

A Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

February 2002

Whoever claims to live in Him
must walk as Jesus did.
1 John 2:6

Peace and Grace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

What a wonderful greeting to send to anyone! These words were used in many of the Apostle Paul's letters as a greeting to the "saints in Christ". What a Great way to greet the new year. May God's abundant Life be yours each day as you say yes to God's amazing YES!

Did you make any resolutions in the new year? How are you doing? Do you find that by the time the Christmas Season is over you can barely catch your breath to make an inventory of your life? I have come to the conclusion that New Year's resolutions, in and of themselves, are a worldly way of saying, "I can make myself do better." A statement like that, however, has nothing to do with a life in piety. A New Year's resolution, unless given over to the power of God, amounts to "will worship" as shared by Paul in the letter to the Colossians (King James Version, 2:23). He states simply that if we as Christians have died to self in Christ, why do we live as if we belong to the world? The worldly striving to do better or be better will fail compared to an authentic life in piety. In the KJV of Colossians 2:23, Paul calls it "will worship". This is a form of idolatry that I have been guilty of for years. I never realized how much I was depending on "me" to make my life better or complete. I have accepted that I need to live a daily life in piety surrendering to the will of God in my life.

The life in piety talk on my Emmaus Walk helped me to see this truth in a new way. How do we follow the will of God and not our own? Our planning sheet we received on our weekend is a good place to start. It reminds us of the personal discipline it takes to give ourselves to God everyday. Being part of a reunion group allows us to hold each other accountable to our promises to live a life of faith. Let us commit anew to the discipline of a reunion group. We can remember that the Holy Spirit tells us through scripture that we have been raised with Christ. Instead of "will power" let us claim the "resurrection power" that we have in Christ.

Paul continues in Colossians 3:2(NRSV), "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

In Christ,

Beth Drennan, Community Spiritual Director

The Fruits of Our Labor

Yesterday I walked around our yard looking at all of our flowerbeds. In my mind I began to start planning what to plant, move, and redo this spring. I then started noticing all the work ahead of me- raking, tilling, planting, fertilizing, weeding - well, you get the idea! I felt overwhelmed and then realized how much Steve and the boys help with the huge task. I could never do it alone. By July, our yard will be at its peak and all of our hard work will be rewarded!

Our community has a huge task ahead with having 3 walks this spring. There is so much work ahead - setting up, transportation, luggage, cooking, praying, cleaning up after candlelight, agape, and clean up - 3 times! I encourage you to take part in the activities of these walks. We can't do it alone. Please feel free to contact the chairperson of the area you would like to serve to sign up or you can sign up at the gathering in February. The reward will be the smiles on the faces of the pilgrims on Sunday and knowing that you have served the Lord and been His instrument.

DeColores!

Laura Keck, Board Chair

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Spring Walks

Men's February 28 - March 3
LD Conway Belangia

Women's March 7 - 10
LD Jane Ford

Women's March 14 - 17
LD Barbie Cutts

Looking For Ways to serve?

Check out page 3 of the newsletter or contact the committee chair on the board. With three walks, there is plenty that needs to be done!

spring walks

Etiquette

A Reminder Of Good Community Etiquette From The Board

The entire Emmaus Walk program was carefully designed and has served well over many years and many different types of communities. The following guidelines do have a purpose in the total design of the weekend. Thank you for observing them.

General, Gatherings, Etc.

1. Please wear your nametag. A cross is optional. Bring snack food/drinks to share following the service. Be alert to welcome new persons to the community. Remember the Emmaus community is called to demonstrate the inclusive love of God.
2. People, who have not attended an Emmaus Weekend or similar weekend, are not to attend gatherings just prior to or immediately following a set of Walks. Nor are they to attend Send Off, Candlelight, or Closing.
3. Sponsors, please see that children of Pilgrims DO NOT attend Send Off, Candlelight, or Closing. Make provisions for baby-sitting needs as part of your sponsoring agape.
4. The community does provide baby sitters at Gatherings. No baby-sitting is provided for Send-Off, Candlelight or Closing. These functions can be long and the Board recommends that children do not attend.
5. Have no personal agape for a Pilgrim. The weekend is not a time to show someone how much you personally care for them. It is an immersion in God's love by God's people. Personal agape can be a good Fourth Day blessing after the Walks.

