

November 2006

Foothills **Walk to Emmaus**



The Walks are Over — Now What?

One of the best aspects of going on the Walk to Emmaus is the desire you have afterwards of sharing the feeling of belonging with others who have shared such a positive life changing experience.

I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome all those of you who recently joined the Foothills Emmaus family. If you think back to your weekend experience, you will recall all of the people who served you on the walk. I can remember when I was told that the Emmaus Walk was a once in a lifetime experience and that I would not be able to attend the walk ever again.

I was saddened to hear that, but when I first served in the kitchen, I found that I was able to achieve a deeper spiritual experience that was as great, although different from my initial walk. I realized that it came from serving others. It's so awesome to know that the Bible is always true and if we are wise, as a child, and take what the scripture says in faith that our own spiritual experience is deepen and our walk is closer to God when we serve others. What an awesome truth.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. — 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

My brothers and sisters please take a few minutes and ask yourself if you're ready to serve in a way that can deepen your relationship with our Lord.

Decolores,

Joanna Neubert
Foothills Board Chairperson

A History of the Walk to Emmaus

The historical antecedent of the Walk to Emmaus is Cursillo ("cur-see-yo"). Cursillo de Cristianidad means "little course in Christianity." Cursillo developed in response to a "crisis of faith" in the Catholic Church in Spain during the late 1940's under Bishop Juan Hervas. The first Cursillo weekend was held in Spain in 1948. It was a three day event consisting of 15 Christian talks given by clergy and lay leaders.

Cursillo spread from Spain to the Americas. The first English Cursillo was held in Texas in 1961. As a result of Vatican II, Christians from other denominations were invited to Catholic Cursillos. The first Episcopal Cursillo® was held in 1969, and soon other "mainline" denominations began having Cursillo weekends.



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Time to Vote for Your 2007 Board

At the end of this year, we will say farewell along with our gratitude to those who have faithfully served for three-years on the Board. Those are Larry Boyer, Tom Howard, Joanna Neubert, Ray Williams, and Dennis Jones (who stepped in for Steve Church). Also leaving after faithfully serving for two years are Forrest Gilmore and Dianne Perry. This means that we will elect seven people for the Board--five will fill three-year terms and two for one-year terms.

Spouses may use one ballot. Each person is allowed to vote for **seven** nominees. Please mark your choices below and return by December 2, 2006. Any votes received after December 2 will not be counted. The elected nominees will be announced and introduced at December's Gathering.

Voter #1	Voter #2	Nominee	Home Town	Church
_____	_____	Bill Houx	Anderson, SC	Zion UMC
_____	_____	Connie Herring	Abbeville, SC	Friendship UMC
_____	_____	Craig Ditmire	Greer, SC	Greer Memorial UMC
_____	_____	George Yoder	Gray Court, SC	Greenpond UMC
_____	_____	Jack Cabrey	Chester, SC	Bethel UMC
_____	_____	John MacKeil	Greenville, SC	Mauldin UMC
_____	_____	Judson King	Chester, SC	Bethel & Armenia UMC
_____	_____	Libby Waldrep	Spartanburg, SC	UMC of the Covenant
_____	_____	Sherrill Austin	Simpsonville, SC	Buncombe Street UMC
_____	_____	Steve Grose	Greenville, SC	St. Matthew UMC
_____	_____	Tim Henry	Lyman, SC	Loree UMC

There are three ways to get your vote counted:

- 1) Cast your ballot at the November 17 Gathering.
- 2) Email to FoothillsEmmaus@charter.net
- 3) Mail to Bonnie Franklin, PO Box 1904, Easley, SC 29641.

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@foothillsemaus.org.

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

November 17, 2006 7:30 PM

Mauldin UMC

100 E Butler Rd.

Mauldin, SC 29662

Enjoy the Koinonia!

New Members from Walk #33

Patsy Fogle	Landrum	Kent Partridge	Piedmont
Charles Fairchild	Iva	Teresa Partridge	Piedmont
Janie Fairchild	Iva	John Haffeman	McCormick
Helen Sluder	Chester	June Haffeman	McCormick
Joyce H. Thompson	Chester	Julia Molina	Boiling Springs
Jane Peden	Greenville	Willie Malvestuto	McCormick
Jane M. Price	Greenwood	Michael Hayhurst	Simpsonville
Roy Moore	Greer	Jennifer Hayhurst	Simpsonville
Janice Moore	Greer	Roy Weaver	Easley
Richard Washburn	Inman	Judy Weaver	Easley
Glenda Washburn	Inman	Bert Medlock	Greenville
Heather Wilkins	Pickens	Jennifer Medlock	Greenville
Daryl Rishforth	Greer	Richard Watkins	Simpsonville
JoAnn Rishforth	Greer	Vicki Watkins	Simpsonville
John Center	Simpsonville	Holland Webb	Taylors
Lori Center	Simpsonville	Tracy Barnes	Easley
Cathey Arflin	Anderson	Sarah Barnes	Easley
James L. Bowen	Williamston	Jim Saxon	Simpsonville
Brenda Bowen	Williamston	Earline Powell	Startex
Pat Sullivan	Greenville	Hans Wolff	Mauldin
Cathy Trevino	Greenwood	Gloria Luna	Pelzer

A History of the Walk to Emmaus—continued

The Walk to Emmaus came about after several members of the staff of The Upper Room in Nashville attended a Lutheran Cursillo in Miami, Florida, and it was decided to actively consider this spiritual formation ministry for the United Methodist Church. At the same time, Rev. Robert R. Wood was serving a United Methodist Church in Peoria, Illinois, where he had been involved in the Roman Catholic Cursillo. This was a strong ecumenical Cursillo, and Bob served on several teams. The decision was made to develop a United Methodist model at Peoria, where Bob would be the Spiritual Director for the first weekends, held at the St. Augustine Cursillo Center. After the first two model weekends Cursillo #108 in April and Cursillo #110 in May, 1977, he was invited to join the national staff and work in its final development.

The Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church voted to hold a Cursillo in August, 1977. This is the official beginning of the Upper Room Cursillo Movement. The first Upper Room Cursillo was held in Nashville.

In March, 1981, the decision was made to give up the name of Cursillo and keep the ecumenical participation. The Upper Room Cursillo experience in the ecumenical setting was one of understanding, appreciation, and strengthening of a broader and more inclusive theology. The Upper Room Cursillo decided to change its name to the Walk to Emmaus.

The content and experiences are essentially the same as Cursillos sponsored by other denominations, but the Walk to Emmaus may not use any copyrighted Cursillo material. Cursillo terms were Anglicized: *Palanca* became Agape; *Rollos* became Talks; *Utreyas* became Gatherings, etc. The Walk to Emmaus has the added dimension of being ecumenical.

By 1984 The Upper Room Emmaus Movement had established communities in forty four-four "free-world" communities and in nine correctional institutions. On several occasions, Emmaus communities have cooperated with Kairos, a prison Cursillo-type ministry. Those who have completed an Emmaus weekend are automatically qualified to serve on a Kairos team. It is estimated that approximately 20,000 persons had attended a Walk to Emmaus weekend by 1984. In the fall of 1984, the Walk to Emmaus was taken to Australia and shared with leaders of the Uniting Church and thus became an international movement. The Upper Room also developed a youth expression of Emmaus called Chrysalis during that same year.

The Upper Room philosophically is committed to ecumenical efforts. Therefore, although Emmaus is under the jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, it is supported and attended by persons of all denominations. The over-all content and techniques are the same as those in the Cursillo communities, and Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran churches have continued their strong and loving support.

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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 newsletter, 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

