

# FOOTPRINTS — IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

## FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY



November 2008

### Commitment to the Community

November is already upon us and several important events are upon us— the presidential election and Thanksgiving Celebrations. In encourage you all to exercise your right to vote and prayerfully choose the candidate you feel will be the best leader for our country over the next four years. More importantly, Give thanks to him who has given us so much to be thankful for. One thing I am very thankful for is the Foothills Emmaus Community, as I am sure many of you are as well. God, through the Emmaus Community, has done great things in my life, and I am forever grateful to God for the wonderful experiences I have shared with many of you during my tenure as a member of this community. Emmaus is a very important part of my Christian walk. It

doesn't take place of my local church, but Emmaus has helped me grow closer to Christ in numerous ways. Since it is such an important part of my spiritual journey, I want to stay as active as I can for as long as I can and support the Foothills Emmaus Community as others experience this gift for the very first time. I encourage each of you to do the same. Reflect back on your original Walk to Emmaus. Think of the abundant blessings you received from Christ during your walk. Don't you remember how your heart burned for Him throughout that weekend? What a wonderful experience we shared and what great blessings we received to go back and serve Christ in our local churches. However, this community misses it's members when they are not present. Under-

standably, not everyone can participate in every single event of the Foothills Emmaus Community. However, I encourage you to reflect upon your experience and ponder how much you can participate throughout the year. Maybe you can pray during the weekend, work in the kitchen, send refreshments, send agape letters, pray for the community throughout the year, attend at least one or two gatherings per year, and the list could keep going. Take time this month and make a commitment to serving in at least one area for the Foothills Community. I can promise you that you will be blessed for being a blessing. Hope to see you soon!

DeColores!

Dawn Rampey

Community Lay Director

### *In Memory of Shuler Mims*

#### *Walk #13*

#### *Gifts in Memory of Shuler Mims:*

*Virginia Cely, Jane Gimber,*

*L.E.B. Glass Studio,*

*Piedmont Nursing Imprest,*

*Joe & Vera Reynolds, Sandra Shaffer*



### **A NOTE FROM THE WEB-MASTER**

***Our database only allows one email address per household.***

### **Upcoming Gatherings & Events**

- ✘ **November 21, 7:30 PM-  
Gathering at Tranquil UMC in  
Greenwood**
- ✘ **December 19, 7:30 PM-  
Christmas Gathering at United  
Methodist Church of the  
Covenant in Spartanburg**

### **SPRING WALKS 2009**

**MEN'S WALK #38- MARCH 5-  
8, 2009**

**LADIES WALK #38- MARCH 12-  
15, 2009**

*Pray for our Community!*



*"No two  
Christians  
will ever  
meet for the  
last time"*

*Anonymous*

## Welcome New Members!!!

We welcome the pilgrims of  
Walk #37 to the Foothills  
Emmaus Community:

Matt Brewington

David & Joan Burns

Gus Burton

Joyce Carruthers

Mary Clark

Ronnie & Cynthia Cutter

Chris Dawson

Brian & Donna Estes

Michelle Filler

Sam & Margaret Green

Terry & Marilyn Gromlovitz

Lee & Teresa Hesson

Freda Higdon

Emory & Linda Hodges

Kate Hyder

Phillip Johnson

Kim Matthews

Moe McClain

Kevin & Angel Minton

Nancy Nelson

Linda Poole

Jodie Poston

Gloria Prater

Codie Quarels

Denise Ray

Brad Shaver

Sarah Weedon

Kathy S. Wilson

Kathy L. Wilson

Roger Young, Jr.

## A Thanksgiving Thought

### Literature Corner

The Upper Room published an updated Emmaus Team Manual in 2008. The Foothills Board decided to purchase new Emmaus Team Manuals for our teams to begin using in 2009. The cost to replace the team manuals will be approximately \$300. If an individual or reunion group would like to make an extra donation to help cover the cost of replacing our team manuals, please make a note on the donation and give it to our treasurer, Sherrill Austin.

De Colores!

About thirty years ago I received a newsletter from my friend Robert Crandall in Iowa. It included a Thanksgiving Thought which I have shared shamelessly through the years:

### A Thanksgiving Thought:

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings every morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear; there are many who are deaf. Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see; there are many who are blind. Even though I huddle in my bed and put off getting up, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise; there are many who are bed-fast. Even though the first hour of my day is hectic-socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short- thank you, Lord, for my family; there are many who are lonely. Even though the breakfast table never looks like those in the ladies' magazines, and the menu is sometimes unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have; there are many who are hungry. Even though my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work; there are many who are out of work. Even though I grumble from day to day and wish my circumstances were not quite so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life!