Send-Off. (Thursdays at 7:00 pm to register, Send-Off at 7:30 pm)

6. Please wear nametags. Please do not overdo it with wearing Emmaus clothing. NO Emmaus crosses. Be friendly, but not overly warm and hugging. With Pilgrim apprehension high at Send-Off, we don't want any appearance of an exclusive group.
7. Sponsors, help get the Pilgrim(s) luggage tagged, then take them directly to the registration table.
8. Resist asking community members if they are on the team or whom they are sponsoring. You could put a team member in an awkward position if in the presence of a Pilgrim.
9. When names are called out for the team and Pilgrims to leave, please limit your enthusiastic response to clapping. Shouts for some, but not others, add to the high anxiety levels.
10. Sponsors, if you cannot be present, have someone at sponsors' hour to pray for your Pilgrim(s).

At the Camp.

11. Members may wear Emmaus clothing. Men, who have just completed their Walk, are not to work at the camp the following women's weekend. Enter the kitchen through the door located at the loading dock.
12. Kitchen workers are not to socialize with the Pilgrims, other than polite responses to those they know. When kitchen workers are introduced, no nametag, cross or watch should be worn. Remember to give only your first name, then your church, town, Walk and table. **Do not plan to stay overnight at the camp.** If you are working the kitchen on Saturday night, please be sure to bring black pants and a white shirt.

Candlelight. (Saturdays at 8:30 pm)

13. Park at the back of the church. Wear nametags. Crosses are optional. Do not reach out and hug the Pilgrims as they pass. Do not stand in the vestibule or aisle. Leave the church quietly, and keep conversation outside the church low.

Closing. (Sundays at 5:00 at the Camp)

14. Wear nametags and crosses. Do not take communion with a Pilgrim. Let them have this opportunity to take communion together as they end their Walk to Emmaus.
15. Please do not form the large circle for the closing "Weave" song, until communion is completed. The "socializing" that occurs as the circle is formed destroys the reverence of communion.

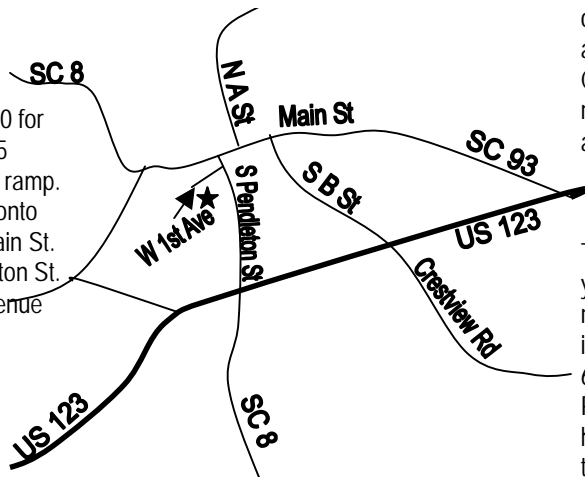
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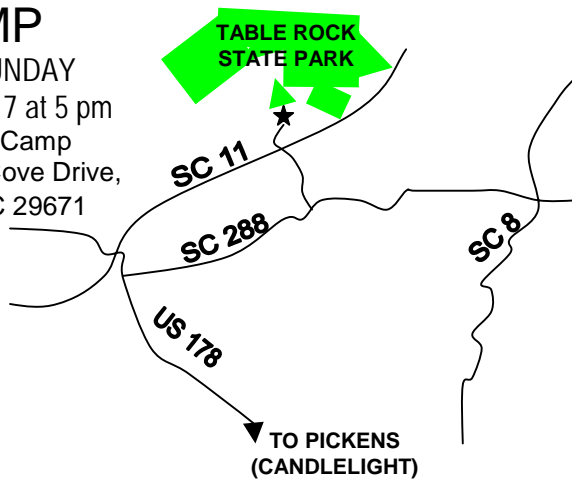
THURSDAY February 28, March 7 and 14 at 7 pm
 First UMC 115 W 1ST AVE EASLEY, SC 29640

Take exit number 40 for SC 153 off I-85
 Take the US-123 S ramp.
 Stay straight to go onto SC-93 S or Main St.
 Turn left on Pendleton St.
 Right on W. 1st Avenue



