

August 8, 2001

Footsteps

Foothills Emmaus Community

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And After the Fire Came a Gentle Whisper

"Listen to that still small voice within you and you will find out who you are". A good friend of mine has told me that for years and it seems only in my midlife have I begun to believe it!

I grew up in a **Beaver Cleaver** family. I was fortunate to have wonderful parents as role models of what was right and good in life. They instilled in their four children that God should always be first in our lives and that loving your neighbor as yourself was the best witness. Over some forty years I have made attempts to listen to God. Unfortunately, many times I chose what I WANTED to hear. Ever done that?? These past several weeks as I have begun a new journey at a new church with new people and a new pastor, I have tried to listen to that still small voice within me. How about you? Do you take time everyday to listen? To listen to what God is calling you to do with YOUR life. A recent birthday reminded me of how precious our time on earth is for us all. I began to think....I need to get busy, I need to listen to that still small voice. I am wasting precious time that God has given me to be His willing and able servant. I trust as we go from summer to fall and to the Emmaus walks, you will spend some time listening...to that still small voice within you. And, my prayer for us all.... is that we will listen and respond to God's call.

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BWare, Community Lay Director

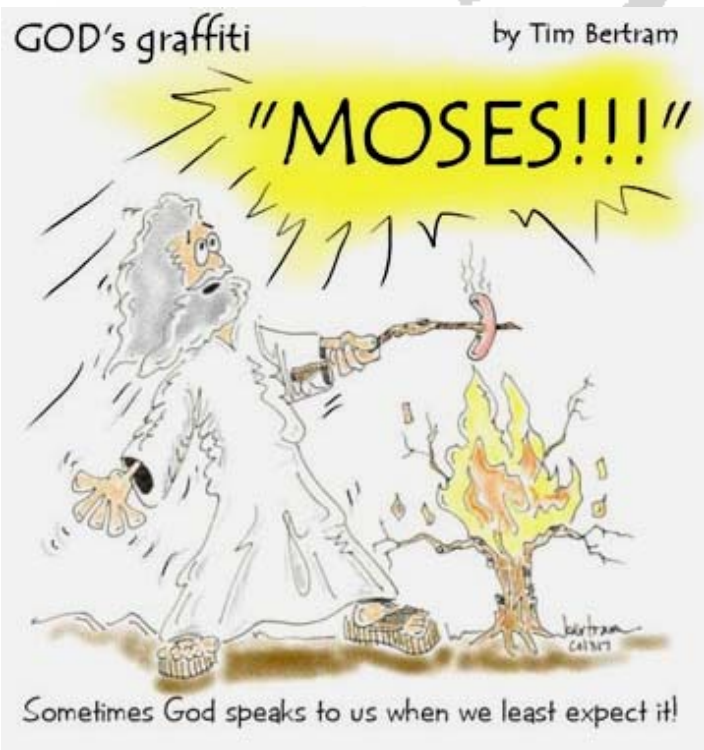
Sacred Time Before God

On the service sheet under "your spiritual life", we as followers of Christ are asked to consider worshiping God through "spiritual retreats". I had gone on several retreats before my "Walk to Emmaus". One in particular I remember to the Dominican retreat center called Springbank in Kingstree, SC. What I most remember is that I found peace before God during this special time as well as some moments when I felt I was wrestling with God. This retreat made me long for more sacred time like this. Then I went on the "Walk to Emmaus". I was expecting something like a retreat but was told it was not. All I knew was that I needed some sacred time before God in a really bad way. I was exhausted in every way imaginable. I received what I needed and more - so much more.

I came to believe by faith that God can heal all things which keep me from a personal relationship with God. A relationship which is so intimate that sometimes I feel I can touch the very hem of his garment. Do you find that you are still unraveling the multi-layered truths that you began to see - or remembered to see-in a new way on your weekend? The "Walk to Emmaus" taught me that the same power which raised Jesus from the dead is the same power which worked in my life when I gave my life to God. It is the same power which manifest when I went on the "Walk to Emmaus" and worked in such an "abundant life" way those three days. It is the same power I received today when I woke up to serve God yet again - what joy! To God be the glory for time set apart for retreat, all forms of worship, and sacred moments when we believe. Thank you God for all the retreats I give myself in the future and what of you I will find there. Amen.