DeColores! Blaine

## A Note from the Registrar...

So you have someone to sponsor! Great! Now what? Well, one of the most important things to do as a sponsor is to get the paperwork done- and done well! Applications can be downloaded from the web-site [www.foothillsemmaus.org](http://www.foothillsemmaus.org), or they may be faxed, e-mailed, and snail-mailed to you. All you have to do is ask the registrar for help.

I want to reiterate the importance of the walk application. If they are not complete and legible then the registrar's workload increases in a major way. Please make sure you know your pilgrims age. This is important in order to have a good mix at the tables and in a room. Please spell names correctly and make sure we can read you and your pilgrim's handwriting. Nametags are very important; misspelled names hurt feelings and most of all require someone to

make an extra trip to camp to bring a new one.

Many people depend on the information from these applications. Once you have the application please review all 5 pages - even if you are sponsoring for the second and fiftieth time. It is a good idea for you to read through it - this will remind you of all of your responsibilities as a sponsor.

Filling out the paperwork should be like filling out your W-2 or your tax return. You wouldn't want the government to cheat you nor would you want your pilgrim to be cheated.

Also, please note at how much money your pilgrim is sending. As with all applications a \$25.00 deposit is required. This is a non-refundable deposit and if your pilgrim should back out of the walk the deposit can be applied when they decide

to go. Remember and be mindful that at send-off the balance is due which is \$60.00. Of course, the \$85.00 may be paid up front so that you do not have to worry about a balance.

When you bring your Pilgrim to Send-off please remember to stay for the Worship Service and pray over your Pilgrim's cross!

As I rotate off of the board of Emmaus, I will no longer be the registrar. I am passing this information on to you. Let's make every pilgrims experience memorable in the best possible way!

I wish my successor good luck and with no headaches. I have tremendously enjoyed being the registrar for the community.

The spring walk is upon us!!!

Lou Ellen Davis



'O Lord that  
lends me life,  
Lend me a heart  
replete with  
thankfulness!

William  
Shakespeare

*Pray for our Community!*

## Thank you Notes

Thank you to each and every one of you who gave of your time and efforts to get the camp ready for the Fall Walks, who worked to "clean" between the walks, and all who came to get everything back to normal after the walks. You are all appreciated by this Housing Chairperson more than you will ever know. And I love

you all! May each of you be abundantly blessed.

DeColores, Connie

What a wonderful show of Agape love! I want to thank anyone and everyone who provided snacks, beverages and served at send off, the Ice Cream parties! Of course, no one went hungry, and

everyone enjoyed the variety of goodies, you are so special to think of our new brothers and sisters in Christ while they were on their walks!

De Colores!! Lydia Beck

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MUCH!

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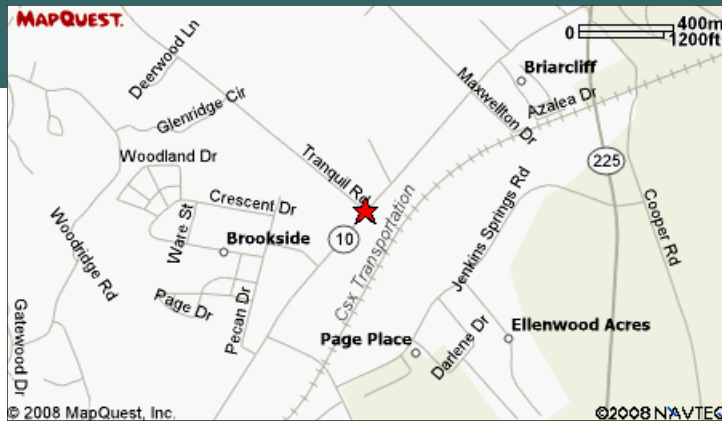
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We're on the web!  
[WWW.foothillsemmaus.org](http://WWW.foothillsemmaus.org)

November Gathering

The November Gathering will be held November 21st at 7:30 PM at Tranquil UMC in Greenwood. Be sure to bring your favorite snack and drink to share!



Tranquil UMC  
1702 McCormick Hwy.  
Greenwood, SC

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