

FOOTHILLS

EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Newsletter/August 2017

Upcoming Events

August 18th Gathering First UMC Laurens 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Please remember that just like your walk we will have plenty of Agape snacks. So don't forget to bring some snacks to the gatherings to share with the community

> September 15th BSUMC Trinity Campus 2703 Augusta St Greenville SC

> > October 20th Maudlin UMC Maudlin, SC

November 17th Covenant UMC Greer, SC

December 9th UMC Covenant Spartanburg, SC

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Community Goal

It's time to serve!! Yes we have a Men's walk on October 5-7 and a Women's walk on October 12-15 and we need people to help in many ways, but that's not what I'm talking about!

It's August which means that all of our churches are cranking up fall ministries. I'm sure they need lots of help from the people of their congregations. You are a leader, you have learned how to be a leader. How do I know this? You went on a walk! It' time to lead at church by serving.

Check out what your church needs. One great help is to take a Spiritual Gifts survey, you can find them online. These surveys figuratively put you in the kitchen with God so you can see what he threw in the pot when he was cooking you up! Find out how God has gifted you then figure out what you can do at your church that coincides with your gifts. If you do, you will be really good at it and you won't burnout.

After you do this, pray for God to show you people who can lead in your church and then ask them to go on the fall walk. Give the gift of leadership, of clarity, of direction. Give the gift of Christ to someone in your church. The gift of the Walk to Emmaus is too good not to share so, go for it!

David Stubbs

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Send Off

Send Off for the upcoming walking will be at the Church of God Campground, Look for more information to come.

BLESSED-TO BE A-BLESSING

Fall 2017 Walk #52

Walk 52 Applications Due

Men's Walk #52 - October 5-8, 2017

Women's Walk #52 - October 12-15, 2017

It is time to turn in your Pilgrim applications and sponsor form for Walks 50. Also, we invite you to bring those who are interested in or curious about attending the walks to our gathering in this month. Remember, it does not have to be someone from your church family - this might be the right opportunity to reach out to a neighbor who is part of another congregation so they can have an impact as a Christian leader where they worship!

Deadline for Applications to be turned in:
Early Bird Friday Gathering August 18 sponsor fee \$110.00
Wednesday, August 31 \$135.00 sponsor fee \$135.00

Forms & Sample Agape Letters

Click on one of the below icons to view or download the application or sample agape letters.

Once the applications & sponsor forms are completed, you can bring them to the gathering or you can mail them to:

Foothills Emmaus Community PO Box 25024 Orchard Park Greenville, SC 29616.



Emmaus Application and Sponsor Forms



Agape Sample Letters for Men



Agape Sample Letters for Women

We have also attached a copy of the Pilgrim Application on the next page for you convenience.

Revised 2017 To be filled out by Registrar: Is Spouse attending walk? Y N

Postmarked:	
Check #	or Cash

Discount: Y N

FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY "WALK TO EMMAUS"

This is only an application. A letter of acceptance will be sent to you prior to the walk. Request for reservation (circle): Men Women Spring Fall

Please print & fill in all blanks.		
Name: Preference fo	r name tag:	
Address:		
Phone (Home): (Ce		
Marital Status: S M D W		
Is your spouse attending this walk? Y N If No, please explain:		
Current church attending:		
Pastor's Name:	Signature:	
Current or previous church activities:		
Current community activities:		
Current occupation:		
Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? Y N		
Have the follow up activities been explained to you? Y N		
Why do you want to attend the Walk to Emmaus?		
Do you have special dietary needs? Y N If Yes, please explain:		
Do you have any of the following: Hearing impaired Physical limitations		
Please provide Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number(s):		
Please enclose a \$25.00 registration fee, which will be applied to your total fee of \$135 (\$110 Early Bird). Please make checks to: Foothills Emmaus Community. The balance will be expected at send off for the walk.		
Signature:	Date:	

About the Emmaus Weekend

So what is the weekend all about?

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

What happens on the Emmaus Weekend?

You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to understand more fully the body of Christ. You will experience God's grace through the prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Emmaus community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

Do you remember coming out of that 1st talk on Saturday to find a long table set up with wonderful books to help you as you grow through study?

If you have any fabulous books that are new or gently used that you think would be beneficial to our pilgrims, please donate them to the literature committee. I will be collecting them at both the August and September Gatherings.

Foothills Emmaus Community

Our goal is to strengthen Church Leaders through a Christ led Pilgrimage know as "Walk to Emmaus"

Visit our website below for more information and upcoming events.

www.foothillsemmaus.org

Share the Gift

Thinking about who you can sponsor on the next walk?

The Upper Room has released a great video with testimonies that explain what happens before, during and after an Emmaus weekend. You can view this video online, and share the link with anyone you would like to sponsor.

Click on the link or copy and paste: http://vimeo.com/8697255

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