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Beth Drennen, Community Asst. Spiritual Director



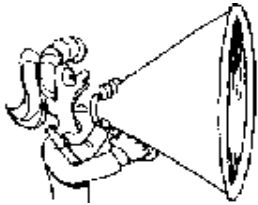
Fall Walks

Men's October 11-14 Women's October 18-21

As of July 10, we have 24 men and 27 ladies registered for the spring walks. Now is the time to ask for a commitment from the people that God is leading you to sponsor. Note only the new revised June 2001 applications will be accepted. The new forms will be available at Gathering, on the website at www.foothillsemmaus.homestead.com, or contact me to mail them to you. Remember this is only an application and notification of acceptance will be sent to you by mail around the first of September or before if all 36 spots are filled sooner. Please send completed pilgrim registration and sponsor forms with the \$25 deposit ASAP to:



Reba Scott
 107 Sandhurst Drive
 Simpsonville, SC 29680
 Questions: (864) 963-9826



HOUSING NEEDS YOU

It's that time again and the housing committee needs your help. You can be part of the team that transforms the Wesleyan camp into that wonderful, spirit-filled conference room, dining hall, and break room. We need your help setting up on Thursday 11 October, clean-up between the walks on Monday 15 October, and final clean-up and tear down Monday 22 October. These can be difficult times to arrange for some but I assure you it is well worth it. There will be sign-up sheets at the next two gatherings; if unable to attend the gatherings, call or e-mail me.

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Looking for a chance to serve?

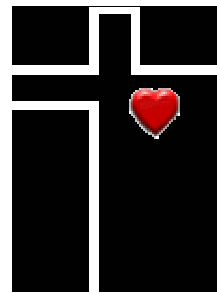
You are needed for the Candlelight Clean-up after the Men's Candlelight service in Oct. and a former Candlelight Chairperson is greatly needed to be responsible for the Clean-up after the Women's service. If you are available for either, please contact **Jayne Weir 706-886-8242** or jwweir@alltel.net



It's time to sign-up and serve in the kitchen for the men's walk October 11-14 and women's walk October 18-21. The sign up charts will be at the August and September Gatherings.

Please sign up for one shift to allow everyone a chance to serve in the kitchen, and then later add your name where openings are still available. Since accommodations are limited at camp, only team members will be at the camp over night. If you can't attend the next two Gatherings, please call **Carol Hetzel at 864-627-8350** or email at chetzel1@aol.com. Include your name, phone #, men's or women's weekend, day, and shift. Remember the shifts are breakfast 6:30 a.m., lunch 10:00 a.m., and dinner 2:00 p.m. Please keep in your prayers the weekend kitchen captains, Phyllis Brown for the men's and Steve Keck for the women's.

If you cannot serve during the walks, a team of servants is needed to setup the kitchen on Thursday, October 11 and breakdown on Monday, October 22. Sign ups will be available at the gatherings.



The Fall Walks are almost here and I need your help. If your reunion group is planning Agape for Walk #23, please let me know the name of your reunion group, the items you are providing, and how many. You can drop me a note via snail mail, email me, or phone me. This information will allow for better organization and to make sure we

have sufficient Agape gifts for the Walks. We will need 72 pieces of Agape for each walk.

Also, I am recruiting for someone to help with the Agape room during the Women's Walk. I also need someone to deliver the Agape to the camp at Women's Send-off. I can use my Explorer, if someone else would drive. If you feel either of these tasks is a place you can serve, please let me know.

Thank you so much for your wonderful gifts. I look forward to seeing your creativity and the love that's put into the Agape gifts for the pilgrims.

God bless you all.
 In His love,

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Satan's Meeting

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We cannot keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We cannot even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches, let them have their covered dish dinners, but steal their time so they do not have time to develop a relationship with the Savior.

"This is what I want you to do," said the devil. "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted.

"Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!

Over stimulate their minds so they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to use the radio, CD, or cell phone whenever they drive, keep the TV, VCR, DVDs, CDs, and PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ. Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail-order catalogs, sweepstakes and every kind of newsletter and promotions offering free products, services and false hopes.

Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazine covers and on TV so husbands will believe outward beauty is what is important and become dissatisfied with their wives. Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night; give them headaches, too! If they do not give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere. That will fragment their families quickly!

Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they will not talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death.

Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy!

And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so they leave with troubled consciences. Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It will work!"

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get more busy and more rushed, going here and there having little time for their God or their families, having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is has the devil been successful at his scheme?

God's graffiti by Tim Bertram
www.christiancartoons.com



This is how Satan wants you to perceive him. He's no cartoon character, he's real and wants to destroy you! Isaiah 14:12-21. Know the truth.

The LORD is my light --
and my salvation --
whom shall I fear?