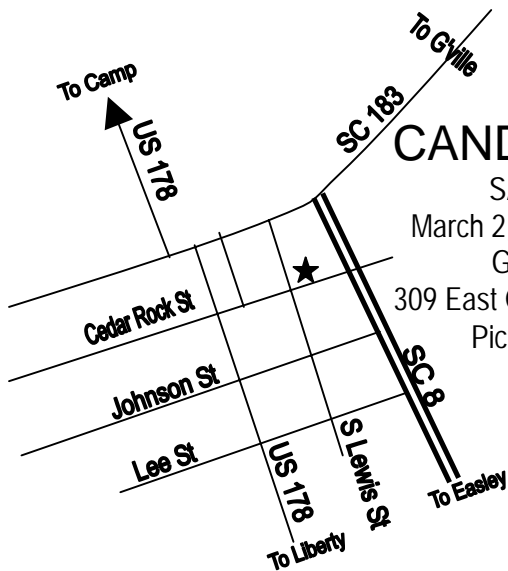
CAMP

Closing SUNDAY
 March 3, 10, 17 at 5 pm
 Wesleyan Camp
 125 Bethany Cove Drive,
 Pickens, SC 29671



CANDLELIGHT

SATURDAY
 March 2, 9, 16 at 8:30 pm
 Grace UMC
 309 East Cedar Rock Street,
 Pickens, 29671



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Kitchen servants are needed for all three walks in March! Each weekend requires about 85 people to prepare food for the team and pilgrims. Because of the large number of servants needed for 3 weekends, there will be no limit on how many times you can serve in the kitchen. The sign up charts will be at the February gathering. If you can't attend the next gathering, please call Carol Hetzel at 864-627-8350 or email at chetzel1@aol.com. Include your name, phone #, men's walk, first women's walk, second women's walk, day, and meal. We urge everyone to prayerfully consider serving in the kitchen.

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The Spring Walks are almost here and Joanna Neubert needs your help. If your Reunion Group is planning Agape for Walk #24, please let her know the name of your Reunion Group, a number where someone can be reached, the item you are providing, and how many. She welcomes phone calls (864-836-6046), emails (joanna.neubert@canal-ins.com) or snail mail (20 Durango Place, Cleveland, SC 29635). This information will help us make sure we have sufficient Agape for the Walks. Don't forget we are having 3 Walks this time so we need 216 items (72 for each Walk). Thank you all for the beautiful gifts. We look forward to seeing all that you have created for showing the Pilgrims the love of God.

Transportation

With three walks this spring it is incredible that we have so many people stepping up to help out with transportation. We need people to help with luggage and pilgrims on Thursdays and to transport pilgrims to candle light and back on Saturdays. Please prayerfully consider these times of service and contact James Peavey if you are able to help at (864) 879-3704 or jipeavey@juno.com. May the Grace of Jesus Christ the love of the Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

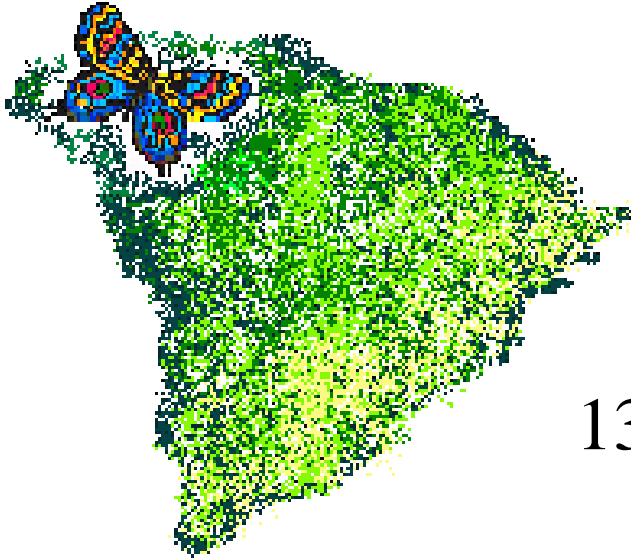
LITERATURE

Dear Emmaus Family, As the chairperson for the Literature Committee for this year, I would like to extend an opportunity for you to serve with the upcoming Spring Walks. I will be on a mission trip to Mexico on Saturday, March 2, which is the Saturday of the first Walk. The book table needs to be set up that day and I am praying for a volunteer who can take on that task. If you are available and interested, please contact me at 706-886-8242 or at jwweir@alltel.net. I look forward to serving the community in this position this year. Bless you for your involvement and support. In Christ, Jayne Weir

