



# A Walk In the Footsteps of Jesus

April 2004 Newsletter

THEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM, AND HE DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR SIGHT. THEY ASKED EACH OTHER, "WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US WHILE HE TALKED WITH US ON THE ROAD AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?" LUKE 24: 31,32

## *From Our Spiritual Director:*

How do you explain the taste of a pear to someone who has never taken a bite? Explaining or rather even describing the outpouring of God's love experienced on these last two walks is ineffable... words do not capture the wonder of all the joy and freedom pilgrims and team members experienced. Only the river of tears can begin to give image and token to the movement of the heart. Those tears from both joy and release of pain were the only words the heart could speak.

And now the fourth days have begun. The fourth days are the days of continuing in the work of sanctifying grace in your life. Grace is different than mercy. Mercy is release and pardon from execution of a deserved sentence. Grace is the release of God's richest blessing of the Holy Spirit and favor in your life enabling you to live His truth in a hostile world. And the world can be hostile to newly experienced moves of God. During this season of passion and resurrection, you are reminded that it was the religious folk who offered up the final insults to Jesus, it was His own who threw Him to the crowd of wolves, and it was His own who, feigning and declaring ultimate loyalty, would run away naked and afraid.

Remember we all remain pilgrims in these fourth days, we are strangers in a strange land, resident aliens and mostly certainly while on earth, living as ones who are behind enemy lines. Practice the means of grace, study to show how your mind transformed so you are not conformed to this world, and engage in Christian action, spreading the good news to those who sit in darkness. Will you have blessing? Yes. Will you be given the mercy and grace to proceed? Most certainly. Will you meet with opposition? Count on it! But remember the words of Jesus, return good for evil, pray for those who may persecute you, speak ill of you or spitefully use you. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. God bless you and joyous Resurrection Day!

Blessings!

*Harry Workman*

## *What's Our Passion?*

Recently, Lisa and I had the opportunity to view the movie, "The Passion of Christ." I'm sure many of you have seen this movie, read the reviews, and experienced different reactions. While I enjoyed the movie, the overwhelming emotion some experienced didn't reach me the same way as "it did" with others. For me, the dying moments of Christ became real to me during my Walk experience. It was there that I realized the passion and love Christ has for me and you.

The movie did prompt many thoughts and made me search my heart closely. Christ's passion for us did not begin 12 hours before His death, but began before the world was created. Christ showed us that when we face times of trouble, grief, and strife, we should enter into a time of prayer. The nails driven into His hands and feet could not bind His love and grace for all those who repent of their sins. Most of all, His death was not the end but just the beginning of life eternal.

So, what's our passion? Is our Passion of Christ or is our Passion for Christ? We were set free to worship, proclaim the Good News, and become disciples. But do we allow the nails of life to bind us? Was our passion only a weekend experience that will soon fade away or will we continue to be passionate for Christ daily? At each Gathering, we have a time of "passing the peace", my plea is that we begin to "pass the passion" of serving Christ to others. As we approach Easter, may the breaking of the bread and drinking of the cup be a vivid reminder of Christ's passion for us all.

**Passing the Passion,**

**Dennis Smith  
Community Chairman**

## From The Registrar:

Now is the time to begin to pray about sponsorship. The dates for **Walk 29** are **Sept. 30- Oct. 3, 2004** for the men and **Oct. 7-10, 2004** for the women. Please remember to fill in all the blanks, *especially the pastor's signature*. Another area that is very important is the pilgrim's address. Forms that are printed from the web site often do not print a space for the zip code. Please make sure a complete address is provided when you mail your application. If any address changes occur after the application has been sent, please let the registrar know.

Sponsorship is a wonderful way to relive your own walk. It comes with many responsibilities. You are preparing someone to spend the week-end with Jesus. Honestly answer questions, relieve any anxieties that you can, and try not to tease and surprise the pilgrim before he or she leaves. This is especially important for the women as they have just lived with their "Emmaus" husband for four days. Remember, the tone you set before send off, will be the tone they leave with for the weekend. How would you want to be prepared for a 72 hour visit with your Lord and Savior?

It is up to the sponsor to provide transportation to send off and to attend and bring your pilgrim home from closing, or make arrangements if an emergency arises and you cannot be there. A sponsor should be at Candlelight on Saturday night and if

sponsoring a couple you should make sure the husband is there at the women's candlelight.

One of the areas that can be most difficult is getting letters for your pilgrim. It is not the number of letters that is important. Usually the letters that are the most meaningful are those from close friends and family members. A letter from a past Sunday School teacher or a friend one hasn't heard from in a long time often surprises and delights the pilgrim. Eight to ten personal letters can mean more to the pilgrim than twenty letters from casual acquaintances.

Lastly, as the sponsor you need to keep in touch with family members left alone for the weekend. Some sponsors provide a meal, help with carpools, or just call to talk. Have some conversation starters ready because you will be thinking about all that is going on "at the mountain", and when talking to a wife you may find yourself wanting to share things that you can't. You are called to be Jesus to the entire family, especially during that week-end.

Without sponsors there would not be ANY walks. Although sponsorship is one of the hardest "jobs", it can also be one of the most rewarding jobs you'll ever do in connection with Emmaus!

**DeColores!  
Robbie Kane**



## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Many thanks to all who helped with the luggage during send-off! For those drivers who showed, a special thanks.....(Without you, we would all be lost!). As the fall Walks approach, I will have sign up sheets at some of the gatherings. Please, consider helping us out.