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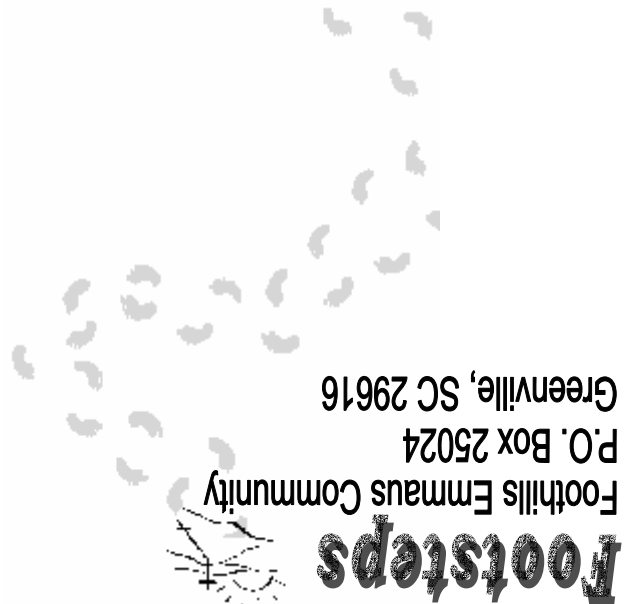
But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember from where you have fallen and repent and do the deeds you did at first
Rev 2:4,5

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**Sign ups for the service
opportunities for the Fall Walks
will begin at the
August Gathering**

**walk
w/why**



REMINDER

**Next Gathering:
August 17 at 7:30**

St. Andrew UMC
309 Pelzer Highway
Easley, SC

FALL WALKS
Men's 10/11-14
Women's 10/18-21

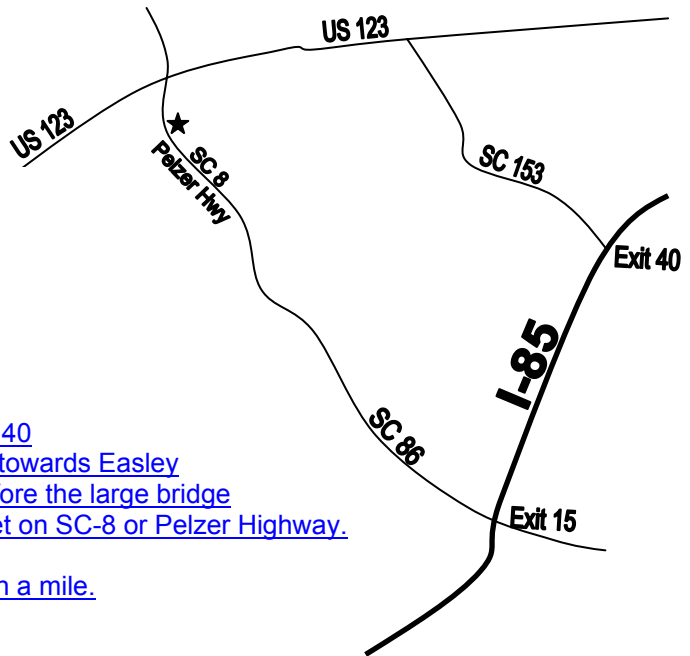
To host a Gathering
Contact
Maggie Hopper at
rdhopper@juno.com
or 864-877-2277

Special Note on Send-off

Send off for the Fall walks will NOT, I repeat NOT, be at St. Andrew UMC, but will absolutely positively be at

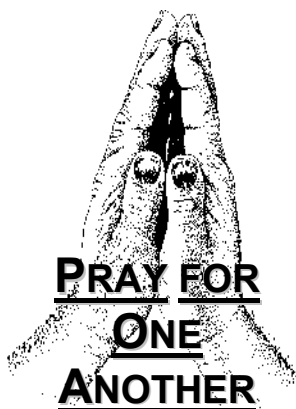
First UMC Easley.

Please look for directions in following newsletters.



[From I-85 take SC-153 at Exit 40](#)
[Turn Left or South on US 123 towards Easley](#)
[Exit to the right off US-123 before the large bridge](#)
[to get on SC-8 or Pelzer Highway.](#)

[Turn left under the bridge.](#)
[Church will be on the left within a mile.](#)



Paul Turner, Deedie Belangia, Teams, & Pilgrims for Walk #23
For God to continue to bless our land
Teacher and Students going back to school
Kyle Stickler, recovering from reaction to dye during eye exam
Maxine Stribling on the loss of her mother
Clyde and Betty Chapman
Saundra Dominick on the loss of her mother Dot
An Emmaus couple whose marriage is in crisis
Mike Reid's coworker who will have surgery to remove cancer
The Manning's son-in-law, Dan Leeds, who is dying from cancer
Marlene Chapman (Walk 17) who is having blood pressure problems
George and Cathy Patterson's newborn granddaughter has developed pneumonia
Janine Rogers, who was just laid off and who's father was diagnosed with lung cancer
Jonathan Suttles, son of Roy & Jan Suttles, recovery from being hit by a baseball in the face
Jean Johnson-Green, Deputy Director in Emmaus, surgery for ruptured disc in her spine

E-mail Prayer Chain
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