refreshments

Do you remember on your walk visiting the snack table and with every visit there seemed to be some new "goody" calling your name? Lets make sure our newest pilgrims experience that same feeling by donating drinks, candy, baked goods, fruit, veggies, nuts, etc. Please let me know what you are planning to provide for the snack table. I am also looking for individuals or reunion groups to help with the punch and cookies at send off and the ice cream party Saturday night. Remember with three walks everyone is needed now more than ever before. All three send-offs are still in need of volunteers for the punch and cookies. Ice cream servers are needed for the men's walk and the second women's walk. If you have never served in either of these areas let me assure you, you will be glad you did. The anticipation at send off and the wonder from candlelight will certainly let you relive a little of your own walk.

DeColores, Robbie Kane (864) 967-7736 Jskane8@cs.com



Chrysalis Hoot

Friday, Feb. 15, 2002

7:30 to 10:00 pm

Covenant UMC

1310 Old Spartanburg Rd.

Greer, SC

This is an Open Hoot for Youth 9th through 12th Grade to **learn about Chrysalis** and an opportunity for Butterflies (past participants) to reconnect!

Come join the fun! We will have a **live band**, games and opportunities to learn more about this amazing 3-day spiritual experience.

Questions? Stephen Streett 244-3162 or Ray Williams 322-6599

Directions: Interstate 85 to Pelhan Rd Exit (#54). Head towards Greenville. Go to Parkway (Wendy's on corner) Turn right. Go to light at Publix and turn left (Batesville Road). Follow to Buena Vista School (on left) and turn left (Enoree Rd.). Follow to light (Old Spartanburg Rd) turn left. Church is on the right.

Please bring a snack/drink to share.

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Footsteps
Foothills Emmaus Community
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I have been chosen to chair the Newsletter Committee as a member of the Emmaus Board. If anyone in the Community is interested in assisting with the newsletter, creating a new directory after the Spring Walks, or writing articles, please contact me at home after 6:00 PM (864-471-0993), or by e-mail at turnercarbandy@att.net. If you are currently being mailed a newsletter and now have E-mail access, please let us know. This is a cost savings to the community. If your computer does not have the software to give you access to the newsletter, we will be glad to mail you a hardcopy. We would like to add a section for Reunion Group information to the newsletter. If you are a leader of a Reunion Group, please send me information about when and where you meet, as well of any special things your group might be doing. We will add these to the newsletter as space permits each month. I look forward to the coming year!

De Colores,
Christina Turner

Next Gathering: February 15 7:30 pm
Covenant UMC, Greer, SC

From I-85 turn west on Pelham Rd.
Turn immediately right on Dry Pocket
Left on Batesville Road and
Left on Old Spartanburg Road
Church will be on your right

What is this Chrysalis?

- ✂ The growth stage a caterpillar goes through to become a butterfly
- ✂ A process that symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams
- ✂ The name given to the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus

Okay, so what is a Chrysalis Flight?

3 days spent with people your own age in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing, and discussion. Think of it as 3 days to discover or re-discover your spiritual self, to analyze and realize who you are in Christ. Check it out at www.upperroom.org/chrysalis

The next Central Carolinas Chrysalis Flight will be held in April 2002 at a UMC in Shelby NC. Girls Flight 4-4 thru 4-7, Boys Flight 4-18 thru 4-21. For more information please contact Patti Goforth (registrar) at pginhisgrip@aol.com.

Chrysalis Hoot

Friday February 15, the Foothills Community will be hosting an open Hoot for Butterflies (past participants in a Chrysalis Flight) and potential Catapillars (youth 14 through 12th grade interested in learning more about Chrysalis). We will meet in the Covenant UMC gym while the Gathering takes place upstairs in the Sanctuary.

There will be a live band, games and opportunities to learn more about Chrysalis.

Please bring a drink and snack to share. Look forward to seeing you there!

Questions?
Ray Williams (Foothills Emmaus Walk 20)
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