



# A Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

December 2004

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

## No Room at the Inn

How many times have we heard this familiar phrase from the Christmas story? I was reading a true short story from Guidepost about a young lad in elementary school that was physically much larger than other kids his age and also much slower in aptitude. The school was presenting the Christmas story with a play and since the young lad could not remember as many lines as the other kids he was given the part of the innkeeper.

During the play, the time came when Joseph & Mary came to the inn looking for shelter. The young lad spoke his part forcefully, "there is no room at the inn." As Joseph & Mary turned to look elsewhere for shelter, the young lad with tears streaming down his face said, "wait you can have my room." Needless to say the audience was struck with the same innocent emotion displayed by the young lad.

This led me to think about the times in my life when God wanted to speak to my heart and I answered by "there's no room." How many times have I put God off by failing to let him into my heart? God has never put me off or said I'm too busy or there's no room. We all live busy lives and if we are willing to admit it, the Christmas season can put stress upon many of us. Let us all remember that Christmas is a joyful time to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My prayer is for all of us is to allow God into our hearts not only during this Christmas season but each and every day. Each of us will experience times when God needs us to be his hands, feet, and ears. Let us all not be too busy that we cannot listen to a friend or stranger in need. During this Christmas season let us all count our blessings for what God has given us and in turn be a blessing to someone else.

December marks the completion of my term as the Foothills Community Chairman. I want to thank the Board members and the entire Foothills Community for your prayers and support. I have been both honored and humbled to serve this year. I have been blessed to meet many new faces, visit various churches, laugh, cry, sing, and share Holy Communion with you all. In each of you I have been blessed. .

Blessings to All,

Dennis Smith  
Community Chairman

### IMPORTANT DATES

**12/17 GATHERING**

**1/21/05 GATHERING**

**3/3—3/6 2005 MEN'S WALK**

**3/10-3/13/ 2005 WOMEN'S WALK**

**3/18/ 2005 FOLLOW UP GATHERING**

**9/30/ 2005—10/02/ 3005 MEN'S WALK**

**10/6/05– 10/9/05 & 10/13/05– 10/16/05**

**WOMEN'S WALKS**

## From the Community Spiritual Director:

Let us pause and offer sincere thanksgiving for our comment redemption and destiny in Christ during this Christmas season. Think about the two names the Angel of the Lord instructed Joseph and Mary to name their Son (Matt 1:22-23).

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Yeshua, which means (the Lord our God) Adonai saves, because he will save His people from their sins." All this happened in order to fulfill what (the Lord our God) Adonai has said through the prophet., "the virgin will conceive and bear a son, and They will call Him "Immanu EL," the name means GOD IS WITH US" (Isa..7:14)

Putting it "back-together," the glorious fulfillment pictured in the Incarnation and the compound naming of the Messiah might be paraphrased like this:

**THE LORD OUR GOD (ADONAI) IS NOW AND EVER, WITH US (IMMANUEL) AS THE SALVATION PROMISED.** In this pivotal time (2004-2005), the Holy Spirit is helping more believers understand that Christ is indwelling them, that Almighty God is actually tabernacling in them, present with them, all the time! Just think -- the whole person of Yeshua Immanuel, Jesus the indwelling Messiah, in us, all the time, all the time. If you can catch a fresh glimpse of Yeshua (Jesus) Immanu EL and His Kingdom, you will see that the best is yet to be!!!!

Have a Blessed Christmas.....Beryl Rosenberger



**The Foothills Emmaus Board of Directors invites you to join us for hot cider, punch and cookies in the Trinity UMC fellowship hall immediately following Holy Communion this Friday evening.**

