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Foothills Walk to Emmaus



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The Walk is over; now what?

Another month has gone by and the past Emmaus walk has become a memory and the next walk is starting to spring into life.

I'd like to spend just a few moments writing about the purpose of the Emmaus Walk. As I look back on my walk, I felt like I was on cloud nine when I left the weekend walk. Each day felt like a greater and greater spiritual crescendo. I became whole during the weekend experience.

Once I left the weekend experience, I had to come to the reality that my time of "healing" was complete and I now needed to focus upon God's plan for my life.

Please remember that the Emmaus movement does not exist primarily for the weekend Walks. Its purposes are to deepen the faith of individuals, to increase the faith of congregations, and to bring Christianity to the world. Emmaus gives pilgrims the skills needed for leadership and invites them to make the commitment needed to build up the church for the sake of Jesus Christ.

As you perform your daily life duties remember that you were placed here to enjoy God's presence and take his love to the world.

Joanna Neubert

Foothills Emmaus Board Chair

Attention Would-Be Sponsors!

Did you know that Sponsorship is one of the most important functions in an Emmaus community?

It is! Yet many don't give it a second thought. However, no one can attend a Walk without a sponsor, and not everyone is a candidate who should be sponsored. Any Emmaus participant can be a Sponsor, but there are some important guidelines every sponsor needs to know and follow. Our guidelines are posted on our website at <http://www.foothillsemmaus.org/>. If you are contemplating sponsoring some one, you need to read these instructions. But there are important considerations potential sponsors need to understand, besides the basic "How-To" guidelines.

"The aim of a sponsor should not be "to get all my friends to go," to fill up the weekend, to fix people's problems, or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others."

That statement comes from The Emmaus Handbook. Read more about sponsorship by going to the Upper Room Emmaus web site at <http://www.upperroom.com/emmaus/>. Click on **Sponsorship**.

Attention Reunion Groups!

Your help is needed at our Gatherings!

We need reunion groups to step up and agree to take a month, to set up the church, and to help during the service time, church time, 4th day speakers, taking up offering, and handing out prayer cards. If your group would like to take responsibility for an upcoming Gathering, call Toby Childress at 864-944-9090.

Next gathering

June 16, 2006 7:30 PM

Mauldin UMC

100 E Butler Rd.

Mauldin, SC 29662

Enjoy the Koinonia!

From our Spiritual Director



I have been leading a morning Bible study with a group at my church; Zion UMC. The name of the group is; "The Adventure Group." I like the name because we are truly on an adventure. The more I study with them, the less I realize I know and the more I learn. New discoveries are always exciting. Currently we are in the book of Leviticus. A few days ago, we studied Lev. 19. In this chapter we found a rehearsal of the Ten Commandments reworded plus some others plus some explanations. Below I have paraphrased and summarized some of what is there.

Lev. 19, summarized from the Jerusalem Version of the Bible; "God spoke to Moses and said, "Speak to the whole community of [my people] and say to them:

*"Be holy, for I, Yahweh your God, am holy.
Each of you must respect his father and mother.
Keep my Sabbaths.
Do not turn to idols.*

*If you offer a communion sacrifice to Yahweh, make yourselves acceptable and so offer it.
When you gather from your land do not harvest to the very end of the field. You must leave them for the poor and the stranger.*

You must not steal nor deal deceitfully or fraudulently with your neighbor.

You must not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God.

Pay the labor a fair wage and pay when the job is done.

You must not curse the dumb nor put an obstacle in the blind man's way, but you must fear God.

You must not be guilty of unjust verdicts but pass judgment according to justice.

You must not slander your own people, nor jeopardize your neighbor's life

You must keep my laws."

I'm down to verse 19...there are 37 all total. I encourage you to read the chapter in its entirety. I think you will find it very interesting. Reading and digesting what God is saying to His people in this particular chapter lends greater understanding to Jesus' answer to the Pharisees when they asked him to tell them what the greatest command of all is. You see, the whole of the chapter is instruction on interpersonal relationships.

I was surprised and joyfully so when I began the 19th Chapter to find it subtitled in the Jerusalem Bible, "Worship". Continually, throughout the chapter, God reminds us that the reason we do as He has commanded us and the reason we treat each other as instructed is because Yahweh is our God and to keep all [His] laws and customs and to put them into practice is to be in worship. For those who are called "Children of God" worship is a whole-life event, not just something we do at an appointed place at an appointed time. **Christians ought to live their lives in full-time worship.** Why? Because I said so? No! Because God said so, and God is God, and we are His people.

De Colores,

Julian Ford
Community Spiritual Director



Want your senior-high teenager or youth group to experience your Walk to Emmaus? They can, through a Chrysalis Flight. Here are links to communities in our area:

Charlotte — <http://www.carolina-chrysalis.org/>
Ashville — <http://www.mountainridgechrysalis.org/>
Athens — <http://www.fourthdays.org/>

The Upper Room has a Community Finder Map at <http://www.upperroom.com/chrysalis/finder/> and lots of information about Chrysalis at <http://www.upperroom.com/chrysalis/>.

