

A Walk in the

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Phillipians 2:3-4

Footsteps

December 2003 Newsletter

of Jesus

A Note from the Spiritual Director

I suppose that this will be my last official function as Community Spiritual Director. I am happy to announce that Harry Workman will serve as CSD this year. It has been a joy for me to serve in this capacity for the past year. I have had the pleasure of watching every Walk from the sidelines. I had the *best seat* at Send Off and Closing. I have had the distinct pleasure of leading worship and serving Holy Communion at almost every Gathering. (And I only spilled the cup once!)

I have witnessed the miraculous change that takes place in the lives of so many pilgrims and I have seen them grow in grace and they give of their time and talent in so many ways. It has been a great joy to see church members and pastors get excited about God's work in the Community and their local congregations.

I had the pleasure of attending the Twenty Fifth Anniversary Celebration in Nashville, with several other members of the community. It was exciting to see how the *Walk to Emmaus* has grown. It has been a good year for our Community and I am blessed to have been a small part of it. I look forward to more fellowship and service with you in 2004.

Grace and peace throughout the New Year!
Richard +

See you at the Table

Keep the Giving Spirit

2004 is here already, I can hardly believe that 2003 went by so quickly. During the Christmas holidays, I kept thinking about the birth of Jesus and what the world was like during that time. There were wars, terrorism, and political power struggles. The social environment consisted of the rich and educated along with the poor and illiterate. Sounds a lot like our world today, so are we the same people as of two-thousand years ago?

Jesus' birth and life gave us love, salvation, and a servant's example. We seem to grasp the gift giving spirit as we approach Christmas, but what about after Christmas? Does that spirit of giving remain with us throughout the year or does our spirit dwindle as the year progresses? We willingly give our donations to the volunteer ringing the bell beside the red bucket. Yet, we reluctantly offer donations to the homeless holding a sign requesting food. Both are in need of our assistance and well deserving of our help.

When Jesus sent out his disciples he said "freely you have received, freely give." Each of us freely received the agape love of others while on our respective walks. I encourage each of us to keep the "spirit of giving" alive throughout the entire year. I pray that in 2004, we all give of our time, our talents, our support, our love and most of all our prayers to those in need and for our Emmaus Community.

DeColores,
Dennis Smith
Chairman

Notes from the Registrar Robbie Kane:

Sponsoring is one example of how we share Christ's love with one another. The first step of sponsorship is to *pray* for God's guidance and direction. If I can answer any questions or mail you applications please contact me in any of the following ways: Phone: (864) 967-7736 Mail: 202 Country Side Lane, Simpsonville, SC 29681 or Email: JSKane8@cs.com

**THE BELOW INSERT IS NOT AN ADVERTISEMENT
(IT IS A DESPERATE NEED)!!!!**

Got your Banners in Yet?

WE ARE STILL LOOKING AND PRAYING FOR **A FEW GOOD BANNERS!** THE WALKS WILL BE HERE FASTER THAN CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! SO WOULD YOU PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR REUNION GROUP OR JUST GET A FEW OF YOUR FRIENDS OVER FOR SOME EMMAUS FELLOWSHIP AND CHEER MAKING A BANNER FOR THE NEXT WALK! IT IS A GREAT WAY FOR YOU TO RE-LIVE YOUR EMMAUS EXPERIENCE! PLEASE HELP! **WE NEED YOU!** REMEMBER EMMAUS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER CHRISTIAN GROUP **IT'S AN ADVENTURE!** CONTACT ANY **RECRUITER** - I MEAN BOARD MEMBER - OR ROBBIE KANE AT (864) 967-7736 (SOUNDS LIKE AN ARMY AD ☺). THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Notes from the Candlelight Chairperson Christina Turner:

Greetings! Just a note to ask you to remember the wonderful feeling that you experienced on the night of Candlelight as you entered the Church and saw the glow of the love of Jesus filling the Sanctuary. Keep this in mind when volunteers are requested for the March Walks to Emmaus. The job is not hard, it requires no specific skills, only the love of Christ in your heart for your brothers and sisters in Christ. May God bless you and your family this Christmas. De Colores! Christina Turner

Notes from the Agape Committee:

