



Footprints

A Walk in the Footprints of Jesus

Foothills Emmaus Community

January 2008

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe 2008 is already here. I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season with friends and family celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is always such a glorious time of year. As each year ends I, like many of you, take a look back at the previous year and review the good and the bad that took place. Then I look ahead with hope that the next year will be even better. I re-adjust my priorities and make changes where necessary. One of the pitfalls I have in my life is not being consistent with

my daily quiet times. It is a roller coaster ride at times. I do great for a while and then I fall off the wagon. Then I start again and the cycle continues. Does that sound like any of you out there? Do you have commitment issues like I do at times? This year I challenge all of us to stay more committed to Christ first and foremost and re-evaluate our priorities like we are challenged to do in the very first talk we hear on the Walk. When we are committed to doing the things God calls us to do, we serve Him with JOY.

As a community, let's commit to attending our monthly gatherings consistently, increasing sponsorship for the Walks, serving enthusiastically in the areas needed to put on a Walk, and in any other way God calls us to serve. Let's make 2008 the greatest year yet, both personally and for the Foothills Emmaus Community! God bless each of you!

DeColores,
Dawn Rampey
Board Chairman

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Mark Your Calendars — You Won't Want to Miss Any of Our Upcoming Gatherings & Events

- ◆ January 18 at 7:30 PM — Mauldin UMC, Mauldin
- ◆ **February 1 — Spring Walk Applications & Sponsorship Forms Due to Registrar**
- ◆ February 15 at 7:30 PM — Covenant UMC, Greer
- ◆ March 6 at 7:00 PM — Men's Walk to Emmaus Begins
- ◆ March 13 at 7:00 PM — Women's Walk to Emmaus Begins
- ◆ March 28 at 7:30 PM — Buncombe St UMC, Greenville
- ◆ April 18 at 7:30 PM — Location to be determined

Special Note

February 1 is the applications deadline for Spring Walks. Please contact Lou Ellen Davis with any questions.

Typically Gatherings are held the third Friday of each month. Due to Good Friday, our Follow-up Gathering will be held on the fourth Friday of March. Please make this change on your calendars.

If you'd like to host one of our monthly Gatherings, please contact David Norrell.



Best Rooster Joke Ever ?

Sally calls her boyfriend, Sam, and says, "Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Sam asks, "What's it supposed to be when it's finished?"

Sally replies, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Sam decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "Sally, first of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

At her saddened expression, he takes her hand in his and says, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then..." he said with a deep sigh...

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back into the box."

From Our Committee Chairs

The Walks are fast approaching, so our committee chairs have a lot of work ahead of them. Their jobs and the success of these Walks can only happen with your help.

All sign-up sheets will be out at our January and February Gatherings, so come and sign up for Kitchen, 72-hour Prayer Vigil, Refreshments, Housing, Transportation, etc. The Walks can't happen without you and your support.

Kitchen and Refreshment Coordinators

Attention all foodies!!!! You know who you are! A foodie is defined as a person devoted to the enjoyment of especially good food and drink! Thank you on behalf of the community and all our newest members for your sacrificial time, hard work, all the meals cooked and served with agape love, homemade goodies, and snacks baked. What a magnificent representation of gifts and talents in the Foothills Emmaus Kitchen in 2007!

You contributed to two successful sets of walks! The kitchen and snack committees can always use such volunteers. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the spring walks at the next gathering. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in some way, even if you can't come join us in the kitchen serving. We will gladly accept your offerings in the way of snacks, fruit, drinks, and other goodies in 2008.

Thank you again, and we wish you all the Grace and Peace of our Father to be with you now and always.

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Agape Chair

Agape will be collected at the January and February Gatherings. Please include your Reunion Group, city and members or your name, along with main contact information.



Music Chair

Happy New Year to you all and thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to the Foothills Emmaus Board. I will do everything in my power to help make the best decisions for the Lord and our community. I have been given the music position for this year. If you are interested in helping with music, please email me at whrambo@embarqmail.com and let me know whether you are a singer or instrumentalist or both. If you play an instrument, let me know what instrument(s) you play.

Also, don't forget to keep looking for the missing praise books. I'd love to see them appear.

God bless and see you on January 18th.

DeColores!
Barbara Rambo

From the Registrar

Who will God have you sponsor for this Spring Walks? **Deadline for Spring Walk applications is February 1!** Applications and Sponsorship forms can be found on our web site. Email or call Lou Ellen Davis at lebglass@bellsouth.net or 901-4527.



We're on the Web.

Check us out at

www.FoothillsEmmaus.org

FCA — The Heart & Soul in Sports



One of the greatest joys in ministry is seeing people respond to the Gospel message and that moment when Christ becomes REAL in their life. Working full time with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) since 2005 I have been blessed to see and experience the many ways God is using FCA to change lives. God is literally exploding the FCA ministry under our feet and amazing things are happening.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is impacting and influencing millions of lives... one heart at a time. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.

It was a wonderful year, but 2008 will be great!

I leave the Board with an overwhelming feeling of gratitude.

When I began 2007 as your board chair, it was with quite a bit of apprehension. Not only did I not feel worthy of this position, but, quite honestly, I didn't think I could do the job. Know what I found out? **God can!** I just had to get out of His way! The saying, "Let go, and let God" became a

reality for me this year. He made the way and got the job done! He deserves all of the credit.

