

# A Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

March 2002

*I will walk among you and be your  
God, and you shall be My people.  
Leviticus 26:12*

*Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them, but they were kept from recognizing Him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth", they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all people..." And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:13-19,27*

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him ... Luke 24:30-31 NIV*

**Welcome to all the new members of the Emmaus Community  
Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ**

I went on my Walk to Emmaus in the spring of the year and Easter was a few weeks later. I experienced a renewed spirit of joy which has enhanced my spiritual walk with God. I was able to embrace for myself a phrase which I had always heard--"Easter people." I knew that everyday was a resurrection day because, in my saying yes to God, I had died to self and been raised with Christ for now and for all eternity. What a freeing experience. I am free to follow Christ as an heir to God's kingdom. The truth of who Christ is, which I had said yes to at a young age, was true for me in a renewed way and I rejoiced. I still rejoice!

We all need to remember that the Walk to Emmaus is only one way in which the truth of God can be revealed. God is working everyday to tell us the truth about abundant life. We have a unique opportunity as followers of Christ to share our witness with others. This has been true since the day of creation-it will be true forever. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. I found after my walk that I was more bold in telling about my personal relationship with Christ which had always been in me. I started seeing more clearly how God had worked in my life especially when I had not been paying attention. I've come to understand this type of revelation as the wisdom of God which can be shown to us, if we are keeping our eyes on God. I remember when Jesus told the disciples that they would know what to say when they needed to witness to others about him. He told them they would remember the things he had taught them (read John 17). We have this power to share our faith in Christ with others. Why? BECAUSE WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE! Go forth and share the Good News with power and boldness.

In Christ,

**Beth Drennan, Community Spiritual Director**

## **Prayer Is The Backbone Of Emmaus**

The power of Emmaus is that the walks are bathed in prayer. Communities lift prayers all over the world for our walks and likewise we pray for each one of those communities. Each speaker has someone praying for him or her in the chapel before, during, and after their talk. Members of the community pray during the 72-hour prayer vigil. The work in the kitchen stops each time a speaker begins. Each member of the kitchen prays out loud for the pilgrims, speaker, and the power of the Holy Spirit to be present. Prayer is that special one on one time that we spend in relationship with God. We take the focus away from ourselves and put it on God and others. It is that time when we lift others up before the Almighty. Another aspect of prayer is the listening. We must listen for God's guidance in our lives. The Foothills Emmaus Community began with a handful of people. Through prayer and trust in Christ they began our community. The number of people on a walk at first was small but the walks were spirit filled and slowly the community began to grow. Just 5 short years ago there was a struggle to have enough pilgrims to even have a walk. The community continued to pray for God's guidance and was faithful to His call. We are now blessed to have an additional Ladies Walk for the first time. This would have never been possible without the diligence of our community to answer God's call. What an awesome experience it is to witness the power of prayer. Let us all continue to lift our community in prayer and step back and watch God at work!

DeColores!

**Laura Keck, Board Chair**

# spring pilgrims

A Welcome to Our Newest Community Members

## Grace Notes

from Maggie Hopper  
Seaside Emmaus Walk 32  
Men's Walk 24 Music Team

## GOD'S GRACE ABOUND

It may seem a small thing to some,  
a button to be sewn,  
Yet this desire of my heart  
was to the Godhead known.  
"I need to find that button, Lord,  
to sew upon these slacks  
I want to take to Emmaus.  
I wonder where it is."



I AM HIS!

I opened up my jewelry box  
and much to my surprise  
beneath my rings and earrings  
was the button I desired.  
Thank you, Abba.  
You are so kind  
to do this just for me.  
Nothing escapes your notice, Lord,  
Your grace abounds to me.

Heart broken, no more stone,  
full of love for God alone.  
I will go as You lead  
by Your grace alone.

P.S. Father, Please, I pray,  
give me the will to sew today!  
Amen.

Contrite spirit, penitent  
I come to be forgiven.  
Jesus is the altar.  
I bow at His feet.

