



A Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

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Greetings from the Board!

I pray each of you had a joyous and fun filled summer. I feel sure that most of us did, but I also know that we have members in our Community who did not have such a good summer. So, let each of us take a moment, right now, to pray for all of our unknown brothers and sisters that are in distress..... Thank you.

Well, the Fall Walks are no longer "just around the corner," they are here. We have already started Team training and are earnestly preparing for the walks. The Community NEEDS YOUR HELP. With three Walks to sponsor it will take a lot of servants to make these successful and present to the Pilgrims the true meaning of EMMAUS. I no longer ask, I am pleading for your help. Please, think back to your original Walk and remember how very much was done for you behind the scenes that you were not aware of but later learned the reality of how many unknown and unnamed servants worked just for you.

This Community has a problem. What has happened to our attendance at the monthly gatherings and our diminishing service on the Walks? As the Board Chair Person of our Community I feel compelled to reach out to all of you and express my concerns.

There appears to be a lack of interest in being active in the Community and a growing cancer that put "me" first is more important than what I can do for my fellow Christians. We need to communicate with each other and the Board.

What is not known and unsaid cannot be addressed. The Board is supposed to Represent and Lead the Community. I believe in an old saying, "the truth hurts;" but unless the truth is known, how can problems be resolved? If you have issues with what your Board is doing, let us know. We are supposed to serve YOU not ourselves. So please communicate with the Board and fellow members, COMMUNICATE!

Not only are the Walks upon us but it is also time for Board nominations. It is not too early to start thinking and praying about those members who will be good servants to our Community. Being a Board member requires a lot of time and dedication. The future of our Community is at stake.

If my comments offend some, I make no apologies. Our Community needs help. Remember the words of our Canon, "There is no *ī* in Emmaus." Just as a child needs to receive guidance and be reminded by a parent to improve, remember, we as children of GOD should be ever mindful of our responsibilities and purpose.

Let us all become more active and better serve our Community. Call the Board members and ask how you can help and become more involved.

Foothills Emmaus Community Lay Director
Tom Howard

DeColores



Get Active...get involved in Emmaus!

From the Spiritual Director

It felt like Christmas Eve. But it was August 7. Some members of our Outreach Committee and I were packing up back-to-school supplies that our congregation had donated for needy children.



There were dozens of book bags, reams of notebook paper, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, rulers, pencil sharpeners – it takes a lot of stuff to go to school! It was a very humbling experience. As we sorted and packed, I tried to imagine who might get these supplies. Who might need them? What might their family situation be like? Might some of them be classmates of my own children, who had just recently been complaining about having to go shopping for supplies at Wal-Mart with their mom?

Who the recipients of those school supplies ended up being, I will never know. What I know is that I was blessed to be able to pack those supplies for them. Not blessed *because* I packed them, but blessed *to be able* to pack them. I know in my heart that I got as much of a blessing out of packing the supplies as those anonymous children got from receiving them. It is a blessing to serve.

And serving is what Emmaus is all about. It is a blessing to be a pilgrim, but it is an equal blessing to be a servant. And on Emmaus Walks the servants are not only those who sit at tables in the conference room. Oh, no. Servants are those who peel potatoes and chop onions in the kitchen; who make the long drive for send-off, candlelight, or closing; who solicit and/or send agape letters; who set up and clean up; who pray.

There is an opportunity for every member of our Emmaus Community to serve during the upcoming Walks. Will you be a servant?

DeColores,
Smoke Kanipe

Please Pray for All Three Fall Walks, the Teams, & Coming Pilgrims

Men's Walk #31

Conrad Robertson
Dennis Smith
Frederick Neubert
Bret Chapman
Steve Church
Paul Turner
David Boersma
Carlton Sharpe
Chuck Thomas
Bill Houx
Jeff Young
Dwayne Arledge
John MacKeil
Jesse Stewart
Hank Brooks, Jr
Bill Williams
Casey Smith

Bill Swilley

Jane Ford

Dee Hook

Phil Conner

Dennis Jones

Blaine Hudson

Bob Everett

Smoke Kanipe

David Norrell

Todd Pickens

Lydia Beck

Gabe Stoeppler

Women's Walk #31A

Barbara Ware

Jackie Church

Rochelle Howard

Robbie Kane

Judy Johnson

Wyolene Boserma

Lou Ellen Davis

Debbie Goulart

Joanna Neubert

Leah O'Neal

Jennifer Peavey

Ann Bettis

Jenny Bilcliff

Anna Chandler

Susan Everett

Lynn Sharpe

Tena Smith

Laura Keck

Martha Bouknight

Janelle Flint

Kim McCauley

Stephen Taylor

Steve Keck

Karen Radcliffe

Susan Leonard-Ray

Cynthia C. Taylor

Tina Ashcraft

Christina Turner

Renee Reid

Women's Walk #31B

Dawn Rampey

Jan Suttles

Libby Waldrep

Connie Herring

Wendy Finley

Amy Hanson

Lee Ann Hook

Jennifer Williams

Renee DeMoss

Sylvia Wood

Carrie Morningstar

Eleanor Cox

Julia Long

Kathy Pitts

Kathy Harvey

Judy Cooke

Jo Feaster

Bob Dobson

Lynn Dobson

John Beaty

Marla Fuller

Julian Ford

Mel Arant

Alice Mackeil

Fran Elrod

Peggy Garland

Andrea Young

Bonnie Franklin

Committee Needs & News

Registration

Acceptance letters have been mailed to pilgrims and sponsors. If you have not already done so please touch base with your pilgrim(s) and confirm they can attend. Pilgrim acceptance letters list suggested items to bring to camp (clothing, bed and bath linen, etc) but it's a good idea to remind them to pack these items.