### Registrar Announcement

**Dianne Perry has been elected Registrar of the Foothills Emmaus Community effective immediately.**

**Dianne may be reached at 864-963-4821.**

**E-mail [twoperrys@charter.net](mailto:twoperrys@charter.net)**

**mail: 6 Staffordshire Way  
Simpsonville, SC 29681**

**Please send your completed Pilgrim and Sponsor's applications to Dianne.**

### **SPRING WALK # 30**

**Men's Walk Lay Director Mike Reid**

**Women's Walk Lay Director Irmgard Robelot  
Lay Directors in Training Barbara Ware  
Dawn Rampey**

**There will be two Women's Walk in the Fall of 2005.**

**There are still open spaces for both couples and single pilgrims for both the Spring and Fall Walks.**

**Send your completed applications to Dianne Perry soon!**

## SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship begins with prayer. Have you started praying about who God would have you sponsor. Keep in mind the purpose of Emmaus before you begin talking to someone about attending the walk. **"The purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church; to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work."** We should never try to sponsor people because we think they "need" Emmaus. Emmaus is not a place for the "sick or broken". The people you consider should be members of a local church, have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives, understand that being a Christian involves responsibility and be willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner. These are the guidelines established by the founders. With these in mind, please begin to consider who God is calling you to sponsor.

**The dates for Walk 30 are March 3-6 for the men and Mar. 10-13, 2005 for the women.** Please make sure all the lines are completed on the application forms. The post mark date used will be the date the application is received when the application is correctly completed. Here are some areas that tend to be overlooked: A **sponsor sheet** is required for each application. There must be a **pastor's signature** on each application. The **sponsor** must sign the bottom of the application. The questions have the Walk to Emmaus been **explained** to you and have the follow-up activities been **explained** to you must be answered yes. A \$25 **nonrefundable** deposit is required. Sponsors should make an appointment with the perspective pilgrim, explain the Walk to Emmaus, follow-up activities and answer all questions. If the person/couple is still interested than present an application and let them complete it with you there. The sponsor takes the application, completes the sponsor form and mails all forms and deposit to the registrar. EVEN if this "is not the way it has always been done in the past", please give this a try!

This is only the beginning of sponsorship. Once the form is completed and accepted you are now a sponsor and your duties are just beginning. Please read carefully the sponsors responsibilities. Before the weekend keep in touch with your pilgrim periodically. Provide encouragement or reassurance when needed as many people begin to get nervous as the time grows closer. If a pilgrim changes his/her mind let the registrar know ASAP as there is usually a waiting list.

A sponsor :

**prays** and prays and prays

**brings** his/her pilgrim to send off

**requests** letters from family and close friends

**participates in send off service** after the pilgrims leave

**cares** for pilgrim's family members

**attends Candlelight** and brings husband to women's walk if sponsoring a couple

**attends closing** and takes pilgrim home at the end of the weekend

**brings** pilgrim to follow up gathering

**helps** pilgrim find a reunion group

All of these are covered in more detail on the sponsor responsibilities and obligations sheet that comes with the applications.

The Walk to Emmaus is a gift to us from God. How blessed we are to be able to be a part of this wonderful experience. Who is God calling you to bring to the table?

DeColores,  
Robbie Kane

## FROM THE BOARD:

Please join us in welcoming our newest board members:

**Bonnie Franklin    Forrest Gilmore    Dianne Perry    Carlton Sharpe    Gabe Stoepler**

We thank all of this year's nominees for their willingness to serve the Foothills Community. Every Fall, five new Board members are elected to replace five who are rotating off the Board after serving a three year term.

The Board asks for your prayers as we prepare for the New Year.

FOOTSTEPS  
FOOTHILLS EMMANUS COMMUNITY  
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**Check out our Community Website**  
For news, Weekend directions and updates:  
**WWW.FOOTHILLSEMMAUS.HOMESTEAD.COM**  
Password Hint: The song you sang for your meals!

**\*\*\*THIS MONTH'S GATHERING\*\*\***

**Friday December 17, 7:30 pm**  
**Trinity UMC**  
**403 South Weston Street**  
**Fountain Inn, SC 29644**

**I-85 to I-385 towards Fountain Inn. Turn on exit 24 (Hwy 418) and head towards Fountain Inn. Cross over Hwy 14 (Depot ST) ...the main drag. Turn right on to South Weston Street (one block from Depot ST) . Church is on the left .**

**UPCOMING GATHERINGS**

**January 21, 2005 Victorian Independent UMC Greer**

**February 18, 2005 Aldersgate UMC Greenville**

**March 18, 2005 St Matthew UMC Greenville**  
**Follow Up Gathering**