The Walks are coming up before you know it and we need a lot of agape. Please start today on making your items and get them to the Agape Chairperson as soon as possible. It makes it very difficult to sort and count the items when they come in at the last moment. This past walk we had agape come in on Saturday night. We will not be able to use any table agape that comes in after Send Off because of the sorting and distribution required. GET YOUR ITEMS IN EARLY! Thanks and Happy New Year! Kathy Mims ☺

Notes from the Kitchen Chairperson Jim Bleakley:

I want to thank all of you for the support given to the kitchen leaders during 2003. As 2004 approaches, we hope that your enthusiasm and support will continue. Your contribution to our success in 2003 definitely made the Pilgrims walks even more special. Thanks ☺ The sign up lists will be at the gatherings, as we meet each month before the walks. Please sign up. It has been brought to my attention that we need to emphasize the importance of each of us being a little quieter during our time in the kitchen. Once again, thanks to all of you. Have a blessed new year. Decolores! Jim Bleakley jamary@wctel.net

Notes from Board Member Marc Kochamba:

De Colores! ☺ It has been our pleasure serving as the Secretary and Newsletter Board Member for the past 12 months. I must admit my initial reservations, but thankfully the Lord guides, strengthens, and directs His people. Isaiah 58:11 May the Lord bless each member of this community to serve our Lord and glorify Him in all we do. Pray for our Pilgrims this year, pray for our teams, and pray that each of us obeys that "still small voice" that tells us to reach out beyond ourselves to serve our great God, Jesus Christ. Kim and I are so thankful for this community and 2003 has been such a rewarding year for our family in so many ways. Thank you all for your patience, your prayers, and your kindness. ☺ We do not know for sure what's in store for our family this year, but we are excited to know God is in control! The new person taking over the newsletter will be making some changes in the months to come so keep "an eye out" for the enhancements. We are still trying to get the directory updated online, but it has been printed and bound! Please come to a Gathering to get one! Please call me if you are interested in helping and I will direct you to the new board member taking over. Thank you and as always DeColores! Marc Kochamba, 979-9218, kkoachamba@charter.net

Notes from 2003 Board Chairperson Amy Hanson:

It is hard to believe that 2003 is over. I always laughed at the "old" people who lost track of time. Well Where has the time gone? I have been writing checks pre-dated by a year....

It has been a pleasure this past year to serve the Foothills Emmaus Community as Lay Director. I will admit that it has not always been fun but it has always been very rewarding. I can honestly say that I will miss it. I am excited and am looking forward to next year in the Foothills Community under the leadership of Dennis Smith. Dennis has a heart for Emmaus and will do a wonderful job as Lay Director.

The year 2003 has brought some changes in the Hanson family. I have returned to work after being unemployed for over 2 years. I am very happy at my new job as Ministry Assistant at Crossway Community Church. John has promised to cut back his hours at his job so that we can have more family time together. (*This means John gets to help more with the housework!*) This Christmas season I learned the hard way that I am allergic to Christmas Trees! Next year, if we have a tree it will probably be decorated out on our deck.

I pray that you will keep Jesus Christ ever present in your daily life in 2004 and beyond. Remember the priorities talk? Jesus, spouse, children, family, work! This is a very tough lesson, but when you practice it, God blesses it.

Remember to keep the upcoming walks, pilgrims and teams in your prayers. I hope to see you all at the January Gathering!

DeColores,

Amy Hanson



2003 Foothills Emmaus Board of Directors

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

- For our Military, and their families.
- For those out of work.
- For the Victims in Iran.
- For the teams of the walks!
- For the pilgrims going on the walks!
- For our leaders in our country.
- For the homeless.
- For peace in the Middle East.
- For a people suffering in Iran
- For the hungry.
- For the oppressed and stressed!
- For our Children.

Spring Walks #28
Less than 2 months away!

Men's
March 4-7
Lay Director
Roy Suttles

Women's
March 11-14
Lay Director
Christina Turner

**Open Gathering
Next Week!!!**
January 16, at 7:30 PM
ST. ANDREW UMC
Easley, SC
309 Pelzer Highway
Easley, SC
phone (864)859-1567

More Information on the website!
www.foothillsemaus.homestead.com

February GATHERING
7:30 PM
February 20, 2004
Covenant UMC
1310 OLD SPARTANBURG ROAD
GREER, SC 29650
864-244-3162

Go to! <http://www.covumc.org>
More details in next month's newsletter and on the web!

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY SUGGESTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER OR THE WEBSITE
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GATHERING? CALL
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