

FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

FOOTPRINTS— IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

BUILDING LEADERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

MAY 2009

LAY DIRECTOR'S WORD

Fourth Day!

Can you believe it's already May? The next few months will be hectic for everyone, with Mother's Day, Confirmation, Graduations, Memorial Day, Father's Day, VBS, Summer vacation (it is not too early to think about that). The time is going by so quickly!

We have also starting team selection for the Fall Walk. It seems as though we just finished the spring walk and now we are gearing up to do it all again! Begin praying now in case you get a call to work a team. God will call you when He needs you on the mountain. And, for those walks, we need pilgrims. It is never too early to turn in applications. Remember, a full walk is 36 pilgrims per weekend. We accept 10 singles per weekend, and then fill in with others singles

two weeks prior to the walks if spaces are available. I know each of you can think of at least one person you would like to sponsor. Begin praying for that person now! Then make an appointment to share what Emmaus is, and see if they are interested. Never pressure someone in to going. God will let them know when it is their time to take this journey. The gift of Emmaus is there for the taking when it is God's time for them to attend.



My thoughts go back to a pilgrim from Walk 38, Heather Probst. Last week we received word that she had passed away from her battle with cancer. I remember seeing her at closing, the first one to stand and tell what the weekend had meant and what she was going to do with her

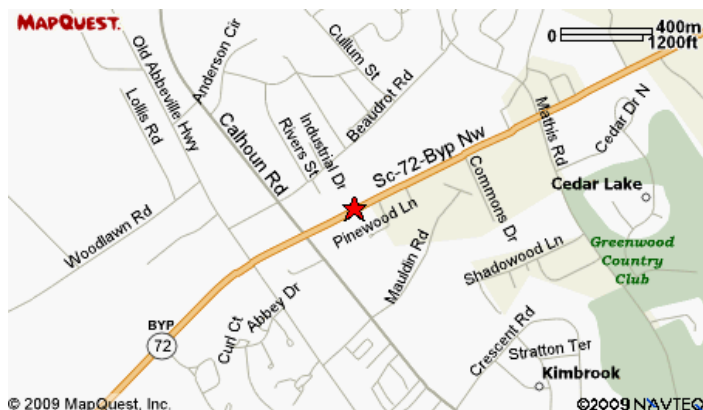
fourth day. I am sure Heather could have stayed home instead of going on the walk but she was there and by it gained a better understanding of how much she was loved not only by us but especially by Jesus. And as He holds her in his arms I know that He has told her how much she touched so many lives, including mine! She accomplished so much on her short fourth day! "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matt. 25:23)

Won't you consider being a sponsor?

In His Service

John MacKeil

Community Lay Director



May Gathering

May 15th, 7:30 pm

St. Mark UMC

550 By-Pass 72

Greenwood, SC 29649



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SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is the most important job that any member of an Emmaus Community can perform. It is the most important form of agape. Sponsorship is a gift and a responsibility. The aim of a sponsor is to build up the body of Christ. If you are considering sponsoring someone for a walk please begin by praying for those you feel God is leading you to sponsor. Make an appointment with the person or couple to discuss his or her participation in Emmaus. Have them fill out the forms completely and legibly. You can download a form from the web-site www.foothillemmaus.org or can receive one by fax, U.S. mail, email or at any

gathering.

An application that does not include the \$25 non-refundable deposit, the completed Sponsor's form or is incomplete or illegible will be returned to the sponsor. The balance of \$60 is due at Send-Off. Please read the Sponsor's Responsibilities section of the application. The responsibilities are updated periodically so be sure to read them carefully!

Please let your Pilgrim know ahead of time that they will not be able to use any electronic devices (including cell phone, laptop, ipod, beeper, blackberry, etc.) for the duration of the Walk.

A full walk consists

of 36 pilgrims. We can only accept 6 pilgrims per church. There are 10 single men and 10 single ladies accepted per Walk. The deadline for sending in applications for the Fall Walks is September 18th. Any applications received after that time will be deferred to the Spring Walks.

It's not too early to send in your applications now! Currently, there are 6 single ladies registered for the Fall Walk. You can mail your form to the PO Box on the application or to me at: Laura Keck, 147 Stoddard Mill Rd., Gray Court, SC 29645.

May God Bless you in your Fourth Days! DeColores,
Laura

Next Gathering

June 19th, 7:30

Green Pond UMC

Gray Court, SC

Dates For Fall Walks

2009

Men's Walk #39- Oct. 1-4

Ladies Walk #39- Oct. 8-11

