

September 2006

Foothills **Walk to Emmaus**



The Walks are just ahead — What part will you play?

While doing some research on the Walk to Emmaus, I found a couple of interesting facts. Did you know that The Walk to Emmaus originated from an adaptation of the Roman Catholic Cursillo (pronounced cur-SEE-o) Movement, which originated in Spain in 1949. Cursillo de Cristianidad means "little course in Christianity." What better way to explain this awesome weekend.

As you know, the upcoming walks are just around the corner. There are a couple of things that help me in preparing for them.

- Like many of you, I start by praying for each of the team members and pilgrims. The weekend is always successful because the weekend is bathed in prayer.
- I make a conscious effort to remind myself that I'm only an instrument to be used by God. All egos should be checked at the door. The scripture is full of references where God used humble people for great works. Read Numbers 12:3, Luke 1:48-49, and Philippians 2:8-10 and you will see how God uses us in his service.

Lastly, I remember that each walk is unique and will be a perfect weekend for the people who are directly participating in the weekend. We just need to remember to step out of HIS way so he can do HIS work on each of us.

It's my hope that each of you is beginning to think of how God can use you in the upcoming walks. There are so many possibilities. Each board member is asking for volunteers. I hope that you will consider signing up now and that you will begin praying for all of the pilgrims and team members.

Joanna Neubert
Foothills Emmaus Board Chair

2006 Fall Walks # 33: Men Oct 5-8, Women Oct 12-15

Greetings from your Registrar

To all of you who have been in Prayer for your friends and family to attend a Walk to Emmaus, now is the time to invite them to attend the Fall Walks. Or perhaps you know of people wanting to be asked to attend a Walk. Now is the time to approach them and have them fill out an application. Remember, don't be pushy, ask politely, and truthfully answer their questions with love and honesty.

It is never too early to submit an application. Applications can be accessed on the Foothills Emmaus website: www.foothillsemmaus.org

Click on the "WALKS" button and download or print the application. Note the Application has five pages and "all blanks must" have an entry. Don't forget the Pastor's signature.

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Tom Howard,
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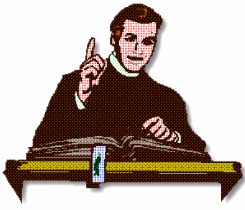
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From our Spiritual Director



One of those “catchy” things that has caught on and lasted longer than most of those “catchy” things is WWJD. WWJD can be seen emblazoned on everything from the original multicolored cloth bracelets to caps and t-shirts to bumper stickers. It is, of course, adapted from Robert Shelton’s book, “In His Steps”. The message of “What Would Jesus

Do?” was coined to cause one to think before they act or speak. It has informed me from time to time and I hope also each of you. The WWJD symbol also makes a statement about the one who displays it. It says to the world that “I am a Christian. I live my life in the reality of what I believe.” It sets us apart in the world. When you and I make such a proclamation as we do by sporting any sort of Christian symbol or message on our person or our possessions, the world looks at us differently than it does other people. Some hold us in high esteem, while others with great disdain. Some see us as tolerant, while others think we are narrow-minded. Some see us as accepting, while some think we are judgmental. The glasses through which people view us Christians are colored by previous experiences with others who, like us, have held up their faith beliefs before the world. If we are really doing What Jesus Would Do, WJWD, doesn’t it seem strange that people see us in every color of the spectrum? It is not enough to ask the question, “What Would Jesus Do?” If we are going to live according to our witness, then we have to do What Jesus Would Do. If my hands were Jesus’ hands, who would I touch? If my heart were Jesus’ heart, what would my passions be? If my words were Jesus’ words, what words would I speak and what words would I leave unspoken? If my feet were Jesus’ feet, where would they take me? If my eyes were Jesus’ eyes, what would I see? If my life is Jesus living in me, how would I live it? As Paul said, “It is not me who lives, but Christ living in me.” That makes the difference.

De Colores,

Julian Ford
Community Spiritual Director



Can you smell that???

The walks are right around the corner, and with the walks comes delicious smells from the kitchen. But those meals don’t appear on their own. We are looking for “a

few good men and women” to help prepare and serve these delicious meals for the pilgrims. Sign ups for kitchen volunteers will begin at the August gathering. Please remember as you are signing up to only sign up for one space per weekend so everyone who wants to serve has a chance. After the September gathering if extra spaces are available, you may sign up for a second time for each weekend. Thank you again for being such wonderful willing servants!!!



Dawn Rampey

Kitchen Committee Chairperson



Refreshments!

HELP NEEDED!! Please contact Anna Chandler at 627-1113 or annachandler@charter.net to help provide refreshments for the upcoming walks. A group is needed to provide

refreshments at send off for both the men’s and women’s walk, and there is plenty of space available for sending snacks for the weekends. This is a wonderful way to be involved and we thank you for helping make this a great weekend!!!

Anna Chandler

Refreshments Committee Chairperson

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.



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/>.

Candlelight



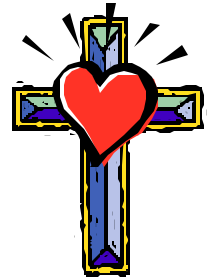
It's that time of year again when we start to plan our weekends around soccer, football and tailgating, our schedules get pretty full before we know it. While you are checking your calendar circle Sat. nights for worship, prayer and fellowship, we are looking for 4 to 6 people to help clean the church after candlelight service for the first two Saturdays in Oct.. If you can stay for about one or two hours after the service, to help iron up the wax and clean the church then call 244-0957 or e-mail me at larryboyer@charter.net. You will be truly blessed as we serve our Lord in such special way. See you at the next gathering to sign you up.

Larry Boyer
Candlelight Committee Chair

Fall Walk Applications Deadline is September 21

Agape

Every gift, however simple, is special because of the love that it represents. We need 72 pieces of Agape for each Walk. If you have agape, please bring it to Send-Off Thursday evening or to the Kitchen back entrance on Friday of each walk.



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

September 15, 2006 7:30 PM

Mauldin UMC

100 E Butler Rd.

Mauldin, SC 29662

Enjoy the Koinonia!

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 standard worship format.

Please let us know of your interest, even if you have previously served musically or indicated your interest to do so on the Fourth Day service sheet you received on your walk.

De Colores,
Dennis Jones,
Music Committee Chairperson

Name: _____ Walk #: _____

Church and Town: _____

I'd like to help with music: On a Walk At a Gathering

Instrument(s): _____

Vocalist? Vocal Range: _____

Comment: _____

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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