New Members from Walk 32

Men

Basil Carney
Bill Funderburk
Boyd Roberts
Darren Hughes
Dave Catlin
David Calhoun
Don McCormick
Gary Garber
Jamie Nickles
John Atwater
John Peden
Jonathan Ruth
Keith Williams
Michael Galloway
Oliver Thomas
Ray Howe
Ray McCoy
Ron Neahusan
Steve Quam
Steve Whitley

Women

Alice Galloway
April Calhoun
Charlotte Hughes
Chris King
Chris McCoy
Clary Oglesby
Dena Williams
Diane Garber
Freda Howe
Genny Collins
Jackie Roberts
Jeanne Quam
Jennifer Sperry
Joyce Carney
Judy Moss
Kay McCormick
Louella Thomas
Margaret Utley
Misty Nickles
Renee Whitley
Rhonda Funderburk
Sandy Neahusan
Sandy Shaffer
Tiffany Ruth

From the Treasurer:

Current Checking Balance : \$3523.06

Recent Expenditures:

Music License 170.00
Name Badge Machine 273.40
Updated Team Leader Manuals 544.54

May Offering: 482.00

Help us reduce costs by getting the newsletter electronically.

If you currently are on the mailing list and wish to get it from our web site, please send an email to newsletter@foothillsemmaus.org.

Foothills Emmaus Community Reunion Groups

<u>Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Shepherd</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
A.R.M. of God	Pelzer	Hank & Ronna Brooks	864-243-9583
A-Town Apostles	Abbeville	June Prince	864-366-9713
Buncombe Streeters	Greenville	Leta Poston	864-277-8968
Covenant	Greer	Marilyn Boyer	864-244-0957
Focused on God	Greer	Jackie Church	864-895-5321
From Grace to Zion	Anderson/Williamston	Rachel Shupe	864-847-4597
G.I.F.T. (Girls In Faith Together)	Upstate, SC	Barbara Ware	864-234-0615
God's Groupies	Greer	Susan Bogan	864-877-3165
Grace Glory Gals	Abbeville	Kathi Culbreath	864-366-4235
Happy Dancers	Greer	James Peavey	864-879-3704
His Kids	Pickens/Easley	Brenda Durham	864-878-9458
His Mighty Moos	Cowpens	Shirley Birch	864-463-3618
In His Grip	Simpsonville	Carol Hetzel	864-627-8350
In His Service	Simpsonville	Pat Long	864-963-8656
Joy In The Morning	Easley	Bob Burns	864-918-3852
Joyful Noise	Greer	Bill Smith	864-268-6602
Jubilee Planters	McCormick	Bob Everett	864-391-3602
Let His Light Shine	Simpsonville	Russ Beach	864-963-0031
M&M's	Mauldin	Anna Chandler	864-627-1113
Mustard Seeds	Easley	Bonnie Franklin	864-855-2507
Palanca	Greenville	Renee DeMoss	864-370-2308
Reflections	Greenville	Mike Maston	864-268-1213
Respirited	Piedmont	Sandy Faulkner	864-269-8974
Silent Servants	Marietta, SC	Tom Howard	864-836-3368
Soul Providers	Chester	Jack Cabrey	864-581-0916
Soul Sisters	Greer	Lisa Smith	864-292-5188
Spartanburg Area	Spartanburg	Eleanor Cox	864-205-8206
St. Mark Reunion Group	Seneca	Holly Parrot	864-944-7998
The Doves of Peace	Fountain Inn	Brian Underwood	864-862-6795

Chronos or Kairos? (Our time or God's Time?)

Have you heard about Kairos? This is a prison ministry patterned after the same 3-day model as Emmaus. Men and women go into prisons and lead a selected group of residents to encounter Christ through this experience. Kairos is having a major impact on prisons throughout this country, and South Carolina is no exception. Several members of our Community are active in Kairos. Teams are forming for Kairos events this fall in several nearby prisons. If you are interested in participating, contact Gabe Stoeppler, Jeff Franklin, Bonnie Franklin, Polly Prather, Mack Cason, Forrest Gilmore, or Rayford Prince.



Music Notes

We are going to try a couple of changes for our community regarding music this year. We would like to re-establish the "Emmaus Singers", and have the music for gatherings be coordinated by reunion groups, rather than the host church.

Anyone with a desire to make a joyful noise is encouraged to return the response form below at a gathering, by mail to our editor, or email to dennis@splashngo.com. We really want everyone that wants to participate to come join the fun, regardless of talent level. We will need vocalists as well as musicians, and a couple or three volunteers to serve as leaders. Reunion groups are asked to arrange to have two to five people to lead us in praise songs for the gatherings. The songs will come from our Maranatha song book, and will follow our worship format.

Name: _____	Walk #: _____
Church and Town: _____	
I'd like to help with music: <input type="checkbox"/> On a Walk <input type="checkbox"/> At a Gathering	
Instrument(s): _____	
Vocalist? <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Range: _____	
Comment: _____	

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c/o Forrest C. Gilmore
147 Antioch Drive
McCormick, SC 29835

Come to the Gatherings!

Bring soft drinks and snacks
to share with others

AGAPE
Enthusiastically Accepted!

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

Our web site is
<http://www.foothillsemaus.org/>.

All Gatherings are held at
Mauldin UMC
100 E Butler Rd
Mauldin, SC 29662
At 7:30 on the 3rd Friday of each month

