

FOOTPRINTS—

Foothills Emmaus Community

Questions

What has your weekend meant to you? What do you plan on doing with it?

These two questions are asked at the end of each walk. We all had the opportunity to stand in front of the community and respond and many of us did. I have heard some wonderful, inspiring remarks made over the years. What has your weekend meant to you? "This weekend made me realize how loved I am by Jesus Christ and by others". "I never realized how much God loves me." "The agape love shown to me by everyone made me realize how blessed I am". And the ever popular one heard at men's walk "My wife made me come, but I am glad that I did"!

What do you plan on doing with it? "I plan on going back to my church and doing whatever I can to help it grow". "I plan on letting Jesus lead me when I need to be". "I want to grow in my faith and help others find what I have found".

These are but a few of the responses. Do you remember what you said? I know I do. Now I ask you, have you followed through with what you said? Have you gone back to your church and worked to make it a better, more welcoming, loving church? Are you on committees, in a Bible Study, Sunday school class? Have you taken the initiative to teach a class? Work with the youth, children, other adults? Have you found people that you feel would benefit from the walk so that they can do the same as you?

Now is the time to carry out on those statements. Now is the time to identify people that you want to sponsor on the next walk. We need to continue to have



walks and fill them with people who will be a benefit to God, their church, and to the Emmaus Community.

The Gathering in October is at Mauldin UMC. It was scheduled to be a follow-up Gathering for the fall walks. Instead, let's make it a Gathering for renewal. Renewal of our statements that we made on the Mountain, a renewal to grow others in Christian Love. A renewal to bring other Christians to the Emmaus Walk so they too can experience what you have experienced.

I invite you to come to the Gathering and to bring someone that you might want to sponsor. Bring them to meet the special people of the Emmaus Community and the love they share with Christ and each other. And if you have not been to a Gathering in awhile, I invite you back; to come share with those you spent time with on the Mountain. Won't you come? Won't you come share with the community of Christians that loves you?

Decolores, John MacKeil



October Gathering

October 16, 2009

Mauldin UMC

Open Gathering

Bring a Friend, a Prospective Pilgrim, and a dish!

WANTED: PILGRIMS!

Now is the time to pray for the people God is leading you to sponsor. Make an appointment with them and help them fill out the applications. Get the Pilgrims and sponsor application along with the \$25 deposit to me. Please remember that we can only accept 6 Pilgrims per church!

If you need applications you can download them from the website, pick them up at gatherings or call me and I can send you some in the mail.

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God's Rainbow Promise

*High on a mountain top overlooking meadows of green
Is the most beautiful sight you have ever seen
Landscapes painted with a touch of the Lord's hand
Pouring His Divine Love into all of His land*

*Icicle glaciers shimmering in the rising sun's glow
Soon to give life in slow melting streams below
Singing the praises of nature's beauty to God above
Cascading downwards like a gentle descending dove*

*A field of beauty with flowers dancing in the air
Blowing in the wind with the greatest of flair
Magnificent mingled colors of a rainbow 's every hue
Blankets the land under heavenly skies of blue*

*Blessed is the Lord's Beauty surrounding the land
To enlighten wisdom within the spirit of man
Encouraging hope with the beauty of ending strife
As His Rainbow Promise into giving eternal life*



Find God's Rainbows in Your Life and Smile!

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Chuckle of the Month!

Future Gatherings

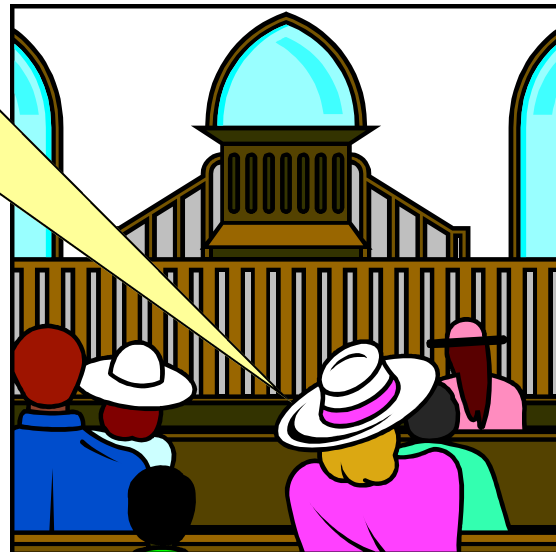
November 20th - 7:30

Grace UMC - Abbeville

December 18th - 7:30

Tranquil UMC - Greenwood

Don't forget to check out the Board nominations on page 4 and put in your vote!





Let Your Voice Be Heard

Board Elections for 2010!!!

It is time for us to elect new representatives for the Foothills Emmaus Board of Directors. There are five people who will be rotating off of the Board at the end of 2009. I would like to extend thanks and gratitude to these people for serving the community and the Lord in such an unselfish manner: John MacKeil, Sherrill Austin, Craig Dittmar, Bill Houx, and Libby Waldrep.

Remaining on the Board will be Lydia Beck, Conway Belangia, Janice Byrd, Steve Grose, Connie Herring, Laura Keck, Leah O'Neal, Barbara Rambo, Roy Suttles, and George Yoder.

Therefore, we need to elect 5 new candidates to serve three-year terms on the Board. You may submit your vote either by sending an e-mail to Leah O'Neal at bloneal1@bellsouth.net by Saturday, October 17, 2009, or you may complete a ballot at the October Gathering.

Please Place a Check Mark by 5 Names	Nominee	Hometown and Church
	Elizabeth Blackwell	Spartanburg, Church of the Covenant
	Jimmy Davis	Taylors, Buncombe Street UMC
	Holly Gunderson	Abbeville, Grace UMC
	Christine Maston	Greenville, Buncombe Street UMC
	Ray McCoy	Greenwood, St. Mark UMC
	Renee Reid	Cowpens, Salem UMC
	Alice Galloway	Simpsonville, Mauldin UMC
	Sandy Shaffer	Greenwood, Tranquil UMC