



FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Newsletter/January 2017

Upcoming Events

January 20th Gathering
Broad Street UMC
Clinton SC

March 2nd - 5th
Mens Spring Walk #51

March 9th - 12th
Womens Spring Walk #51

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Do you remember the one great gift you got when you were a kid. That's the one gift that, when you got up on Christmas morning, it gave you a memory of that one particular Christmas that has lasted into today. Mine was a battleship with "working" guns and all kinds of gadgets. I still remember everything about it! Now we fast forward to adulthood and we have other memorable Christmases. We learn that Christmas isn't about battleships and other toys, it's about our greatest gift, our savior, our redeemer, the only one who was perfect enough to save us from our sins.

We also accumulate other important dates and experiences that are made special because of their significance to us. We have birthdays and we have days when we are reminded of loved ones who have passed on to God when the anniversary of their deaths come. There are days when we celebrate the gifts of children that God has given us. There are days of transition in our lives when life changes for good.

When I think of these days, I'm reminded of how much of a roller coaster ride life is for all of us. We have the great, terrible, ordinary and hard days. But I am reminded of one particular weekend that was a great time, a mountain top experience, a time that I will never forget and will always point to as a high and holy time in my life. It was Walk 24.

I am forever grateful to Jimmy and Lou Ellen Davis who asked me to go on this strange weekend, this time when they told me to, "let go and let God". I can never repay them for asking me to go. The only way I can repay them and honor the God I met on that weekend is to ask someone else to go. Walk 51 is on the way, much faster than we think. Now is the time to think, pray and then ask someone to go. This is a much better gift than a battleship, the kind of gift that will be remembered forever.

Stop, think, pray and ask. This is a serious task and a holy one at that. Start now, give the gift that God wants you to give and let him help you decide who should receive this gift. You were blessed beyond measure with your walk, it's time to pass that gift on.

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We Want To Hear From You

As you recall, at the end of your walk, you answered two questions

1. What have these three days meant to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?

Sharing God's blessings is one of the calls we have as Christians. We need to share God's goodness in order to encourage, bless and lift each other up. The Emmaus Community is all about serving God in order to help others experience God's love.

We would love to hear how you have changed, been blessed, were able to share God's love since your Walk. In other words, tell us about your 4th days. Help encourage your community after all, this newsletter is for our community. We would love to have some pages dedicated to input from the community inside each newsletter.

If you would like to share your story, write it and send it to mikemaston@yahoo.com
Make sure you have added your name and walk number.

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Message from Agape

Hello Everyone!

Special Memories!! We all have memories from our walk!

I want to remind you of the awesome agape you received on your walk!!

Please think about items that would be simple daily reminders for the pilgrims on the upcoming walks!!

There has to be enough for pilgrims and team, total is approx. 60. per team.

(There is a mens and a womens team) This would be a full walk, numbers do vary.

Extra agape items are returned to you!

Please include reunion group name and contact person information.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me or email me
with any questions! Thanks!!

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2017 Gathering Schedule

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| January 20 | Broad Street UMC, Clinton, SC |
| February 24 | Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville, SC |
| March 17 | Maudlin UMC, Mauldin, SC |
| April 21 | Lyman UMC, Lyman, SC |
| May 19 | Zion UMC, Anderson, SC |
| June | No Gathering |
| July 21 | Immanuel UMC, Wellford, SC |
| August 18 | First UMC Laurens, Laurens, SC |
| September 15 | Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville, SC |
| October 20 | Maudlin UMC, Maudlin, SC |
| November 17 | Central Presbyterian, Anderson, SC |
| December 9 | UMC Covenant, Spartanburg, SC |

Message from Registrar

It is hard to believe that a new year is here! With that comes time for newness in life and in our Christian journeys. Let us all pray that our Foothills Community Walks in 2017 take on a newness of their own - that we enter into the walks with excitement instead of worry or anxiety over the "numbers." Let us take on the commitment in 2017 to invite people on the walks throughout the year, not only when it is "time" to turn in applications. Let us make the resolution to invite not only people from our home churches, but our family & friends from other churches that we encounter everyday. Let us continue to share this gift of Emmaus!

Registration information can be found on the website: foothillsemmaus.org (Click on "Walk" tab and you will find the tab "Forms"). The applications can be mailed to the Emmaus PO Box, emailed to me (rexandanaleesmom@gmail.com), mailed to my home address 135 Riverwalk Dr Lyman, SC 29365, or bring them to me at the January 20th gathering! Please be mindful that the majority of the applications are needed by January 31.

God's blessings,
Vivian Ann Shaver
Registrar

Forms and Sample Agape Letters



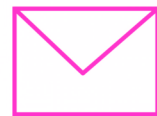
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Application
and Sponsor
Forms



Emmaus
Sponsorship
Checklist



Agape
Sample
Letters
For Men



Agape
Sample
Letters
For Women

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

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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