Awestruck by God's majesty,  
resplendent in His glory,  
I worship as He bathes me in  
His loving light and mercy.



O the greatness of my God,  
the Name above all names,  
Jesus, Savior, from the cross  
cried out to God my name.

Still He intercedes for me  
before the Father's throne.  
From inside out He knows me,  
He made me to be His own.

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| George & Carol Allen      | Laura Mayfield          |
| Neal Ayres                | Tony & Cindy Meyer      |
| Teresa Bagwell            | Tim & Kimberly Miller   |
| Bruce & Sandra Bayles     | Jonathan & Carrie       |
| Karl & Loveda Bayles      | Morningstar             |
| Russ & Judy Beach         | Randy & Allison Myers   |
| Cathy Blair               | Diane Nevelle           |
| Bill Brown                | Tricia Nicholson        |
| Beth Brown                | David & Sheryl Norrell  |
| Brad & Robin Bylenga      | Anna Norris             |
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| Susan Cothran             | Heather Norryce         |
| Karen Craven              | Glenn & Kandy Norwood   |
| Barbara Davis             | Laura Pennell           |
| Pat Duncan                | Buddy & Dianne Perry    |
| Craig & Jenny Eastin      | Hattie Pitts            |
| Helen Edwards             | Allison Proctor         |
| Jim & Amy Garland         | Stan & Laurie Rochester |
| *Clara Gary               | June Rose               |
| Daryl Gibbs               | Danny & Pam Shields     |
| Doug & Kathy Goodwin      | Luke & Jennifer Simmons |
| Lee & Joy Goza            | Kerry Slater            |
| Danielle Grant            | Novella Smith           |
| Patsy Greer               | Joy Stafford            |
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| Frank Hammond             | Mark & Cynthia Stewart  |
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| Patsy Lamb                | Evelyn Westbury         |
| Linda Leverette           | Beth Wilson             |
| *Clergy                   | Shelley Winkler         |

**May all your Fourth Days be filled with  
the Love and Peace of Jesus.**

The Lord says:

I will give you a new heart  
and put a new spirit in you;  
I will remove from you  
your heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
(Ezekiel 36: 26)

# Spring walks

# Fourth Day

## The Pilgrims' Continued Journey

*Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. It was for the sake of the Name that they went out. 3 John 1:5-7*

### Housing

Housing needs volunteers for set up on Thursday morning of the men's walk, each Monday after the walks. The Monday following the last women's walk will be take down. We especially need some men with trucks to help transport kitchen items for storage. If you can help, please contact Dennis Smith @ 864-292-5188 or [discipledad@charter.net](mailto:discipledad@charter.net)

### kitchen

Thanks to all who served in the kitchen for the past three walks. Your humble servanthood is an inspiration. God bless you! Carol Hetzel

### Prayer Chain

The Emmaus email prayer chain is designed for requests for members of the Foothills Emmaus Community. Please do not send "chain" email prayer requests to be distributed through our email system. When requesting prayer please include your walk number and if the request is for a community member include his/her walk number. To sign up for the mail prayer chain or to request prayer, please contact Mary Ann Hayes at [marhay25@hotmail.com](mailto:marhay25@hotmail.com).

### refreshments

Just a friendly reminder that if you signed up to provide **snacks** you need to bring them to send off or call me to make other arrangements. If you are providing **refreshments** for send off, please be at the church, ready to serve by 6:45. **Ice cream** servers may want to bring their own "scoops" to make your job a little easier. Thank you in advance for serving in these areas. When everyone carries a little, the load is so much lighter. Thanks for "lightening my load." In His Name, Robbie Kane [jskane8@cs.com](mailto:jskane8@cs.com) (864)967-7736

### transportation

The transportation once again has been "luxurious". Thanks to all who have taken their time to safely take the pilgrims to so many special places. Thanks to those who took the responsibility of caring for the luggage and getting it where it needed to be. These are details in the overall scheme of the weekend, but God is always in the details and you each have shown the love of Christ to these pilgrims. God bless you! James Peavey, [jjpeavey@juno.com](mailto:jjpeavey@juno.com), 864-879-3704

