Greg Likes
Jeanne Quam
Sandy Shaffer
Beth Wilson

Simpsonville
Inman
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Inman



Future Gatherings

January 21, 2011 @ Covenant UMC in Greer, SC

February 18, 2011 @ Mauldin UMC in Mauldin, SC

March 18, 2011 @ Buncombe St UMC – Greenville, SC