Send Off is at 7 PM. Please be considerate and arrive on time. Late arrivals place a hardship on Transportation making it difficult to get the luggage to camp and delivered before the pilgrims arrive. After checking in with Transportation bring your pilgrim(s) directly to the registration table. It's important that everyone including the team is accounted for as soon as they arrive.

If you're considering sponsorship it's not too late. Slots are still available for all walks.

DeColores,

Dianne Perry
FEM Registrar

**Fall Walk
Application
Deadline:
Sept. 15**

Kitchen Duty

Sign ups for kitchen duty have begun...and we still need HELP (especially for the third Walk)! The three weekends require approximately 192 volunteers to run the kitchen. I am also looking for volunteers to pick up chicken in Saluda and to do some grocery shopping for fresh foods prior to each weekend. Please check your schedule and sign up at the gathering or by e-mailing me at jimmy.davis@pepsigvl.com.

See you in the Kitchen!
Jimmy Davis

Snacks & Refreshments

An easy way to serve the pilgrims is to contribute food and drinks or to serve ice cream sundaes after candlelight. Being part of the send-off refreshment team is also a great way to make sure the pilgrims leave home in a good frame of mind. Talk with your reunion group and decide today how you are going to be of service.

There will be sign-up sheets at the September Gatherings or you can call me at 864-878-8023.

DeColores!
Kathy Mims

Prayer Vigil

Wow, it sure seems as if this summer has flown by! In just a few weeks, the fall Walk's will be upon us. We still have quite a bit to do to prepare for them.

Once again, our committee appeals to you for your help. As mentioned in the past, you may have situations that will preclude you from being there.

It is easy for all of us to pray for the Walk's, and we are asking that you do this for us.

The sign up lists will be at the upcoming Gatherings and we hope that you will sign up. If for some reason you will not be at the Gatherings, please e-mail me at my number listed below and I can fill you in on the times that are available. If you have additional prayer requests, you can contact me at this number as well. Once again, thank you for your consideration.

DeColores
Jim Bleakley

Agape

Remember— with three Walks this fall, we need 72 pieces per Walk! That's a total of 216 pieces. It would make our job so much easier if you could separate your agape in groups of 72 for each Walk.

Need some ideas, call Jeff Young, our Agape Chair, at 848-1530 or email him at FECAgape@aol.com.

Housing Recruits

Summer vacations are over and school has started and now we turn our attention to the fall walks and they are close approaching. We need volunteers to help with set up on Sept. 29th, clean up on Oct. 3rd and Oct. 10th and tear down on Oct. 17th. We start at 8:30 am and the more people to help the easier it goes. So if you can help I'll be at the next gathering with sign-up sheets or you can e-mail me at larryboyer@charter.net or call 244-0957. We'll have a lot of fun and fellowship as we prepare for another great weekend.

Grace and Peace
Larry Boyer

Candlelight

The pilgrims will think they've gotten a brief glimpse of Heaven. However, when they leave Grace, the angels don't come in for clean-up duty, but you can. Give me a call at 864.646-7259. I need four to six people.

DeColores,
Barbie Cutts

Transportation

Remember the luxurious transportation you rode in to camp and candlelight? Did you know that your driver was blessed by his/her part in your weekend? You can be a part of the upcoming Walks, by volunteering for transportation.

With three Walks this fall, there are a lot of opportunities to get involved. Please prayerfully consider serving through transportation. Sign-up sheets will be available at the upcoming gatherings or call me at 879-7967.



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CLOSED GATHERING

September 16 — 7:30 PM

ADVENT

United Methodist Church

2258 Woodruff Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681
864-288-8217

Bring a drink/snack to share

Call the church or go to our web
site for Driving Directions:

www.foothillsemmaus.homestead.com

SEND OFF!

Send Off for all three Walks will be held at St. Andrew UMC in Easley, SC. Please arrive to check in your pilgrim at 7:00 PM. Service begins at 7:30 PM. Driving directions can be found on our web site:
www.foothillsemmaus.homestead.com

Plan now for the FALL WALKS

MEN's #31

September 29 - October 2, 2005

WOMEN's #31

October 6 - 9, 2005
October 13 - 16, 2005

How can you get involved?

- Sponsor a pilgrim
- Volunteer & Sign Up
- Attend Send Off
- Attend Candlelight
- Attend Follow-Up

FOLLOW-UP GATHERING

October 21— 7:30 PM

**Buncombe Street
United Methodist Church**
200 Buncombe Street
Greenville, SC 29601
864-232-7341

Fourth Day Reflections

My daughter, Megan, is 13. It's a difficult age with plenty of ups and downs. God is drawing me closer during this time ensuring me that He is with me; and, most especially, that He is absolutely with Megan. I've had to lean on Him and trust in His Perfect Will for my daughter's young life.

Being on the Emmaus Board is a bit like watching a child grow up. We are a diverse group with a wide range of personalities and various ways of communication. Each one of us are on different levels in our walk and relationship with God. I've recently found myself asking, "Why am I on this Board? What are my intentions? Is it for me or is it to truly further His Will for Emmaus? Is my focus really on Jesus in all that I do for Emmaus?" Is my heart right? And, as my Father, is God proud of my service and actions?

Soon Emmaus Board nominations will be made. Just as you are counting on Him, God is counting on you! Without volunteers with hearts for Christ, the Emmaus we all love will perish. Search your heart now. Be ready when you are asked to serve. Please also pray for your Board and its leaders.

DeColores!

Bonnie Franklin, Secretary/Newsletter Chair
Foothills Emmaus, Walk #11

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