### newsletter

Another month has flown by and we are busy preparing for the March walks. Please be sure to keep the pilgrims and teams in your prayers over the next few weeks. I am looking forward to meeting these new members at our follow-up gathering. My fingers danced on the wrong keys when I typed my home phone number last month. It should be 864-472-0993. Sorry if this caused any inconvenience. This month we have a special treat in the form of poems from Maggie Hopper. We welcome sharing any talents you may have in the newsletter. Don't forget this is YOUR newsletter. We are also hoping to get information regarding reunion groups. Please share any ideas or programs you are using or have used in your reunion group with us. Also who you are, when and where you meet, etc. This will be extremely helpful in the months ahead as information for our new members. I have updated our mailing and e-mail list with the information sent to me. Please let me know if you are not getting the newsletter or have items to include in the next newsletter by e-mailing me at [turnercarbandy@att.net](mailto:turnercarbandy@att.net) or by phone at 864-472-0993 after 6:00 PM. Thank you for your continued support. See you at the Gathering! DeColores - Christina Turner

### Reunion Groups

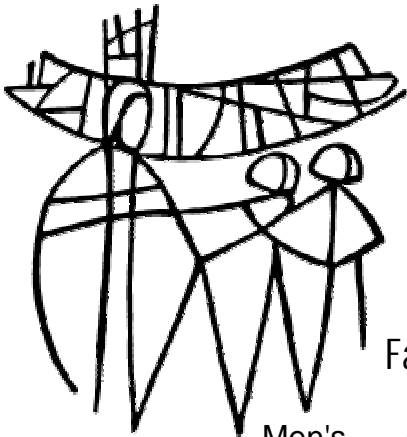
The group reunion itself is one of the chief values and greatest treasures of the Emmaus movement. It is a way of persevering in the life in grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world.

<u>Reunion Group</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Shepherd</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Angels of the Foothills	Seneca	Sandi Garland	882-7331
Buncombe Streeters	Greenville	Leta Poston	277-8968
Covenant	Greer	Ray Williams	322-6599
Focused on God	Greer	Debbie Goulart	877-7214
H.U.G.S.	Blue Ridge	Nelson Kinard	877-2826
His Mighty Moo's	Cowpens	Maryanne Hayes	463-9520
Happy Dancers	Greer	James Peavey	879-3704
Joy in the Morning	Easley	Helen Sizemore	859-4582
Joyful Noise	Greer	Bill & Susan Smith	268-6602
Joyous for Jesus in Ga.	Toccoa Ga.	Jayne Weir	886-8242
Jubilee Planters	McCormick	Bob Everett	391-3602
Let His Light Shine	Simpsonville	John Hetzel	627-8350
Salt Shakers	Spartanburg	Sheila Young	879-4258
Simpsonville	Simpsonville	Pat Long	963-8656
Spartanburg Area	Spartanburg	Phyllis Brown	585-4552
St. Andrews Sisters	Easley	Cynthia D. Taylor	855-8470
The Lords Ladies	Greer/Taylor	Marsha Bennett	879-3974
The M&Ms	Mauldin	Dwayne & Kristie Arledge	228-0085
Tri Mountain Bikers	Seneca	Bob Dobson	888-2306
Zoar UMC	Greer	Maggie Hopper	877-2277

- reunion, n. 1. a bringing or coming together again.
2. a gathering of persons after separation

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 you and be  
 your God,  
 and you shall be  
 My people.  
 Leviticus 26:12

**Footsteps**  
 Foothills Emmaus Community  
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**Fall Walks**

Men's October 3-6  
 LD Larry Boyer

Women's October 10-13  
 LD Kathy Mims

Follow Up Gathering: March 22 7:30 pm  
 Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville, SC

From I-385, come into downtown Greenville. The interstate will become College Street. Turn right onto Academy Street (after Richardson). At the third traffic light, turn left onto Buncombe St. The church is immediately on the left. Parking is in front of the church to your right.

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