With regard to "lost and found" items, there was a pillow left at the camp as well as a gold hanger from someone's luggage. If you are missing these items, please call me and we will make arrangements to mail them to you, or I will bring them to the next gathering.

Decolores  
**Jim Bleakley**

## CALLING ALL SEWERS!!!

When Walk #28 was finished and all was packed away, I brought home all 28 kitchen aprons that are in need of repair.

Some are torn and need repair, and all need to have the "Feed My Sheep" writing redone.

Please let me know if you are willing to help repair and update these aprons prior to the beginning of our next Walks.

I appreciate your willingness to serve and help!  
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In Christ,  
**Joanna Neubert**  
Kitchen Committee Chairperson

**EASIER**

The article below is a wonderful example of sharing how the Walk and Fourth Day experiences have affected someone's life. If you would like to share how your experience has made a change in your life or how you have seen Christ work through your Reunion Group, please submit your article to Ray Williams, newsletter chairman. rayw61@charter.net or fax it to 864-322-6599



## *DeColores!*

The rejuvenation of Emmaus in McCormick was memorialized and realized in the Fall of 1994. As with other movements, Emmaus had been felt and left its impression on the County of McCormick earlier. The few remaining recipients had let it die to lie fallow for future harvest flow by and another. Susan and I moved to Savannah Lakes Village near McCormick in May 1993 and became heavily entwined in local community activities. One fall day while an air conditioning technician was preparing our home unit for winter use, I asked about Emmaus and a sponsor. He said he would get back to me. That same year in the Spring he repeated his efforts and I asked a second time. He responded that he and his wife would sponsor us. Within the week we had our completed application and check in the mail for the Fall walk, Foothills walk #11.

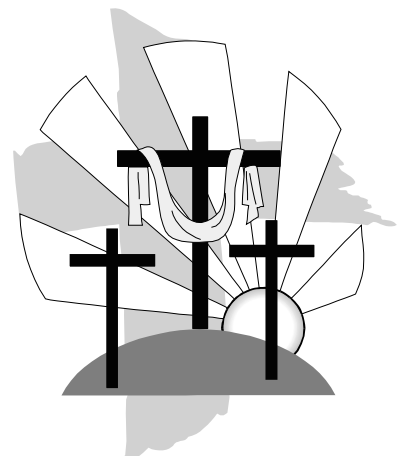
On July 14, 1995 we received our letter of acceptance signed by Lois Coster, Lay Director of Foothills Emmaus Community. Pete Block and Judy Crowder were our Lay Directors on the Walk and Don Biege and Cynthia Taylor were our table leaders. They trained us well. This was the beginning of the rejuvenation process of McCormick Emmaus. By 1997, we had eight active members with Barbara

Clements attending, to help with fellowship and music. Button Wideman published a quarterly newsletter. In 1998 we saw fourteen attending. With continued prayer, diligence and unity we got four more for the Spring Walk of 1998. Word spread around the area of our efforts and our April meeting netted 25 people attending. This meeting brought the new name of "McCormick Jubilee Planter" to our group.

Each year since, has found us with new pilgrims on every Walk. We have not only carefully prayed for their going, but we have prayed for them while they were on the Walk, and we continue to nurture them as they return and get involve in our every other monthly meeting. We continue to grow as we pray, play and work together in getting our united agreement on what our Agape for the Walks will be. Our talented group of ladies made a beautiful large banner for this last walk. There is so much talent in our group and a voluminous amount of volunteerism to put that talent to work, without a single desire for seeking self aggrandizement. Because of this caring attitude and continuous follow-up, our group in McCormick has grown to approximately fifty people. Not all are active, but most all will respond in a

loving way to help, when and if they are called on. As its local shepherd and Spiritual Leader, I deem it an honor and a real privilege to serve with all these wonderful people. This Spring Walk has netted four very excited pilgrim graduates. The distance in getting them to programs is a minor issue, when we see the results of the labor. We in McCormick, and surround area thank all the Emmaus members in the Foothills Community for their wonderful loving acceptance of us. This is what helps to spur us on. Friendship, Fellowship and Couragers of each other. We love you. Decolores!

Bob Everett of the McCormick Emmaus Jubilee Planters.  
2 Chronicles 26:5.



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Password: The song you sang for your meals!

## UPCOMING GATHERINGS

*MAY 21 First UMC, Easley*

*June 16 Mauldin UMC*

*July Family Social  
Place and time  
TBD*

*August 20 Spartanburg*

We would like to come to a church in Spartanburg for the August 20 Gathering. If your church would like to host the Community, please contact Jimmy Davis, Worship Committee chair  
[jwdavissr@mindspring.com](mailto:jwdavissr@mindspring.com), or see him at the Gathering.

### **\*\*APRIL GATHERING\*\***

**Friday APRIL 16, 7:30pm  
AUGUSTA ROAD UMC  
8324 Augusta Road  
Pelzer, SC 29669**

From I-85, take the Pleasantburg Drive/ 291/ Mauldin Rd. exit (#46). Head south on 291/Hwy 25. Go past Donaldson Center, cross over the Southern Connector and continue south on Hwy 25. Watch for Woodmont High School on your right and the South Greenville Fire Station on the left. Augusta Road UMC will be on the right.

From Points South, Take Hwy 25 north through the light at Ware Place. Augusta Road UMC will be on the left approx. 1.5 miles north of the Ellen Woodside Elementary School (also on the left).