Not only was it because of Him, but it was the help, support, and prayers of the board of directors, and you—the terrific volunteers. It seemed everyone was willing to help. Our goal was to bring the Spirit back to Emmaus, to become a unified Board, and to

improve communications. With everyone's help we accomplished those goals.

Your 2008 Board will be great! But, just like last year, they will need your help. Please keep them in your prayers, and let them know you are willing to do whatever is needed.

DeColores,
Bonnie Franklin, Past Chair

The FCA Vision

To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches.

The FCA Mission

To present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

2007 has been the worst year in terms of youth tragedy that I can remember. Nationally and locally we have grieved over tremendous loss of life. As I reflect on this year I am MORE ENERGIZED than ever that reaching and touching lives for Jesus Christ is important & urgent. What is God calling YOU to do? If you have a FCA story or experience you'd like to share with me I would enjoy hearing from you. If you'd like to learn more about FCA, please contact me or check out a powerful three minute video with introduction by Coach Tony Dungy at <http://fcaonline.tv/>.

DeColores!

Joel Shaw

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Delores Dishes



Delores answers questions regarding the Walk to Emmaus and our Foothills Emmaus Community. Please send your questions to derg195@bellsouth.net.

Q *We've just moved into the area and want to know how we can get connected and join the Foothills Community?*

A First, send your contact information to our Newsletter/ Web/Directory Chair, Laura Keck by phone 862-0871 or email Spkpk@bellsouth.net. She will also need to know where and when you took your Walk. To get connected, just come to the Gatherings or join/start a reunion group in your church or area.

Q *Is there a way to get out a community announcement?*

A We have an email master list which includes anyone that has indicated a desire to receive announcements or prayer requests. Send announcements to Dawn Ramsey at derg195@bellsouth.net and prayer requests to Bill Houx at wch45@bellsouth.net. If you'd like to be added to our email master list, let Laura Keck know by sending her an email.

Q *I'm not on the master list, but my husband is? Why?*

A Our current system only allows us to include one member of a household on the email master list. Normally this is the husband. Let Laura Keck know if you'd like this changed from your husband's to your email.

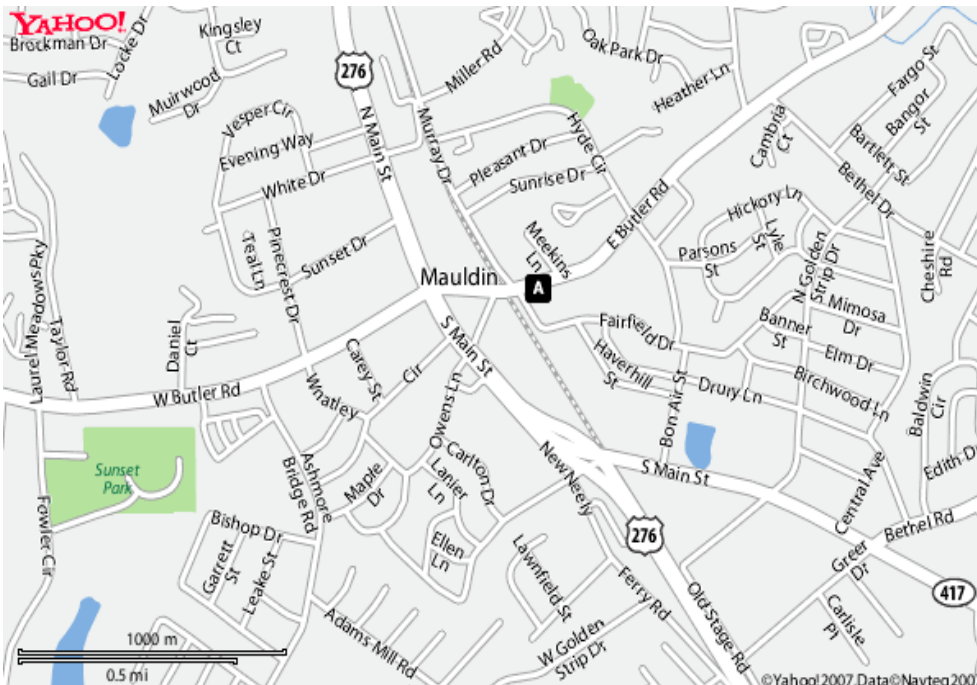
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A Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

This Month's Gathering — Friday, January 18 at 7:30 PM

Mauldin United Methodist Church
100 East Butler Road, Mauldin, SC 29662 ▪ 864-288-4728



Newsletter Info

If you would like to send articles for the newsletter, have an address change, or would like to be removed from the email list, send an email to newsletter@FoothillsEmmaus.org.

Updated Directory

The directory on our web site has been updated. Please check your listing. If it needs to be changed, email newsletter@foothillsemmaus.org.

Plan now for the SPRING WALKS

MEN's #36 — March 6-9, 2008
WOMEN's #36 — March 13-16, 2008

Prayer Needed

Please prayer for the upcoming Walks, teams, your involvement, and the pilgrims. Pray about sponsorship!

We're on the Web

Check often for updates and information at www.FoothillsEmmaus.org.

If you would like to make a contribution to the newsletter, have an address change, or want to be removed from our mailing list, please contact: newsletter@FoothillsEmmaus.org or go to www.FoothillsEmmaus.org.